

# THE ORIGINS OF WILLIE WALLEYE & HOW HE GOT HIS NAME

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## Section One

*Many stories have been told about the great walleye, Willie. Some say he was part of a great breed of walleyes that roamed throughout Glacial Lake Agassiz which was formed around 13,000 calendar years before our present time. Others claim that Willie Walleye is a descendant of the great fish that swallowed Jonah on his way to the city of Nineveh as recorded in the Bible. And, still others claim he was spawned right here in Minnesota in our very own Lake of the Woods!*

*We hope you enjoy these stories about the origins of Willie Walleye and the tales about how he came to be called Willie, including one about three brothers from Bemidji (with the name of Bunyan) who claim to have caught him! Now, whether that's a true story or not – you'll have to decide, because many say that Willie has escaped many a fisherperson over the years and that he still lives in the big lake!*