

WILLIE, THE FISH

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When Willie was born, his mom named him Fish. Fish was unique, he always liked learning about humans. He would sit underneath a boat, put his ear against it listening to what the people would say, and learn about their ways.

At age two his mom still called him Fish. He got made fun of at school because his name was so lame. He needed to find a new name if he wanted to be a normal fish. He wanted a human name, not a fish name like Nemo or Gill. Fish was always gone, following humans on boats and listening for a cool name. His mom noticed he was never home. She knew that Fish didn't like his name, so she went out along with Fish to look for a cool human name.

One day a tragic thing happened that changed Fish's life forever. His mom was caught by a fisherman with the name Willie. His mom never came back so Fish knew he would never see her again.

Fish was so angry at the fisherman named Willie that he wanted to grow big enough to eat him. Fish always kept track of Willie, the Fisherman, so people started calling Fish by the name of Willie. Soon, Willie, the Fish, was big enough to eat Willie, the Fisherman.

Willie, the Fisherman, didn't know Willie, the Fish, wanted to eat him. Willie, the Fish, snuck up under the fisherman's boat and flipped it over so Willie, the Fisherman, fell out. Willie knew that this was his chance to get revenge and swallowed Willie, the Fisherman, whole. Fish around the world knew about this fish that swallowed up a human for catching his mother. All the fish knew him as Willie! People were no longer being mean to Willie. He was so ecstatically happy, he flew out of the water and landed on two metal bars and couldn't get back to the water.

To this day Willie, the Fish (Walleye) is sitting on his two stakes enjoying all the tourists coming up to him and taking pictures with him. If you listen very carefully you can still hear Willie, the Fisherman inside waiting for somebody to help him out.

Willie, the Walleye will be 50 years old in 2009. He has had 50 exciting years of being photographed by tourists who call him “Willie the Walleye”. Hopefully he will be around for many more years.