

P: And they are not as good.

W: And they are not as good, by far. They do not even come close to being as good as the others. The reason I named them street walkers is because they are plentiful. They will bite anything. When one bites your hook, you do not have to worry about him getting on it, because he will just swallow everything. He is just gullible. He is dumb, like most street walkers. So that is my theory on it; that is the reason I named them street walkers.

P: What are their other names?

W: Well, you have the butter cat and the yellow cat, which is about the same. They are a pond cat.

P: Are they all street walkers?

W: No, I do not call those street walkers. Street walkers are yellow. A street walker is a big-headed, speckled bully that has a little tail on him. He does not have much of a tail, but he has a big head. And he is ugly, too, like most street walkers are. That is the reason I named them that: they have a big head and think they know it all. One will go up there and get any kind of bait and swallow it.

P: It does not matter what.

W: No. You hand them anything, and he will take it. But, now, you take the butter cat--it is known as the butter cat, yellow cat, or pond cat--that is your Lake Okeechobee catfish. Most people they think they are wonderful, because that is all they ever get when they buy them out of a restaurant. I have seen them advertised in the Gainesville Sun the other day--"Lake Okeechobee catfish". That would have made me not buy them, but most people will buy them. Well, they are all pond catfish. They are not that bad. If you are out camping and cooking outside, then those kind of catfish are good. Any kind fish or wild game is better if you cook it outdoors.

P: I agree.

W: So pond catfish are okay. You can eat them, enjoy them, love them, and have a good time--if everybody is outside. But just to go to a pond and catch them and clean them and bring them back home to cook, I do not like that.

P: How do you usually cook your catfish, and what do you eat them with?

W: I cook them with grits and hush puppies.

P: Do you cook them in bacon fat or bacon grease?