

Catfish Pro Jeff Williams Works to Design New Fishing Boat

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Jeff Williams has a passion for pursuing big catfish. This passion has driven him to compete and make the sport better by creating a new fishing boat.

From his home on Grand Lake in northeastern Oklahoma, Williams has been working to create the new Weldpro, an all-welded craft that can be customized in many different ways.

"Each boat is built by hand" and anglers can design their own watercraft to fit their needs, said Williams, who competes in 10 to 12 catfish tournaments a year. The aluminum boat will be powered by a Suzuki four stroke motor. To learn more about the boat, you can go to www.weldproboats.com.

The sport of catfishing has experienced "real growth" in the last several years and Williams hopes the introduction of new equipment, like the boat and Global Positioning System satellite devices and sonar, will bring even more attention to it.

"My motivation is to catch the biggest fish I can possibly catch," said Williams, who has been fishing since he was 8 years old. "You learn patterns that will help you target large



Jeff Williams caught this blue catfish on the Missouri River in March 2006. It weighed 39 pounds. Williams is designing a new fishing boat, the Weldpro, which can be customized by anglers.

fish. You have a better chance of catching fish than just going out on the water blind" when you have the latest equipment. "It's a challenge to catch the biggest fish in freshwater."

Williams be hosting seminars about fishing for catfish

at the Let's Go Fishing Show in Collinsville, IL, at Gateway Center Friday, January 5, at 7:45 p.m., Saturday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., and Sunday, January 7, at 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

A complete listing of semi-

nars at the Let's Go Fishing Show can be found at www.letsgoshows.com.

Seminars are included with the price of admission at the Let's Go Fishing Show at Gateway Center January 5-7, 2007.