

That Biggest Catfish



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Here's that biggest blue channel catfish from the Upper Iowa river and the man who caught it. It weighed a little more than 14 pounds and measured a little more than 30 inches long. Loyal Alm caught it, using shrimp for bait, near the Bolson bridge and upper dam on the Upper Iowa river about 5:30 p. m. Monday, April 17. It was the first large catfish caught during the 1950 season. Van Butler said he believed it was the largest channel cat caught here since Lawrence Rygg caught a big catfish more than 10 years ago. (Another veteran fisherman says The Journal editor was all wrong about channel cat being less common than mud cat in the Upper Iowa. He says channel cat are about the only kind of catfish you get in the Upper Iowa. But nobody has denied Alm's fish is one of the biggest catfish ever taken out of this river.)