



8. The other new major creation for 2004 is a great looking tube called **Great Lakes Craw**. This tube just screams EAT ME! I've had some real interesting tests on deep channel bass with the 5" version. I've also done real well dragging the 4" tube in off-colored water in the lake. As a bonus, the tube works great on inland waters that have red/orange crayfish in them. Gull Lake is an example of a lake where the Great Lakes Craw was popular with not only bass, but pike and other fish too.

If you really get feeling adventurous, the top tube is an earlier design I'm still testing – the **Goldfish**. Solid orange/copper flake. When bass bite this tube, they attack it viciously.

*Must Have Tubes for Lake St. Clair Bass – Try these proven tubes to put more and bigger bass in your livewell!*

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## MUST HAVE TUBES FOR LAKE ST. CLAIR BASS

Here's a selection of tube baits I always want in my boat when I head to the St. Clair River - Lake St. Clair - Detroit River system. I use other colors, but these are my go-to lures I don't leave home without.

This doesn't mean these tubes only work on St. Clair. I use them all over the Great Lakes and the Midwest to catch all types of fish. Some of these tubes are my favorites period.



1. A great confidence bait for me – the **green-pumpkin - chartreuse/purple flake** – I have this one tied almost every time I set foot on the St. Clair system. This 4" tube has been putting lots of bass into my livewell since the first day I threw it. It seems to work well for numbers and big bass in the whole St. Clair system so I often start with it, and stick with it as long as it's producing.



2. Wayne designed the famous **smoke - small gold/purple flake** tube – now known as **Canadian Mist** – several years ago and it still produces bass like they've never seen it before. I always have this tube tied on every

time I'm on the St. Clair system. A smoking-hot tube most of the season. It works shallow and deep. I will start with the 3.5" if I'm not on big fish or want a quick limit first. If I believe quality bass are around, I'll go right to the 5", and I start with the 5" in the St. Clair River channels. Tied for my favorite deep channel tube.



3. Wayne made me a happy camper when he came out with the awesome minnow-imitating **Emerald Shiner Hologram 3.5"** tube. It's a killer for me in clear water and up on the flats with my favored snap-jigging technique. There are days when I slay them in numbers this way. It took a while, but Wayne finally got the designers to make laminated tubes like this in the 5". Now I have a versatile minnow tube that I have a ton of confidence in in a 'big fish' size too.

The Emerald Shiner Hologram tube has the laminated top over a semi-translucent base tube filled with multi-color-flashing hologram metal flakes. It looks good enough to eat.



4. I'll admit I was a 'slow learner' with the **light melon - double copper pepper** tube. Finally tossed one out on a late June day a couple years ago that I won't soon forget. **TORE THEM UP!** All day! I took a friend fishing that day who didn't have a lot of

confidence in St. Clair. We caught so many bass that day, and this tube was the **HOT** one!

He went out and bought this color right away. I've been using it since. It seems like a really good tube on the main lake flats and really hums in the first half of the season.



5. The awesome 5" **green-pumpkin copper flake** tube is my other 'always on' St. Clair River channel tube. I've caught a ton of big channel bass on this tube year-after-year.



6. Wayne's major new tube design two seasons ago, the laminated **St. Clair Goby** has been a big fish bait. A bonus to being another great color that includes the hologram flake I like, this tube is a muskie catcher too. I've caught a number of big muskie on it including a 50-incher in 2003.



7. **Firetiger** is one of Wayne's two totally new 2004 laminated tube designs. I'm still experimenting, but I've had some amazing days in muddied water where the Firetiger kicked bass while normal tubes went near biteless. I also think Firetiger shows real promise in attracting more strikes from aggressive bass. Comes in 4 and 5".