Fishing the Great Lakes: An Environmental History, 1783–1933

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Fishing the Great Lakes is a sweeping history of the destruction of the once-abundant fisheries of the great “inland seas” that lie between the United States and Canada. Though lake trout, whitefish, freshwater herring, and sturgeon were still teeming as late as 1850, Margaret Bogue documents here how overfishing, pollution, political squabbling, poor public policies, and commercial exploitation combined to damage the fish populations even before the voracious sea lamprey invaded the lakes and decimated the lake trout population in the 1940s. (University of Wisconsin Press website text).
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