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We had a mixed week of fishing as the weather brought wild swings of hot and cold and windy conditions. The early week was excellent and a steady stream of successful trollers brought in fish to be weighed and photographed. As a front came through late Thursday everything changed as the temperature plummeted and winds howled. The trophy season will have many more good days, but there will be some hard times too as the bigger fish are leaving the Bay for the Atlantic.

The good news is that the season changes next Saturday and the minimum comes down to 18 inches. The schoolies will be breaking on the surface and lure casters, trollers, and bottom fishermen will all have a chance to enjoy two fish per day (only one over 28 inches). The rockfish will come into the shallow waters to feed on bait fish and crabs giving better opportunity to catch them from the shoreline.

Croaker are still trickling into the rivers and creeks.

Crabs are becoming very active, and there appears to be a great quantity.

Some spot have shown up in the nets in the Point Lookout area.

We had our first report of flounder caught by hook and line this week. Some savvy fishermen have been in the mouth of creeks off the Potomac on falling tides and landed some of the fine flat-fish up to 24 inches. Many times these fish are in shallow water no deeper than 4 or 5 feet.

I tried out the perch in a creek off of the Patuxent this week and caught three nice ones on cast beetle spins. The perch will get better each day as the summer approaches.



Tom Potter landed this 44 inch, 30 pound rockfish this week on a bucktail.



Jon Tackett and Jeff Roberts show off a pair of rockfish from the HI buoy that hit a white umbrella lure.



Otis Cuppett with his huge 32 pound rockfish from near Point Lookout.



Charles Sites and his 42 incher.



Maxie Cameron trolled near Summer Point and caught this 45 inch trophy striper.



Glen Mathews with a 46 inch beauty.



Marv Ranta with a fine trophy rockfish that hit a tandem rig trolled at Buoy 70.