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Spot have invaded our waters. The spot love hot weather, and the big heat of this week has brought in spot from the Atlantic in droves. The spot are in the Patuxent as far up as Benedict and in the Potomac as far up as St. Clement's Island. Spot love bloodworms and can be caught two at the time on a double hook bottom rig. The spot can be caught from the shore, and off of piers and docks.

Croaker are very plentiful in the bay and rivers. The croaker will take shrimp, squid, bloodworms, cut spot, clam snouts, peeler and soft crab, and most anything else you care to bait your hook with.

Trollers using small bucktails caught good sized rockfish from the Gas Docks to above the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant this week. Trollers are using in line sinkers of 8 to 10 ounces and 15 foot leaders. Medium sized spoons trolled with planers will catch rockfish. Most of these fish are not breaking, so the trolling is blind. One troller caught 21 rockfish in an hour on an early morning trip last week, and he was by himself. The fish are averaging 22 to 26 inches.

Live liners using live spot are getting rockfish at the Solomons Bridge pilings, Cedar Point, and the Gas Docks. There are rockfish on the Chinese Muds near Second Beach for live spot.

Rockfish are responding to chum lines on the middle grounds.

Bluefish are at Hooper's Island Light.

Lure casters are connecting with rockfish between the mouth of St. Jerome's Creek and the Point No Point Lighthouse. Sassy Shads, bucktails, and top water plugs are all hot.

Some flounder have been caught at Point Lookout Bar and in Cornfield Harbor.

Good fishing for bass and bluegill is available at St. Mary's Lake.



Edward Owens of Clinton, Md., landed this 16 inch croaker fishing from the shore at Fishing Point, in the mouth of the Patuxent River.



Charles Owens and a fine croaker from the Patuxent.



Matthew Barret from Lexington Park, MD, always manages to catch more white perch than his dad when they go out. This fine string of perch came from a creek off the Patuxent while casting Beetle spin lures.



This is another string of white perch caught by Matthew Barrett and his dad this week.



Mike Spriggs shows off white perch from the Patuxent. These fish took cast Beetle Spins.



Bob Wetherald, Sr. and Jr. with their rockfish caught live-lining spot near the Gas Docks.