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Rockfish are now being caught live-lining with spot at the Gas Docks. Adam Wose caught about a dozen spot in the mouth of Cuckold's Creek on Tuesday afternoon and proceeded to just south of the boundary marker of the Gas Docks. The ugly wind from the north that made morning fishing miserable stopped and Wose was able to fish on a slow drift. The spot were offered on bait feeder reels, which took only a few moments to sound off as big rockfish took the live spot and started peeling off line. Wose landed five good sized rockfish up to 30 inches.

Catching spot has been the problem as they are just now entering Southern Maryland waters in their summer migration. The rule of thumb is that spot arrive on the Fourth of July. Any spot caught before that are gravy, and the few that we can scrounge up now are easily translated into rockfish strikes and catches.

Chummers are catching rockfish on the Middle Grounds and at the Target Ship.

Croaker are very plentiful in the Bay and rivers and love bloodworms, crab, squid and shrimp. We have seen and caught plenty of croaker in the Patuxent and Potomac just about everywhere.

We are still waiting for flounder catches to become consistent. There are some big flounder in Cornfield Harbor.

White perch are in the creeks and eager to take beetle spins or soft crab and bloodworms.

Great catches of largemouth bass are available in St. Mary's Lake as well as bluegill and crappie.



Dean Rundquist with a catch of croaker from the mouth of the Patuxent caught surfcasting.



Mike Oliver with a 14 inch croaker from Solomons.



Rick Mushcher with the June leader of The Tackle Box's big croaker contest, this 16 and one quarter inch fish from Bushwood (caught on cut spot).