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Bluefish have shown up on the Chinese Muds in the mouth of the Patuxent River and in Cornfield Harbor, off the Hotel, and at the Target Ship. The blues are small sized in the 15 to 18 inch category and are breaking, drawing lots of birds. Rockfish are mixed in with the blues and are very nice sized. Trollers using surgical eels and spoons are getting plenty. Planers that take the lures down and then turn over and bring the fish to the surface when they get on are popular and easy to use.

A big bonus for trollers are big red drum that are on the edges of the breaking blues snacking on leftovers and strays. These have been targeted by trollers using big Tony spoons, Number 19 and 21. These fish can range up to 50 pounds - yikes!

Several Cobia have been caught by night fishermen who find them mixed in with copious hardhead below the Target Ship. Red Drum are there too.

Hardhead are in the bay and rivers in all areas, but night fishermen have found them good and plenty on the Gooses between the Nuclear Power Plant in Chesapeake Beach.

Spot are getting more plentiful daily. Live-liners catch the spot to present a swimming target for rockfish, like feeding candy to a baby.

We are having some of the best crabs that we have seen in many years. They are big and plentiful.



Kris Young with a string of perch from a Patuxent Creek.



Wow! A 12 and 1/2 inch white perch caught by Neba Thompson at Cedar Point using peeler crab.



Adam and Dicky Wose with live-lined rockfish from the Gas Docks.



Nate Giovenco with rockfish from the Chinese Muds caught among bluefish on a Tony 15 Spoon trolled on a planer.



Mark Coontz caught this 31 inch rockfish using a Rapala Skitter Pop cast from the shore at daybreak at Hog Point.