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We have croaker, spot, and perch in abundance; and rockfish playing hide and seek.

The croaker are very plentiful in the bay and rivers in excellent numbers and size.

The spot are in the Patuxent and the Potomac all over, many about the size of a silver dollar.

White perch are everywhere in the creeks and rivers eager to take bait or lures. A great catch of perch on white beetle spins was made in the evening this week at the mouth of St. Inigoes Creek, and a big rockfish took the lure as an added bonus.

The rockfish are taking live-lined spot at the Gas Docks, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, the lighthouses at Hooper's Island and Point No Point. Breaking rockfish have been caught at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant about a mile due east. The breakers will take any lure, sassy shads, top water plugs, shad darts fished behind a popper (they love that) and flashy metal jigs.

The rockfish can be hard to find in the heat of the day.

Freshwater fishing at St. Mary's Lake is fabulous.



Kris Young and Ken Lamb with rockfish caught breaking at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.



Travis Barrowclough with a string of white perch from the Patuxent River.



Johnte and Julian Ross with a big croaker from West Basin (NAS), Patuxent River.



Terry Kent caught this 18 1/4 inch croaker at Hog Point, Patuxent River.



Croaker are ubiquitous in Southern Maryland, as shown by Bill Roberts who caught these under the Solomons Bridge.



Perch King Matthew Barrett with another string caught at Parson's Creek, NAS Patuxent River.