

Warm Weather Slows Fishing

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Unseasonably warm November weather may feel good to many area residents, but to fishermen it means that very few fish are going to bite.

Local anglers are hoping for a cold snap later in the week to rouse the fish back into action.

Spots were caught in numbers last week only for brief periods during the weekend.

Anglers fishing the jetties for spotted drum and trout had better luck.

Offshore fishermen reported king mackerel about 25 miles out.

Here are the reports from area piers and marinas:

Ocean Isle Pier

Ocean Isle Pier Operator Curtis Williamson reported spots bit very well on Friday, fair on Saturday, and only from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

"It's this hot weather that's slowing them down," said Williamson. "When it gets cooler there will be more fish."

Holden Beach Pier

"It's been rather slow," said Margaret Carpenter of the Holden

Beach Fishing Pier

She said spots bit well on Friday night and "like crazy" from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ocean Isle Marina

George Crisp of the Ocean Isle Marina summed up last week's fishing as "not all that great."

He said king mackerel and a few blues were caught after the water settled down enough so the boats could get out.

Sunset Beach Pier

"It was just a fair week on spots," said Johnny Hill, operator of the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier.

Hill said a few lucky fishermen reeled in flounder and spot-tailed drum.

Inlet View Marina

"The fish think it's the middle of the summer!" exclaimed Joe Furr. "There just hasn't been a whole lot going on."

Furr said king mackerel are offshore, but fishermen have to go 25 or 30 miles out to get them.

The best fishing is in the jetties, Furr said, where the spot-tailed drum and trout are still biting.

Hughes' Marina

Allison Hughes of Hughes' Marina said Bill Bowman of Mooresville took a group out fishing on his boat and brought back plenty of large black bass and silver snapper.

In the river, fishermen are pulling in grey trout, speckled trout and puppy drum.

Net fishermen are beginning to catch roe mullets.

Tripp's Fishing Center

Spots, speckled trout, and grey trout are being caught in the Shallotte River in gill nets, according to Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center.

"Some of the biggest spots I've seen were caught on hook and line this week—some even a pound apiece," said Land.

Fishermen also giggered a few nice-sized flounder. Captain Pete's Pete Singletary said the fishing just wasn't very good last week.

Inside, he reported, the spots have gone, but outside fishermen are catching black bass.

Singletary also said there were blues in the surf and a very few flounder in the river.



"IF THE FISH won't come to you, go to them," said Ethel Burchan of Hillsville, Va. Ethel and her husband, R.J., fished on the Holden Beach Pier for a couple of

days without catching anything, so they chartered a boat. They were rewarded for their efforts by reeling in plenty of black bass about 10 miles offshore.

New Mackerel Regulations On Fishermen's Agenda

Fishermen will have a chance to discuss and ask questions about the new king mackerel regulations that become effective on April 1, 1986, at a public information meeting on Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Fisher Marine Resources Center.

The South Atlantic and Gulf Fishery Management Councils recently imposed a recreational limit of three kings per day and an 18% reduction in total allowable catch of

Atlantic king mackerel to begin next April 1, according to Robert Mahood, director of the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries and director-elect of the South Atlantic council. The councils have fisheries jurisdiction in the ocean three to 200 miles from shore.

North Carolina council members Peggy Stamey, Ernie Carl and Mahood will conduct the meeting at Fort Fisher.

Locally Caught King Takes Lead

Vincent O'Connor of Charlotte joined the current leaders in the N.C. Salt Water Fishing Tournament this week with a 62-lb., 1-oz. king mackerel caught Oct. 25 off the Brunswick County coast.

O'Connor weighed in his king Oct. 26 at the Southport Marina Tackle Shop in Southport.

Still on the leader's list are Carl Pigo'tt of Shallotte Point, for a 6-lb., 8-oz. flounder weighed in at Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point; and David Bowser of Fort Wayne, Ind., for a 105-lb. tarpon he pulled in from the Holden Beach Fishing Pier on June 24.

Other leaders in the tournament include a 9-lb., 8-oz. silver snapper; a 1-lb. spot; an 87-lb. amberjack; an 85-lb. cobia; a 69-lb. grouper; and a 10 lb., 4-oz. Spanish mackerel, among others.

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HARRY PACK of Asheboro was so anxious to catch a fish from the Holden Beach Pier last Wednesday afternoon that he used two rods.

Fish Needed For Injured Pelicans

The Brunswick County Animal Welfare League is trying to help Pat Barganier, wildlife rehabilitator, find fish to feed three injured pelicans.

Anyone who has fish to spare can call 253-5342. Barganier will pick up the fish.

Hollis Smith donated half a freezer of fish to help feed the pelicans, according to Mary Lewis, Animal Welfare League spokesman.

Any animal lovers who are interested in becoming members of the league should call Teddi Neal at 253-5004, Eileen Kellagher at 278-5193, or Marsha Jones at 579-2686. The membership fee is \$5.

This Week's Tide Table

Day/Date	HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 21	3:16	3:43	9:21	9:50
Friday 22	4:10	4:33	10:16	10:35
Saturday 23	4:58	5:17	11:07	11:20
Sunday 24	5:40	6:02	11:53	—
Monday 25	6:21	6:40	12:01	12:36
Tuesday 26	7:00	7:19	12:39	1:16
Wednesday 27	7:37	7:56	1:18	1:56

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET (Bowen Point)—add 10 min. high tide, add 28 min. low tide.
TUBBS INLET—subtract 19 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 29 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LITTLE RIVER—add 3 min. low tide.
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 17 min. high tide, subtract 11 min. low tide.

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