# Fourth Of July Fishing Varied From 'Slower' To 'Better'

Either the fish were biting or they weren't last week; it all depended upon where you were fishing

in some spots, mostly mosquites were nibbling, but at Skallette Point and Ocean Isle Beach in particular, fishing was described as good over

the long Fourth of July weekend At Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach, Jesse Hayes joked. We had more people than we had fish. The island sank two inches this

While most observers predicted kings have left local waters until fall. several catches sparked optimism that the king fishing isn't over yet.

Ocean Isle Marina

They all had pretty good catches of kings. Spanish and dolphin," said Aaron Burr of Ocean Isle Marina. referring to boats that went outside Saturday, Sammy Sessions of Ocean Isle Beach landed one 40-pound king, while the typical catch was in the 15-pound range.

The boats were fishing about eight mules out of Shallotte Inlet, said Burr, and with the water smooth again, were back out Morday morn-

ing.
"It's really improved a lot." Burn added. This pretty weather will

Ocean Isle Pier Everybody was trying to fish, said Cartis Williamson, Ocean Isle Beach Pier operator "They caught right good through Saturday, but they didn't do much Sunday and Mon-

It was a good week for spots, he said, with some creakers and whiting

Tripp's Fishing Center

We had a bunch of boats out," reported Joyce Land of Tripp's few were out black fishing or trolling. others skiting. Most, she said, "were trying to cool off."

These that were fishing did "real she said, with catches of flounder, spots and croaker inside

Tubby and Buddy Pigg of Aber-deen and Becky Snyder of Lexington brought back 63 Spanish Saturday, fishing outside waters abourd the Ding Bat

Hinghes Marina

Allison Hughes at Hughes Marina reported the "fishing was better" this past week at Shallotte Point than it was the week before, with more flounder caught than has been in recent weeks "Everybody caught semething," she added, with spots,

croaker and other small fish continuing to show up in the river.

Betty and Roy Baker of Greensboro caught 14 flounder in the Shallotte River Saturday while Vol Edwards of Kannapolis caught mine in 212 hours Sunday

From outside, Steve Edwards and Jeff Rogers of Charlotte and Jim Bogers of Forest City brought in a "but coolerful" of black bass, silver snapper and cobia on Saturday, she said, and Craig and Janet Collins of Hamlet landed a string of nice sheep-Fishing Center at Shallotte Porat. A. shead weighing one to five pounds

> The marina will host the Poor Boy Shark Tournament July 17-19.

Captain Pete's

Bloodworms were the sought-after prize this holiday weekend at Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach, reported Jesse Hayes

The distributor ran out," he said No one had bloodworms.

Fishing was a little slow, he said, but those that had bloodworms-or other bait-did catch a few fish in spite of hard winds that kept trips outside at a minimum toward the end of the week

Charter boats that went out reported good catches of red snapper, grouper and black sea bass fishing 40 to 50 miles out. One party landed 14 Spanish over the weekend.

The winds had scattered the schools of Spanish, Hayes said, predicting that the schools would regroup if the winds stayed down this week, making for larger catches.

Inside in the waterway, inlets and surf, anglers were catching spots, whiting and croaker

Holden Beach Pier

Monday morning, fishermen at the Holden Beach Pier were catching "a lot of spots," said Cathy Capes, as

well as creakers and some sheep shead that weighed as unich as 10 pounds

Inlet View Marina

"It was busy but there was not a whole lot of fish caught," reported operator Joe Furr Sr., other than the spots and croakers available inshore With the hottest days of summer coming up, be continued, "We're looking forward to fall."

Meanwhile, he reported "nothing fantastic off the beach," with stiff winds keeping most boats in

Sunset Beach Pier

Fishermen at the Sunset Beach Pier were catching mainly spots, said Sam Grantham, along with a

few blues. On Saturday, Craig Imman of Whiteville landed the only king reported at any pier last week, a 14-pounder. "We're hoping it will pick up again.

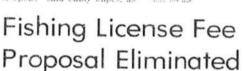
#### This Week's Tide Table

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A proposal to charge salt water County Fishing Club, said, "Our club fishermen a \$10 federal license fee was eliminated last week from the conference report on the budget resolution that was approved by U.S. House and Senate.

This removes a fee originating with President Ronald Reagan for the purpose of raising \$50 million annual-None of the money would have returned to benefit fishermen.

Rep. Walter Jones (D-NC) has fought the proposal as "an ill-conceived, ill-considered and illadvised approach to raising taxes." As chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Jones said a recent hearing on the president's plan showed no support for it from congressmen or from states that would implement, ad-

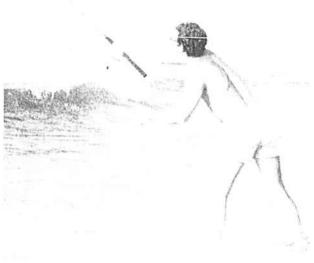
minister and enforce the measure Local fishermen were delighted at the outcome. Miles Edge, immediate past president of the Brunswick

once voted to support a fee, but since we wouldn't benefit from this one,

I'm tickled to hear it was defeated." Edge said sports fishermen hadly need help and have been neglected in this area. A fee that would return some money to them would be supported, be said.

Miriam Speicher, long-time BCFC member, said she was happy this plan didn't survive. "Just a few years ago they put a 9 percent tax on all fishing equipment and boats, so we're already paying plenty. This license fee was going into a general

fund, none of it to us." she said. Jones pointed out in a letter addressed to the House Budget Committee that, while the administration was proposing to increase sportfishing taxes by \$50 million a year, they are proposing a budget cut of \$60 million in the marine fishery pro-



LAWRENCE HAYES of Whiteville easts his line Friday at Holden Beach as part of his Independence Day vacation. He said he had caught a catfish with his bare hands the day before

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MARK HENSEL of Chesawick, Pa., was just getting started at the Sunset Beach Pier Monday afternoon. He's vacationing at the coast with his family

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