

FISHING REPORT

Spot Fishing Continues To Slow Down, Kings Plentiful

BY DOUG RUTTER

Even with the fall spot fishing season grinding to a halt, local anglers managed some success last week with good catches of king mackerel offshore.

Many fishermen caught their limit in kings over the weekend about 15 to 20 miles outside, said John Sheffield of Sheffield's Seafood & Grocery at Ocean Isle Beach.

"Fishing is good. The spots have slowed down, but the offshore fishing is good with a lot of kings being caught," Sheffield said. "There's been a lot of them caught. I've seen a lot 20 to 25 pounds."

Sheffield said the largest one he weighed last week was a 39½-pounder landed Saturday by Adam Drye of Polkton.

"The weather's pretty," Sheffield said. "If anybody can get off work and go fishing they can get some kings."

Sheffield also said anglers have been catching flounder inshore and spots in the waterway in nets and on the hook and line.

"A lot of people are fishing for trout but they haven't shown up yet," he said.

Captain Pete's Seafood

In addition to king mackerel, fishermen also caught red snapper and grouper offshore last week, according to Pete Singletary of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach.

"We saw a lot of kings over the weekend," Singletary said Tuesday. "People did real well on kings, limited out on them."

Anglers landed gray trout and drum inshore.

"Most of the spots are over with now. They're just catching a few, not like they were in the nets or the hook and line," Singletary said. "People should be pleased with season. They caught a lot more spots than last year."

Pier Fishing

With the spot fishing all but finished for the year, local pier anglers had to be satisfied last week with a few flounder and whiting.

"It's kind of slow," said Milton Williams of Ocean Isle Fishing Pier. "The spots have played out."

A.J. Hammill of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier said spot fishing was good last Friday and Saturday but slow on Sunday and Monday.

"It's been running hot and cold," he said. "They're catching a few but no real numbers. The ones they are catching are big. That's the best thing you can say about it."

Forrest Whitley of Holden Beach Fishing Pier said Tuesday that spot fishing "has dropped right off."



JERRY CROUSE of High Point hooked this 12-pound grouper last week aboard the *Alice E.*



CLARENCE LONG of Greensboro landed this 27-pound blackfin tuna Sunday aboard the *Intimidator* out of Holden Beach.



WALTER MCNEILL of Fayetteville caught this blackfin tuna during a recent trip on the *Alice E.*

"They pick up a stray spot from time to time, but we're tickled with our fall. We had a good one," he said.

Although the spots haven't bit since last Tuesday at Ocean Isle Pier, Williams said he wasn't giving up just yet.

"We're hoping they'll run again," he said. "We're gonna hang in here another couple weeks and see what happens."

This Week's Tide Table NOVEMBER

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	10	1:16	1:50	7:18	7:58
Friday	11	2:17	2:47	8:21	8:54
Saturday	12	3:15	3:42	9:21	9:46
Sunday	13	4:09	4:33	10:17	10:35
Monday	14	4:58	5:19	11:07	11:20
Tuesday	15	5:43	6:03	11:53	—
Wednesday	16	6:24	6:44	12:02	12:36

ADJUSTMENTS

SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.
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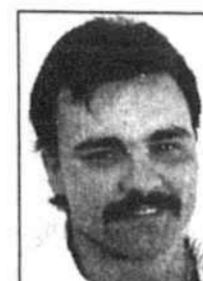
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