

The water quality in Baffin Bay has improved recently. I'm theorizing this is partly because of dual effects of the clean water being blown into the area from the south. For one thing, this water "replaces" the brown tide water which was inundating the area. For another, it brings in brown tide "grazers", microorganisms which "eat" the brown tide algae. Over time, as this water mixes with the water infected with larger than usual amounts of brown tide, the grazers begin to bring the water back to a more normal state, where the brown algae is less prominent. At any rate, when it is possible to see all the grass beds and rocks on the bottom, fishing gets better for lure chunkers. Recent trips are typical of summer fishing in this area. Small topwaters worked at a fast clip, with lots of starting and stopping and speed bursts, work well, as do soft plastics rigged on light jigheads. Lately, white worms are working best for me. Catching lots of small trout lately. On good days, the keeper percentage is pushing up toward the 20% mark. Also landing quite a few better trout, with decent numbers in the 18 to 23 inch class and a few 25 to 27 inchers as well. Expect the hot action to continue as long as the water quality stays this way. July is a great month to catch numbers of trout on top. This is also a great time to do navigation/survey charters for those interested in learning more about how to fish the front of Baffin specifically.