

Catching speckled trout continues easy on most outings for me. On most days, the fish blow up readily on topwaters for at least a couple hours while the light of day breaks. Soft plastics on light jigheads, either 1/8 or 1/16 ounce, also have been producing fish quickly. I'm fishing in areas with clear water, mostly focusing on grass edges and potholes scattered in grassy flats, in depths of two to three feet. The number of 20-26 inch fish we're landing is impressive. I've experienced few runs with such consistent production of three to five pound fish over such a long period of time. This summer provides ripe opportunity for honing skills with small topwaters and soft plastics, and for catching plenty of solid fish. All this rain lowers the salinity of our area bays, and this helps the water clarity, which allows us see what we're throwing at, resulting in better catching.