

Fishing has been good lately in the clear water way down south. I'm fishing structures close to deep water and catching plenty of small trout, with a decent percentage of keepers mixed in. On the best days, we're catching somewhere between a handful to maybe a dozen trout in the 20 to 26 inch class. The bite is steadiest on soft plastics when it's windier. Topwaters like Spook Juniors are also working well on most days. On some, it's not necessary to throw anything else. We've also had some good sessions on MirrOprops and MirrOminnows as well. The fish are hanging around the edges of sand bars, gravel humps and grass beds, very close to water at least 5 feet deep. When the bite is best, they are hugging the edges. When it slows, we catch more by throwing out into the deep water. Wind speeds over about 15 mph make the fishing much tougher. I'm still seeing some brown tide, but less than a couple of months ago. It's basically limited to the back of Baffin and parts of the Lagoon north of Baffin. I've seen some evidence of an ongoing fish kill, primarily in the form of dead menhaden. Haven't seen many dead trout, but a few here and there.