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Fishing Forecast

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Striped bass at Lake Norman and South Carolina's Lake Hartwell are providing good to excellent angling action.

The stripers at Norman are being found mainly in the creek arms uplake in the state park area. They're taking live baits fished about 18 feet deep.

At Hartwell, mixed striper and hybrid schools are spreading out and feeding in surfacing schools during late afternoon. The Seneca River arm has been especially productive.

Lake Norman: Catfish under and near schools of feeding striped bass on cut baits, mainly herring, shad and brem. Brem heads are the best bait.

Lake Wylie: Catfish in creeks on cut baits. White perch on minnows fished 20 feet down. Crappie around deep cover on minnows. Scattered largemouth in the creeks and coves on crankbaits.

Mountain Island Lake: White bass in the hot hole at the Riverbend power-generation station.

Lakes Badin, Tillery, Blewett Falls: Little activity.

Lakes Hickory, Rhodhiss: Little activity.

Lake James: Little activity.

Fontana Lake: Walleye on spoons jigged 50-70 feet deep well up the major creek arms. Scattered smallmouth bass on lures cast to the "jumps" of surface-feeding fish.

Lake Wateree: Stripers on live herring and shiners fished 30-40 feet deep. Also on live baits worked somewhat shallower under planer boards. Crappie 15-20 feet deep on trolled chartreuse jigs. Catfish in creeks on cut baits. Largemouth along shoreline on crankbaits, jigs.

Lake Murray: Stripers on live herring worked around surfacing schools. Largemouth along the shoreline and in the backs of creeks on crankbaits and soft plastic lures.

Lake Keowee: Largemouth and spotted bass 25-45 feet deep on artificial worms.

Santee-Cooper Reservoir: Schooling stripers in Lake Marion on bucktails, spoons.