

FISHING REPORT

LAKE JOCASSEE

Trout: Good. Try using nightcrawlers and shiners 25 to 40 feet down near the intake towers at night. The day bite has also been strong using downriggers to troll spoons or live bait in the 30-50 foot range.

Black Bass: Good to very good. The bass have moved towards the banks and some very large fish have been caught. The best baits continue to be soft plastics; especially green pumpkin plastic worms rigged Texas or shaky head style.

LAKE KEOWEE

Largemouth and Spotted Bass: Good. In the warmest mid-lake section most fish are post-spawn, but in the upper and lower parts of the lake most fish are spawning or about to bed. Besides targeting bedding fish, anglers are catching post-spawn fish around docks. Fish come off the beds and hang around docks before they move offshore for the summer, and these dock fish will readily take soft plastics.

LAKE HARTWELL

Crappie: Fair. Crappie are being caught around brush about 10 feet deep in 15 feet of water on curly tail jigs and minnows. Some fish have already been to the banks and spawned, and some have yet to move very shallow.

Catfish: Very good. Channel catfishing has come on strong in the last week or two and

many channels are feeding off points. Blue catfish are still in the creeks around points and out in the channel in 15-30 feet of water. Fishing on the bottom with cut bait including herring and bream has been most productive.

Striped and Hybrid Bass: Good. Stripper and hybrids are still scattered out up the rivers and in the very backs of creeks in 10 feet or less. Free lining, down lining, and casting and fishing live herring on the bottom will all catch fish, and cut bait will probably work, too.

Black Bass: Good. It's early for the blue-back herring to move up to spawn and water temperatures are below normal for this time of year, but all of a sudden they have showed up on shallow points, red clay humps and shallow shoals. Spooks, flukes and swim-baits are all popular lures.

CLARKS HILL

Striped and Hybrid Bass: In the morning fish for hybrids out in the front of the dam with down lined live herring fished about 20

feet deep. The strongest bite, though, has been anchoring before daylight near shallow points and casting live baits into 4 feet of water or less.

Crappie: Good to very good. Try fishing in creek channels around brush pulling jigs about 8 feet down over 15 feet of water.

Black bass: Good. The bass spawn is mostly over, with some males still guarding fry, but fish are stacking up on main lake points to feed on spawning bluebacks. Flukes, swimbaits, Sobilles, and mop jigs will all catch fish.

LAKE GREENWOOD

Largemouth Bass: Good. Bass are around the banks, in coves and off secondary points. On windy days spinnerbaits have been the go-to lure, but soft plastics are also working well. Topwater action is just beginning, and the floating worm bite is coming on.

Crappie: Fair. The best bet right now is fishing minnows or jigs in brush around 8 feet deep, or looking for fish around bridges. SCDNR