Local Freshwater Fishing Report

LAKE JOCASSEE

» **Trout: Fair.** Captain Steve Pietrykowski reports that some good trout are being caught on Lake Jocassee. The best pattern is slowly trolling spoons or live bait from the surface down to 50 feet deep.

LAKE KEOWEE

» **Largemouth and Spotted Bass: Fair.** Guide Brad Fowler reports that bass fishing has slowed a bit on Lake Keowee. The primary pattern he is fishing remains unchanged, but increased fishing pressure and seasonal factors seem to be making it a little harder to catch fish.

LAKE HARTWELL

» **Black Bass: Fair.** With rain and rising water levels the creeks are full of mud, but for now there is a decent deep bite on the main lake where you can find clear water.

Catfish: Slow to fair. Captain Bill Plumley reports that blue catfish have moved into the creeks a bit, and they can be caught in 20-30 feet of water in the mouths of creeks and off main lake points.

Crappie: Slow to fair. Plumley reports that a few crappie have been caught around bridges and brush in 25-30 feet of water. Try fishing minnows vertically.

Striped and Hybrid Bass: Slow. Plumley reports that weather fronts and generally unstable conditions have made for a tough bite.

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