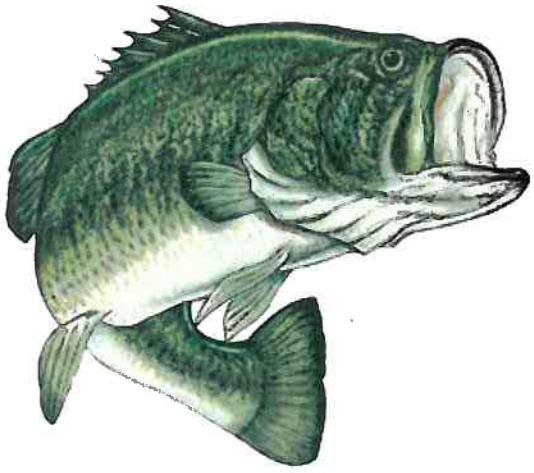
South Carolina Upstate fishing report

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Freshwater Fishing Report



Lake Jocassee

Trout: Good. Captain Steve Pietrykowski reports that the bite remains good when anglers are willing or able to brave the cold, wind and rain. Fish can be caught a variety of ways from the surface down to 45 feet. Some anglers are having success trolling spoons and drifting live bait. Black Bass: Slow. Captain Pat Bennett reports that fishing remains tough. A few fish can be found in the backs of creek and rivers feeding on shad, but more fish can be found on main lake points. Try fishing a white jig or a finesse worm.

Lake Keowee

Largemouth and Spotted Bass: Slow. Captain Chris "Fishboy" Schuber reports that the bite remains slow. Out on the water Captain Chris is mainly fishing watermelon seed colored shakey head worms and Carolina rigged worms in 15-45 feet of water near main lake points. Look for bait on your graph and then be sure to present your lure slowly.

Lake Hartwell

Catfish: Fair. Captain Bill Plumley reports that the bite for channels and flathead catfish remains slow, but blue catfish continue to feed pretty well although they have slowed down a bit from two weeks ago. He is fishing on flats in 20-30 feet of water, both up the creeks and out in clearer main lake water. Cut herring and gizzard shad will both catch fish. Striped and Hybrid Bass: Slow to fair. Captain Bill Plumley reports that striper fishing continues to be a bit better than it was in mid-January, and a few more fish are being picked up than two weeks ago. Bait is not producing at all but trolling umbrella rigs or jigging spoons around bait will pick up a few fish. Largemouth Bass: Slow. Guide Brad Fowler advises that the best way to catch fish on Lake Hartwell right now is by staying near the channels in the major creeks and fishing a jigging spoon or drop shotting a worm 30-45 feet deep. Dragging a shakey head worm on the bottom should also catch fish. Crappie: Slow. Captain Bill Plumley reports that crappie fishing continue to be slow. Try fishing live minnows over tree tops in 25-30 feet of water.