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Re: I'm getting the Salt Water bug

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Fred,

I'd say you've got your striper - like trout, even the little ones count. 😊

I'm a big salt junkie. One bit of advice I'd suggest is avoid the beach during the summer season. Of course lots of us wind up there in summer due to family and travel realities but the summer bite, esp from the surf and jetties which I usually frequent, is usually very poor (night fishing can help). Traffic is awful, hotel/ campground rates are high, there are fees for beach access etc. Peak season for the NJ shore is about from mid Sept till X-mas with Oct/Nov prime time. Late April till Memorial Day is good too esp in the bay. The reports from the Barnegat area this week are pretty good with the mullet run in full throttle. Much of the action has been bluefish but bass are mixed in. Usually by mid Nov the blues are thinning out but I have caught them from the surf at IBSP as late as mid Dec. If you time it right (I mean really lucky with timing) you can hook false abacore from the NJ jetties, and the North Jetty at IBSP in particular, from about late August till early Oct - but albies are really hit and miss and this is more a game for the locals who can get out on short notice. Unless you have a boat and/or guide, albies at the NJ shore usually aren't worth planning a trip since they're usually too far from the beach. Even during peak periods, surf fishing, esp with the long rod, is hit and miss but when it's good, it's usually really good. Seeing a blitz of bass and blues in the wash turning the water to a froth with screaming birds and flying bait is unforgettable. Maybe this year we'll get lucky and see it.