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Re: Calling salt "fin"attics
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FI,

Yeah, the Fat Alberts will absolutely get backing, Especially off Harker's. The 3 impressing things about that are:
1) You're hooking most within 30 feet of the boat.
2) they only weigh 10-14 pounds on average.
3) most people use 9 or 10 weights , at least those who don't enjoy the sound of shattering graphite do!

BTW: That's another good reason to use lighter leaders/tippet. It saves many a rod for the novice at fighting saltwater fish.

I'm from PA and grew up bass and trout fishing here, but I lived in SC for 8 years. I stalked reds. fished many times for albies and caught stripers in the rivers around Columbia. My family lives in SW Florida and I've fished for snook, jacks and baby tarpon odd and on for the better part of 20 years.

The point to this is fishting saltwater fish is a totally different game from fighting trout or bass. I learned a lot about how and when to apply pressure. For example, after 6 years in SC I went down to the Congaree River after work one late April evening. I knew the stripers were running up from Santee Cooper. I fished for maybe 15 minutes with a 2/0 chartreuse 1/2 & 1/2 using an 8 WT. I hooked a heavy striper and landed it an about 10 minutes.

I'm not braggin. I'm just saying it's a skill that can me learned, but not by fighting trout. Don't get me wrong, I love trout fishing. that's what I do 80% of the time. It's just different.

(Man, that's one ulgy shirt I'm wearing!)

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