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> gfen wrote:
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> Bait?
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> To be honest, I just don't really know what I'm doign when I'm bait fishing, because its not my thing and I find it terminally boring to throw something in the water then just watch it.
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> When I go, I've been buying those fishbites sandworm things, that's generally all I throw out because I only buy one bag. I also buy a full frozen mackeral and chunk it up to despertly hope for a shark each year, also to no fruitition.

Didn't think you were being serious at first...sorry for the semi wise guy response before. I agree on the just sitting and watching theory, but it's really tough to fish the surf any other way. I usually will cast out and then put the rod up in its holder and resume reading, sleeping, eating, drinking, etc. The fish usually hook themselves and a rapidly twitching rod tip will alert you when a fish is on. I'm sure I miss a lot of strikes this way, but fishing is usually a side event when I'm at the beach with my wife/family anyway.

I usually throw a two hook setup with a 3 or 4 oz pyramid sinker. I will buy two rigs, one with small Kingfish/Croaker hooks and one with bigger Striper/Bluefish hooks and swap one hook on each out with the other. That way each rig has one bigger hook and one smaller hook on it. On the small hook I usually put a piece of bloodworm up the hook and then a thin triangle piece of squid on the end of the hook. On the bigger hook I usually either put a larger piece of squid strip or a whole frozen mullet or large frozen shiner. Squid strips are the best bait overall though if you're just looking to hook into something. Pretty much everything will eat a squid strip, including skates. I've also caught some sublegal, but still nice stripers on squid though too. That's the best part of the surf I think...you never know what's on the end of the line...kind of makes up for the boredom of a generally more passive form of fishing.