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Well, just got back. Didn't even fish the surf, as reports were bad and taking care of the baby was hard enough in the sand. He loved it though, he'd have crawled to Europe if we weren't there to stop him.

Did fish some in the inlet, just behind the cabin. Our cabins were really nice, 50 feet from the water, behind the coast guard station there. Fly fishing was a no go, had to cast 150 ft to even be in the ball game, and you're much better off if you are casting well over 200 ft with several ounces of weight to get down once you get it there. Otherwise, you were in rocks near shore in no time. Cast as far as you can angling upstream, leave the bail open till it hits bottom, tighten up, and let it drift till it gets to be about a 45 degree angle downstream, then reel like your life depended on it to lift it over the rocks.

My medium action trout rod wouldn't do the trick either. Quite simply, didn't hold enough line. Cast till you hit the spool knot, and it'd yank it in mid-air. So I mostly used the surf rod, which wasn't ideal either.

Croakers nowhere to be seen. Nor blues. It was a fairly popular spot, and among the species I saw caught were eels, shad, oyster toads, and weakfish. But mostly flounder. I caught around 15 flounder and one weakfish in about 6 or 7 total hours of fishing, which ain't too bad IMO. 2 of the slabs were keepers (18+ inches to be legal). Kept one, and gave the other away (was on our last day, and we had plans to go out for dinner).

Every night, under the lights of the coast guard station, there were just stuff churning up the water. It was crazy. Shad, I think, perhaps being chased from underneath. I couldn't reach the "magic zone" with my gear. Action started about 250 ft out and I was coming up 20 ft short or so. There were a handful of regulars who were reaching them, but I can't say they were catching much. If they put something small enough on they'd catch the shad, but struck out on bigger game while I was there. One guy hooked into something pretty big on a huge surface lure but lost it. Striper maybe.