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There are some stripers in the shallows as of this week, but many more are still spending most of their time in 10-25 ft deep water. Large females are not abundant in the shallows, but if you find some mud flats these areas as of today were 1.5-2.0 degrees warmer than the rest of the river. Large females (40 inches plus) were present in those areas today in 2.5-3 ft of water. The cool weather may cause water temps to drop in the next week, but if not by much the fish will return to the shallows in even greater numbers as soon as the water temps rise. I expect to see major numbers of stripers (males and females) at key locations during the period between now and Memorial Day as spawning accelerates and peaks during that period. Some females have already completed spawning. The NJ side of the river has much better access to the fish from shore, as there are still a number of more natural, sand, gravel, or cobble beaches.