



St. Mary's County Fishing Report

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Rockfish season ended in the Potomac and the Virginia on December 31st, 2011. The stripers continued to take trolled lures right up to New Year's Eve. Big rock from the Atlantic will now winter in the bay, traveling south when the cold drives them, and then return for the spring spawn. There will be plenty of fish to catch the third week in April when the 2012 season begins.

The warm weather so far this winter means there are still plenty of white perch to catch in the Patuxent.

Catfish are in the warm water discharges at Chalk Point Power Plant in the Patuxent and the Morgantown Plant in the Potomac.



John Ivancik landed this 43 inch, 33 pound rockfish in the Potomac on a small, white bucktail trimmed with yellow pork rind.



Robert Kelly trolled a small white umbrella rig near St. Clements Island and caught this 44 inch rockfish that weighed 36 pounds.



Jacob Walthen caught this 51 inch, 49 pound rockfish near Stuarts Pier in the Potomac.



Fadra McAfee of Lafayette, Co., who fished on Capt. Joe Scrivener on the "the Poor Boy's Lady" landed this 41 pound 46 inch rockfish in the lower Potomac.