



Captain Gary's Spring Fishing Report

Hello Fellow Anglers,

As I write this article in mid February the future of fishing seems as dark and confusing as our weather. Remember global warming, well someone forgot to tell mother nature about it this year. This winter has given us such a long stretch of cold weather for our area, and to boot the ground hog predicts six more weeks of winter. I am ready to whack Al Gore over the head with my snow shovel. Unfortunately I realized how civilized and soft I have become with the recent power outages from the snowstorms. Two days of little heat, candles, and little entertainment, certainly made them long-long-long days. At least in the hunting camp tent you can share stories and conversation about the days events.

Let's get to some meaty subjects. The 2010 fishing season seems to have some rather dark clouds on the horizon. One such cloud is the continued indifference to small business in the fishing industry by the Federal Marine Fisheries. The complete closure of the sea bass fishing season is one such decision. They admit their decisions lack proper information and understanding of the targeted fish (sea bass). They did admit the sea bass biomass seem to be in good condition. I guess they figure if they put most boats out of business they won't have to worry about regulations. The wealthy will be the only ones who can afford a boat to fish in the ocean. Then they can declare the ocean a marine petting zoo, which will thrill the animal rights activist.

The topic of a marine fishing license is another delicate issue. It does make me question the wisdom to relinquish the right to fish to government regulation. Most of my life, I felt the decision to go fishing didn't require an OK from someone in Washington, or Trenton. The goals of this seem well intended, but we all know the saying of 'good intentions/the road to hell...' Fees never stay the same, they always go up. The money seems to find its way to the General Treasury, and not for the intended goals. I remember the original flounder regulations by the Marine Fisheries were somewhere in the vicinity of 13 and half inches with a promise this will fix the problem. We all know where we stand now. The initial support of regulations by most anglers was really positive. However, the heavy hand of the regulations has severely affected this support. The average person has a difficult time paying fares now, the impact of a license fee could again have a negative impact on all of us in the industry. Although these issues fill the doldrums of winter, I long for the days when the only argument was about who caught the biggest fish on a particular trip. In April, Big Brother will tell you what taxes you owe, what season will be open, how many if any, you can keep.

On the brighter side, winter will fade and spring will be upon us. Take the time to get your tackle up to snuff. Days will always be available to make money, work harder, and worry. The day that passes today is gone forever. So seize the moment, and make a plan to spend a day on the water with friend, family, or fellow anglers. Hopefully the next article will be full of laughs, fish stories, and good times.

God Bless, *Captain Gary Sloan.*

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March (Eastern Standard Time)					April (Eastern Daylight Time)				
High		Low			High		Low		
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	
1 Mon	8:10	8:38	1:43	2:14	1 Thu	10:24	10:47	4:10	4:16
2 Tue	8:58	9:26	2:35	3:00	2 Fri	11:11	11:35	5:00	5:02
3 Wed	9:45	10:15	3:27	3:46	3 Sat	12:00	12:00	5:51	5:51
4 Thu	10:34	11:05	4:20	4:33	4 Sun	12:24	12:54	6:45	6:43
5 Fri	11:25	11:58	5:14	5:22	5 Mon	1:19	1:54	7:43	7:41
6 Sat	12:21	12:21	6:12	6:17	6 Tue	2:19	3:00	8:44	8:45
7 Sun	12:57	1:24	7:15	7:17	7 Wed	3:22	4:04	9:44	9:49
8 Mon	2:01	2:34	8:22	8:21	8 Thu	4:22	5:00	10:37	10:47
9 Tue	3:06	3:41	9:25	9:24	9 Fri	5:16	5:49	11:24	11:38
10 Wed	4:06	4:38	10:22	10:21	10 Sat	6:03	6:31		12:04
11 Thu	4:58	5:24	11:09	11:10	11 Sun	6:46	7:09	12:24	12:41
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14 Sun	8:00	8:20	1:35	1:59	15 Thu	9:17	9:30	3:05	2:57
15 Mon	8:36	8:53	2:13	2:30	16 Fri	9:54	10:07	3:45	3:34
16 Tue	9:10	9:26	2:50	3:01	17 Sat	10:34	10:48	4:27	4:14
17 Wed	9:43	9:58	3:26	3:31	18 Sun	11:18	11:35	5:14	5:00
18 Thu	10:16	10:31	4:03	4:03	19 Mon	12:10	12:10	6:05	5:53
19 Fri	10:51	11:07	4:42	4:38	20 Tue	12:28	1:11	7:03	6:55
20 Sat	11:29	11:50	5:25	5:18	21 Wed	1:31	2:22	8:06	8:05
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There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of the mind.
WASHINGTON IRVING, AMERICAN AUTHOR (1783-1859)

Best Times for Fishing

- One hour before and one hour after high tides and low tides.
- During the "morning rise" after sunup for a spell and the "evening rise" just before sundown and the hour or so after
- When the barometer is steady or on the rise. But even during stormy periods, the fish aren't going to give up feeding. The smart fisherman will find just the right bait.
- When the breeze is from a westerly quarter rather than from the north or east.
- When the water is still or rippled, rather than during a wind.



~Taken from the Farmer's Almanac