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Fletcher's Cove is now renting fishing rowboats daily, weather and water conditions permitting. All the spring species of fish arrived early and pretty much together in this strange season. The Potomac received a needed pulse of rainwater and is now not uncharacteristically low for March. Good catches of hickory and American shad, perch and catfish are being reported most days. Keep in mind... if you hear about good fishing, you've already missed it, so come fishing whenever you get the urge and the time, not when you read or get word of it. Fishing is sport, not shopping.

Bikes are available for rent to better enjoy the lovely spring views along the towpath and Crescent Trail. Canoe and Kayak rentals will resume at some point in the next couple weeks, but the date is not certain, so call before you come for those.

Refreshments, bait, fishing tackle and D.C. angling permits are available at our little tackle-shack.



Joe Fletcher, Dickie Tehaan and Gordon Leisch fish for white perch just downstream from Fletcher's Cove. These three gentlemen represent almost 200 years of angling experience! Note the concrete box on the Virginia shoreline. This was used prior to World War Two for stone quarries to jump into for cover when blasting rock from the palisades with black powder. (photo by Nathan Heat)

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The first reported shad of 2012 caught March 11
by James Koehler off Fletcher's Point

