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Report from Fletcher's Cove - March 30, 2010

Fear not, Washington... there will be a fishing season at Fletcher's Cove this year. It is just a bit tardy this Spring.

After flirting with a good water level for angling and boat rentals last weekend, the Potomac is roiled and swift again today (Tuesday). However, the promise of sunny skies and warmer temperatures later this week bode well for the fisherman's prospects.

Let me remind you of some natural relationships that I've mentioned before. The perch run only gets into prime time when the daffodils are in full bloom (just happening). The shad run does not blossom until the dogwood trees do the same (not happening yet). The larger of the striped bass make their appearance out from the Cove when redbud is actually red (have not seen any yet).

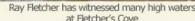
While you might be itching to get out by the water for some fishing fun, the good news is that you have not missed much so far. The bountiful times are yet to come! Patience is a virtue; a difficult mind-set for Washington's anglers and politicians, alike.

Come and visit Fletcher's soon; there is always something interesting to see down by the river. We have your D.C. fishing permit ready for purchase, along with the tackle you will need when the fishing is hot. We have new shad darts in stock, so get them while the selection is good.

One last thing... we thank you for reading this, but nothing informs like "feet on the ground," "eyes on the objective," simply being there. Fishing changes dramatically from day to day, even tide to tide. So come on down... we will be happy to talk face-to-face.

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