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Report from Fletcher's Cove - October 21, 2010

It has been nice to see so many people come out during the last couple of weeks to enjoy Washington's beautiful change of seasons. Columbus Day weekend was especially delightful with calm waters, mild temperatures and blue skies for all. If you have never paddled the Potomac, rowed an old-fashioned wooden rowboat or biked along the tranquil C&O Canal, your chance is now, before winter blows in from the north.



If you would like to fish, Fletcher's still has bait and tackle for sale to make it happen and a D.C. permit to make it legal. Fall angling can produce some surprising results, as Frank Dickerson found out on Columbus day. Frank has fished at Fletcher's for decades. We really value him as a customer, as he is always upbeat at the opportunity to get out on the water. Frank usually gets some fish, too. But on Columbus Day, he hooked into a whopper of a catfish, the biggest he's landed in all of his many days at Fletcher's. Congratulations, Frank... I'm glad we had a camera handy!

The rental season at Fletcher's Cove will extend until November 7th this fall. We hope to have our rowboats, kayaks, canoes and bikes available each day. It is a good idea to give us a call at (202)-244-0461 to check on availability; canoe and kayak rentals are stopped if the water temperature goes below 50 degrees, but with a little weather magic, that may not happen before the 7th.

Have you been a visitor to Fletcher's Cove this season? If so, we would love to hear from

you. There is an on-line customer satisfaction form available for your comments. Take a moment, if you will, to let us know about your time at Fletcher's. This boathouse is a legacy business in Washington – a throwback to a different era, yet servicing 21st century customers. Change for us is usually a "tweak" rather than a "makeover." Your tweak may be just the one we need to hear, so please let us have it.

As always... thanks for reading this.

Dan







Kayaks head out from Fletcher's dock. (photo by Dan Ward)

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