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Fletchers Cove Fishing Report, April 25, 2006



This morning (Tuesday), finds the Potomac with the current and color we have been expecting all spring. The stage at Little Falls is over six feet and the water is a creamed-coffee color. Both of these spell short-term trouble for the angler and boater. But in the longer view, and with a little luck, the surge of runoff and sediment will jump-start the fishing by later in the week and place the river ecosystem in the balance one hopes for. Like a cool northwest breeze in August, this freshet of water from upstream enlivens the fish to "do their thing." Boat rentals on the river will not be available for a couple of days, so check before you come. (202-244-0461) Fishing from shore is still possible and of course rentals of canal canoes, kayaks and bikes are ongoing. You can pick up a D.C. fishing permit or re-stock your tackle supply with our good assortment of shad darts and terminal tackle for Striped Bass. The D.C. season for Rockfish starts in May, so like a good scout, "be prepared."

Yesterday saw a very lively and successful "Congressional Casting Call" event at Fletcher's Cove. We were honored by the presence of many representatives of conservation, trade and governmental organizations all getting together with the purpose of fostering a better environment and protecting our aquatic resources. The implementation of the "National Fish Habitat Action Plan" was a key moment of the day. Our thanks to all who made the day happen. As usual, our deepest gratitude to the rangers and maintenance personnel of the C & O Canal National Historic Park for bending over backwards to facilitate the proceedings.

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