

North Carolina Fishing — What's Hot and When



Bluefish



Southern Flounder



Spanish Mackerel



Dolphin (mahi mahi)



Spotted Seatrout

<p>January</p> <p>FISH: Black sea bass, bluefin tuna, striped bass (ocean, coastal rivers) SHELLFISH: clams, oysters</p>
<p>February</p> <p>FISH: American and hickory shad (coastal river tributaries), black sea bass, bluefin tuna, striped bass (ocean, coastal rivers) SHELLFISH: clams, oysters</p>
<p>March</p> <p>FISH: American and hickory shad (coastal river tributaries), black sea bass, bluefin tuna, bluefish, sea mullet, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, weakfish, yellowfin tuna SHELLFISH: clams, oysters</p>
<p>April</p> <p>FISH: American shad (coastal rivers), black sea bass, bluefin tuna, bluefish, dolphin, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, weakfish, yellowfin tuna SHELLFISH: clams</p>
<p>May</p> <p>FISH: Bluefish, cobia, croaker, dolphin, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, sea mullet, sharks, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout (sounds), striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, weakfish, yellowfin tuna SHELLFISH: clams, hard crabs, soft crabs</p>
<p>June</p> <p>FISH: Blue marlin, bluefish, cobia, croaker, dolphin, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, sailfish, sharks, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, tuna, weakfish, white marlin SHELLFISH: clams, hard crabs, soft crabs</p>
<p>July</p> <p>FISH: Blue marlin, bluefish, cobia, croaker, flounder, dolphin, grouper, sailfish, sea mullet, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, tarpon, tuna, white marlin SHELLFISH: clams, hard crabs, soft crabs, shrimp</p>
<p>August</p> <p>FISH: Bluefish, cobia, croaker, dolphin, flounder, grouper, red drum, sea mullet, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, spot, tarpon, tuna, white marlin SHELLFISH: clams, hard crabs, soft crabs, shrimp</p>
<p>September</p> <p>FISH: Bluefish, black drum, cobia, dolphin, false albacore, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, spot, wahoo, weakfish, white marlin SHELLFISH: clams, hard crabs, soft crabs, shrimp</p>
<p>October</p> <p>FISH: Black drum, black sea bass, bluefish, dolphin, false albacore, flounder, grouper, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, sheepshead, spot, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, weakfish, yellowfin tuna SHELLFISH: clams, oysters, shrimp</p>
<p>November</p> <p>FISH: Black drum, black sea bass, bluefish, false albacore, grouper, king mackerel, red drum, sea mullet, sharks, spotted seatrout, striped bass (coastal rivers), wahoo, yellowfin tuna SHELLFISH: clams, oysters</p>
<p>December</p> <p>FISH: Black sea bass, bluefin tuna, bluefish, grouper, sharks, spotted seatrout, striped bass (ocean and coastal rivers) SHELLFISH: clams, oysters</p>



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