

# SW FLORIDA FISHING

## Springtime weather and the fish like it

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This past week has finally brought us some spring like weather, and our local fish like it.

Snook have finally started to move into the backcountry, leaving their winter hideouts in the deeper rivers and canals to take advantage of fast rising water temperatures in the shallows. Big speckled trout, some redfish and even a few tarpon have been also been showing up.

The offshore guys have been having a little fun with the calm seas last week. Lots of mangrove snapper, yellowtail snapper, gag grouper and Spanish mackerel. Look for a spring king mackerel run soon.

Enjoy our great fishing!

■ Top row, **Will Waterhouse** with a big redfish caught and released recently; **Edwin and Harley Tyler** both having fun with the ladyfish.

Bottom row has **Abby Brown, Jason Hastings** and **Lisa Peck** each with a trout, caught and released.



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