

TROUT: Big specks hitting topwater bait is thrilling sight

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Lights attract plankton; plankton attracts baitfish. In addition, bugs falling into the water add to the food web. Small baitfish might eat the stricken bugs. Large trout eat baitfish. Shrimp, baitfish and other prey move at night to hide from predators, until they pass beneath concentrated watts of illumination. Big specks frequently lurk beneath the lights to demolish any silhouettes passing overhead.

Docks can also produce good trout action during the daytime. As temperatures warm, trout may seek the shade under docks and come out to investigate any noises that could indicate food. Besides making surface com-

motions, many topwater baits carry internal rattles that mimic croakers.

“Sometimes, we fish the boat docks around Point Clear,” Carter said. “In the past couple of years, we’ve caught a bunch of big fish in the middle of Mobile Bay during the summer. Dog River has some good flats. Gaillard Island has a couple really good areas for early morning topwater action.”

Other good places to catch specks on top include the western side of Mobile Bay or off Dauphin Island. Grass flats in Mississippi Sound also produce good topwater action. The Mobile River can also produce big trout fish. Throw topwater baits toward the banks, points or docks.



Photo by John N. Felsher

This speckled trout hit a topwater bait, a very effective and fun way to catch large speckled trout.

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