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Catching cod but not fluke?

Increased commercial pressure means less fluke for recreational anglers

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For most of the last 10 summers fluke have been the primary target for my fishing buddy Bob and me fishing out of Snug Harbor, RI. But in 2019, and even more so in 2020, that species has become very hard to find. This year we even switched over to targeting cod for most of August and September, totally leaving fluke behind.

Normally we would have fished 12 to 15 days in August targeting fluke, but this year it was only four days before we decided that there were just not enough fluke around to make it worthwhile. There were a few days in August when we actually anchored up and fished for tautog – this was a first for us since we normally leave the togging until October. (to page 18)



Catching fluke along the RI south shore and Block Island was always a sure thing, like this doormat caught by Bob Murray, but when the commercial quota was increased the plentiful fluke catch mostly disappeared.

Member GIL BELL

with an early spring striped bass that he caught from the South County surf on May 4.



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