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## Fishing Report: Top-5 spots for this week

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# FISHING REPORT

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## TIP OF THE WEEK

There is a new moon Aug. 2, making this a superb time to fish at night using submersible lights. Top pick is Lake Pleasant for stripers using anchovies. Fish at night using little or no weight. Cut your bait into thirds, but cut your chum into quarters. Chum liberally. Add corn for a little extra fish excitement (it will also attract sunfish, carp and catfish). The more fish activity you can generate, the better -- it's like a dinner "gong" going off under water that attracts predatory fish.



*Lake Mead*

School's about to be back in session – time for a final fishing excursion.

Sporadic rain is predicted for high country areas this weekend, and desert regions don't look like they'll get some much-needed saturation until early next week. Hit the high country and catch trout just before a storm creeps through. Here's some good bets:

## Top-5 AZ weekend fishing spots

1. **Big Lake.** Cutthroats have been biting on and off, and there are plenty excellent campground amenities. You'll want a boat because trout are deep. It was just stocked this week with rainbow trout.
2. **Lake Powell.** Looking to really get away? Powell, spanning southern Utah and northern Arizona, has around 1,700 miles of shoreline. An angler can catch striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and walleye. As Wayne Gustaveson pointed out, **go north** for top-water bites.
3. **Woods Canyon Lake.** A family fishing mecca. Woods has been stocked with tiger trout. For a novice angler – or for a kid's first fish – try putting a small piece of a worm on a small hook (No. 12 or smaller) and dangle it in shallow water between rocks.
4. **Dogtown Reservoir** near Williams. Fishing is still good at Dogtown and there are plenty of shaded areas on the north side of the lake.
5. **Lake Mead.** Fish at night. Mead (at top) has on "en fuego" for striper fishing. See some striper fishing tips for boils. Anglers also have been catching some healthy bass early in the morning.

**Grab a license** online (that helps conserve all species of wildlife, not to mention provides funding that goes back into fishing opportunities) and go.

## Catch of the week

Here's what's new with your fellow adventurers:



photo by Mitchell Mahone3

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**Editor's note:** *On Twitter, the angler said this pike was 17.9 pounds and was taken July 9 from Ashurst Lake. Please remove all northern pike. In some cases, fish like northern pike have been illegally stocked and have had detrimental impacts to trout fishing and native fish populations. Remember: do not transport live fish or bait. Illegal stocking is a big problem and impacts the department's efforts to manage the state's fisheries.*

## Angler Reports

### Trail Side Park (Phoenix)



Manny M.: July 20 -- my nephew Mario (using a worm lure) caught these tilapia.

#### Lake Mead



Ray P. & Leon E. had a great night of striper fishing July 26 landing 120 of the Silversides in about 6 hours!

#### Lake Pleasant



Dan R.: Striper fishing was excellent Saturday night at Lake Pleasant -- lost count of how many fish we caught. Here is a picture of the biggest of the night.

#### Greenfield Park, Mesa



Dan G.: Holden Gurka, 9, of Mesa, Arizona has caught many fish on worms, bread and hot dogs -- but never on a lure. That all changed the other day while fishing in Mesa, when he reeled in two bass on the same lure!?! Talk about 1st times!! He will remember this day for the rest of his life! Way to go Holden!

## AZ stocking report

### Rainbow trout

Wednesday, July 27 — Chevelon Canyon Lake; Tuesday, July 26 — Big Lake, River Reservoir, Tunnel Reservoir; Monday, July 25 — Canyon Creek, Big Lake. Silver Creek, West Fork Little Colorado River-Greer; Friday, July 22 — East Verde River, Canyon Creek, Willow Springs Lake, Silver Creek, East Fork Black River, Chevelon Canyon Lake; Thursday, July 21 — Tonto Creek, Christopher Creek, Haigler Creek, Bear Canyon Lake; Wednesday, July 20 — Willow Springs Lake, Woods Canyon Lake, Rose Canyon Lake, Show Low Creek, Lynx Lake.

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