



Howell Tackle Fishing Report

Welcome to Our First Issue!

People who love to fish are an interesting group. They come from all walks of life and use a variety of ways to catch the big one. Yet they have one thing in common. When they find something that works, they stick to it.

We want to accomplish the same thing here with our new-fangled email fishing report—find what works best for you and stick to it. To accomplish this, we need your help.

Let us know what you like and don't like. Don't be shy. Also send us your fishing tips, new equipment you've tried, fishing websites you enjoy, pictures of that big one you caught, and if you can turn a phrase, send us your fishing stories too.

See ya'll out there on the water!
Mark & Hooks

What's Running????

As summer heats up and is on top of us in the Florida Panhandle, we are experiencing a superb fishing season. Here's what's currently running:

Inshore

Redfish and **Trout** are being seen and caught all over our different bays. The shallower the better for the redfish this time of year. Top water lures are the excitement early in the morning and late in the afternoon, any of your Heddon Super Spook Jr.'s are producing quality fish especially the redfish colored ones.

For a N.T.R. (No Talent Required) bait try a Yo-Zuri Mag Popper, they will do the walking for you. Don't forget to have a Capt. Mike's spoon to throw once the sun is overhead.

Tarpon have finally started showing up, so check your cast net for holes and go catch some large finger mullet or green backs. If this year is going to be anything like last year's tarpon run we are in for a real treat. If you have never tarpon fished in this area before you might want to consider hiring a guide that specializes in this fishery. [Click here](#) to go to our guide list.

There is nothing more exciting than seeing those silver sides flashing in the summer sun and coming completely out of the water with a hook up. Now is the time to go!

Don't forget that the **Scallop** season opens July 1st and runs until September 10th! From all reports it is going to be a very good season as the locals are seeing a lot of scallops now. Don't forget the limits: 2 gallons whole or 1 pint of meat per person per day and no more than 10 gallons whole or 1/2 gallon of meat per boat.

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your Howell Tackle Fishing Team*

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*Virginia Danner & Trout-
East Bay 6-19-07*

Howell Tackle welcomes your fishing stories and pictures. [Email](#) them to us and you might just see them featured in a future issue of the Howell Tackle E-News.

Offshore

Remember you can be in possession of only two **Red Snapper** per person in federal waters (9 nautical miles from the beach). You may still keep your bag limit of four fish inside of 9 miles in state waters.

The snapper catch has been very good. For a change of pace try a Williamson or Spro jig with Assist hooks and hold on for one of those big sow snappers. Your best bet with **Grouper** is to carry a live well full of live baits.

The **Wahoo** have arrived and they are in close. With the water temperature hitting that magical 80 degree mark the big ones are here to be caught. The best tactic for these speed demons is trolling a Yo-Zuri Bonita or a panhandler skirted lure around 8 or 12 knots.

The charter boat Sunrise caught one Seventy-five pounds last week only fifteen miles out the pass. Don't be hesitant to pull a bait between spots while you are out there bottom fishing.



Mark Gentry & Redfish—
East Bay 6-19-07



Moon Phases

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Tide Info

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Freshwater

Sandhill ponds that still have water and are producing nice stringers of bream and shellcrackers. The most productive methods have been tightline fishing with split shot two feet above a gold #6 or #8 hook, using crickets or earthworms. Excellent catches are also being reported on fly rods using chartreuse and glow popping bugs. Don't over look Deerpoint Lake if you want to catch a shellcracker. Try tight line fishing as well as using 1/8 to 1/4 oz. bullet lead in place of split shot in the deeper holes in the main lake or deep bends in Bear Creek, Lower Econfina Creek and Cedar Creek. Some nice bass are being caught on buzz baits and large top water plugs late in the evening as well as after dark. Concentrate your efforts at the junction of major creeks meeting the main lake.

In the Dead Lakes fishing has been off and on depending on the moon phase and boating traffic due to the extremely low water conditions. Great catches of hand-paint bream and bluegills have been caught on black and yellow beetle spins with gold blades. Fly fishing has been picking up after a late afternoon shower. Many bass up to seven pounds have been hitting chartreuse and gold Bangolures as well as Nippiddee propeller plugs and Devils Horse lures. Most of this activity has been very early in the morning and late in the evening due to hot temps during the day. Don't forget we now have a large selection of worms including new GREEN JUMPERS!

For more information, come by our store here at [3100 West Hwy 98](#), Panama City, Florida. We can show you all the latest in the baits and rigs to improve your catch. For more fishing tips every week, don't forget to catch us on the [Howell Tackle Fishing Show](#) on Fox 28 every Saturday morning at 6 am.

Fishing Web Links

<http://www.fishin.com/reports/fl/fireport-contents.html>
http://www.floridafishing.com/northwest_florida_fishing_reports.asp
<http://www.floridasportsman.com/regions/nw/>
<http://myfwc.com/fishing/rules.html>
<http://cyberangler.com/reports/fl/map.htm>

And of course, Howelltackle.com!

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Upcoming Tournaments

King Mack Attack

September 1, 2007

Entry fee: King Mackerel \$200, Wahoo \$100
 Details: 3-fish aggregate and Lunker categories added for this year

Inshore Tournament

October 13, 2007

Entry fee: \$50 per fish category entered, \$25 for Redfish Spots and Lunker categories
 Details: Prizes for Redfish, Trout (3-fish aggregate), Pompano, Flounder, Redfish Spots, and Lunker