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I had a pretty great day fishing today!

I started my day fishing around noontime. First spot was at the entrance to Lake Padre. I fished dead shrimp on bottom right where the channel leaving the lake flows into the Packery Channel and had an epic run of giant pinfish!



I relocated to the jetty. I tried fishing near the base on the surf side, but the tide was super low, and there was a bunch of floating grass next to the rocks. I moved out to the rockpile and, using a #1 hook tipped with a small pinch of dead shrimp, I caught 3 different species of snapper! I got 3 Schoolmasters, 2 Mangrove, and 1 Lane Snapper. In the mix of catching snapper, I also got a couple of piggie perch and another pinfish.



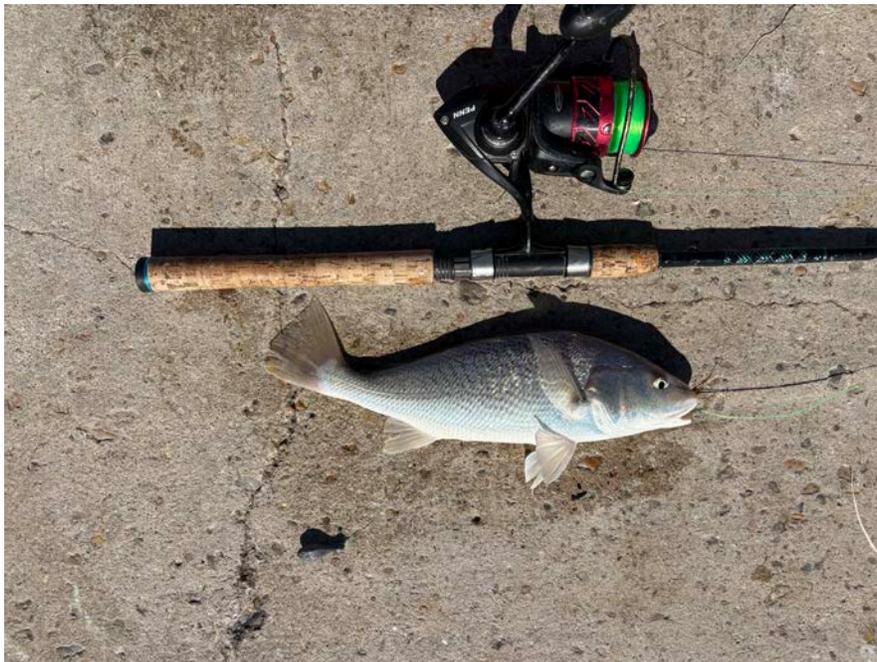
*Snapper from Left to Right: Schoolmaster, Mangrove, and Lane*

My next spot was out near the end where a bunch of guys were posted up on the point. They were steadily catching black drum and reds fishing on bottom straight out using live shrimp. One of the guys also had a big rod set out on the surf side. While I was there, he had 2 runs. The first was a small bull shark. Then he landed and released a big bull red.



*Bull Shark*

While all the action was going on at the tip, I continued to soak dead shrimp on bottom. I tried both sides of the rocks. The bite was slow. I eventually hooked something strong on the channel side. After a short fight, and almost losing the fish in a crack between the rocks, I swung a big Atlantic Croaker on the rocks. I didn't get a tape on it, but it was in the 13" to 14" range. This was an absolute bruiser Golden Croak and a PB for me!



*Personal Best Atlantic Croaker!*

I ran out of shrimp so I tied on a small, paddletail swim bait. I moved a little closer to the beach and started making casts on the channel side. A couple of guys fishing close by recognized me and waved me over to the spot they were fishing. Also using paddletails, each had a full stringer of keeper trout in the water. Fishing side by side,

the trout bite continued with my buddies catching and releasing. I caught a total of 5 trout and kept 3.



*Today's keepers!*

I quit around 3 o'clock after the trout bite waned. All in all this was a very fun and productive day!