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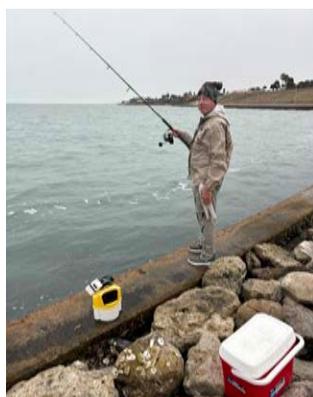
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After returning home from 10 days surfing with the wife in Costa Rica, I was anxious to get back to surfing and FISHING my home waters.

On this Monday morning I met up with my buddy Willy who lives in town near Ocean Drive. Temps were in the 60s with occasional drizzle and hazy skies. Willy had been telling me about all the fish he'd been catching in the bay near his house. So, I begrudgingly went OTB (over the bridge) to fish in town.

First spot was at Cole Park. There is a big bayfront parking lot between the skate park and the pier. There are a bunch of rocks separating the lot from the water that are super sketchy to traverse. At the water's edge is a narrow concrete wall where you can stand, but it is also sketchy because it has wet areas covered in algae. Willy swore there were trout here. We used glow soft plastics on $\frac{1}{4}$ oz jig heads and worked the wall for about 20 minutes with no luck. I believe that this spot could be productive, but the difficulty of fishing here will probably keep me from coming back.



Willy braving the conditions on the shoreline at Cole Park

Next spot was the Cole Park Pier. It was my first time here since it re-opened back in December 2021. The pier is really nice! It was not crowded at all. We only saw one

other guy fishing out near the end. Lots of people were walking or jogging by as we fished. We set up at the end on the T-head. We fished both live and dead shrimp around the pilings hoping for sheepshead. The bite was slow to non-existent. Just when we were about to leave, I got a small bite and landed a Sea Robin ... Here we go next spot!



A Sea Robin



Bugs at Cole Park Pier

Next spot was the Peoples Street T-head. This was another spot I'd never fished! We parked near the north end and backed right up to the water's edge. The area in front of us was completely inside the rocks protecting the harbor. We fished dead shrimp on bottom close to the bulkhead. Action was slow at first then we started getting lots of small bites. We ended up catching a couple of piggy perch, some small croakers, and a PB Lizard fish for Willy! As comfortable as it was fishing here, we decided to try another spot.



Our final spot for the day was the secret beach at Oleander Point in Cole Park. You'll have to find this spot on your own, but it's really not that hard to find! We fished the little jetty south of the point, and at the tip of the point itself. The jetty was easy to fish, but only one guy could fish it at a time because it's so narrow. The point was tougher to fish because you had to scramble down a hill and over jumbled rocks. Once you got to the shoreline there was no good level place to stand. The water here is really shallow over sandy bottom. The bite was slow but we eventually caught one whiting and a skipjack.



Secret Beach at Oleander Point



A little Skipjack on the Corpus Christi bay front

We gave up near sun set. Although this wasn't a productive day in terms of putting fish in the box, I did get to fish some new spots. The bay front in downtown corpus is beautiful. And when the story is told, we fished 4 different spots and caught 6 different species of fish. That's a story worth telling!