“This is the most comprehensive book on the freshwater fishes of South Carolina ever done. The presentation is easy to follow, and the content forms a wealth of information on many interesting good keys and illustrations for identification, color photographs of each species, precise age-date ranges given to size and distribution and photographs present. A glossary of terms, a helpful index, and comprehensive bibliography. An outstanding reference of ichthyology in South Carolina to fishy biologists.” The authors are to be congratulated for having produced this book in its beautiful hard cover edition.”

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This handsome reminder of the rich biodiversity in South Carolina’s rivers, streams, and lakes serves not only as a must-have guide for marine researchers, students, resource managers, ecologists, and state policy makers but also as a valuable resource for sporting and natural history enthusiasts across the region.

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FRESHWATER FISHES. www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed. South Carolina department of natural resources has information to help you learn more about the aquatic environment. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries 803-734-3886. Aquatic Education. 803-737-8483. Boater Education. 800-277-4301. Freshwater Fish Records Licensing Information. 803-734-3891 803-734-3833. For information on FREE FISHING DAYS, call the Office of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries at the number above. To speak to a Fisheries professional in your area, call the Freshwater Fisheries Office Freshwater fishing in South Carolina has produced some record fish. From fishing for Catfish on Lake Marion to fly fishing on the Saluda River, your next big catch is just a cast away. Popular freshwater catches throughout South Carolina include crappie, bream, striped bass, large and small mouth bass, catfish and trout. South Carolina is home to 14 major reservoirs, which all together cover nearly 370,000 acres. Some of the top lake destinations for fishing include Lake Marion at Santee State Park, Lake Jocassee at Devils Fork State Park, Lake Murray at Dreher Island State Park, Lake Greenwoo Freshwater game fish are: Bream: bluegill, flier, green sunfish, pumpkinseed, redbreast, redear (shellcracker), spotted sunfish, warmouth; Black Bass: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redeye bass (coosae bass); striped bass or rockfish; white bass; hybrid striped bass; white crappie; black crappie; Trout: rainbow, brown and brook; chain pickerel (jackfish); redfin pickerel; sauger, walleye and yellow perch. Methods and Devices. Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, pole, artificial pole, or rod and reel.Â When using game fish as bait to catch fish recreationally they must be included in the daily creel limit. Seasons. No closed freshwater game fish season except in the following areas: Striped bass have exceptions, see Freshwater Fish Size & Possession Limits.