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## THANKFUL (from page 31)

### Summer flounder fishing

Summer flounder (fluke) fishing was on and off in 2019. Some days the bite was on in the Block Island Wind Farm area and some days the bite was off. The best fluke fishing was in June, both in our Bays and out in front along our ocean coast line off Narragansett, Pt. Judith, Charlestown and Westerly. The best bite was off Montauk and Fishers Island New York.

After June fluke fishing in general was good one day and bad the next without any consistent positive pattern, but those that went fluke fishing and stuck with it were often rewarded with a nice doormat size fish and a great black sea bass bite.

### Black sea bass and scup

Black sea bass and scup were caught in abundance once again in 2019 in our local waters. With both species larger and larger fish are being caught, 15" scup and black sea bass in the low 20" range were more common than ever before.



The abundance of both of these species in our waters can directly be attributed to climate change and warming water. These warm water fish have moved into our area in abundance because our water is now warmer than ever before.

### Thankful for the bounty

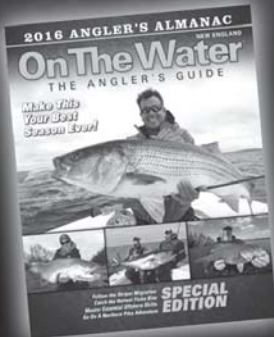
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