

Weekend fishing best bets

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• **SEBASTIAN INLET:** Snook are not on the minds of everyone. This week produced some solid numbers of good-size mangrove snapper, some reaching 4 and 5 pounds. Weekend anglers are hopeful they continue.

If that's the case, the tasty snapper will take live shrimp and smaller live baits including mojarras if they're available.

Remember to release snook outside the slot limit with care. We don't need extra mortality because people aren't willing to cooperate. Remember that state biologists are taking a serious look at East Coast snook populations, which have shown a decline, and their next proposal is going to be a one-snook daily bag limit if the numbers don't improve.

A few pods of the 8- to 10-inch silver mullet are moving down the beaches and they'll swing inside Sebastian, which will generate snook, tarpon, jacks, you name it.

INDIAN, BANANA RIVERS Capt. Gary Giles of Palm Bay holds no secrets. He said tarpon in the 90- to 100-pound range are holding in the Intracoastal Waterway immediately south of Turkey Creek in the Palm Bay area. Large live mullet is the best chance for a hookup.

Giles said he also saw a school of spawning redfish in that same area.

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