



THE REDFISH FIELD GUIDE

CATCH REDFISH ALL YEAR LONG

- BEST SEASONAL BAITS
- BEST SEASONAL LURE PICKS
- BEST RIGGING TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES
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- AND SO MUCH MORE

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WHY REDFISH BEHAVIOR CHANGES BY SEASON

REDFISH ADAPT TO WATER TEMPERATURE, LIGHT LEVELS, AND BAIT MIGRATION.

SPRING AND FALL TRIGGER AGGRESSIVE FEEDING.

IN CONTRAST, EXTREME HEAT OR COLD PUSHES THEM INTO DEEPER, MORE STABLE AND COOLER ENVIRONMENTS.

KEY ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

- **WATER TEMP:** INFLUENCES ENERGY LEVELS AND DEPTH PREFERENCE.
- **TIDE CYCLES:** TRIGGER FEEDING WINDOWS DURING WATER MOVEMENT.
- **BAIT MOVEMENT:** DETERMINES LURE MATCH AND WHERE REDFISH STAGE.

SEASONAL RED DRUM BAIT

Match The Hatch, Seasonal Baits And Profiles



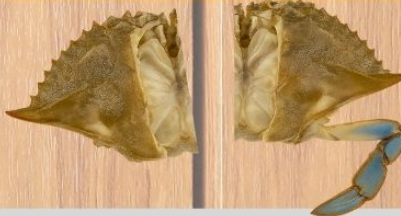
• SPRING: FIDDLER CRABS, GLASS MINNOWS, SMALL SHRIMP



• SUMMER: MULLET, MENHADEN, LARGER SHRIMP



• FALL: FINGER MULLET, PEANUT BUNKER, BLUE CRABS

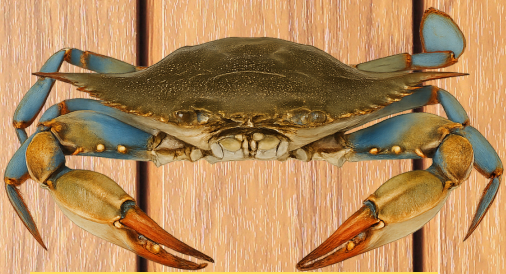


• WINTER: SLOW-MOVING SHRIMP, CRABS, AND CUT BAIT

- WHEN MAKING LURE SELECTIONS TRY USING THE MATCH THE HATCH PROFILE STRATEGY.
- UNDERSTAND WHAT BAITFISH ARE PREVALENT AND IN SEASON AND FIND LURES THAT MIMIC THE FORM, SIZE, AND COLOR PATTERNS.

BEST RED DRUM BAITS

Best Live Baits For Red Drum



BLUE CLAW CRAB



MENHADEN / BUNKER



SHRIMP



FINGER MULLET

HOW DO YOU CATCH REDFISH WHEN THE SHALLOWS GET TOO HOT?

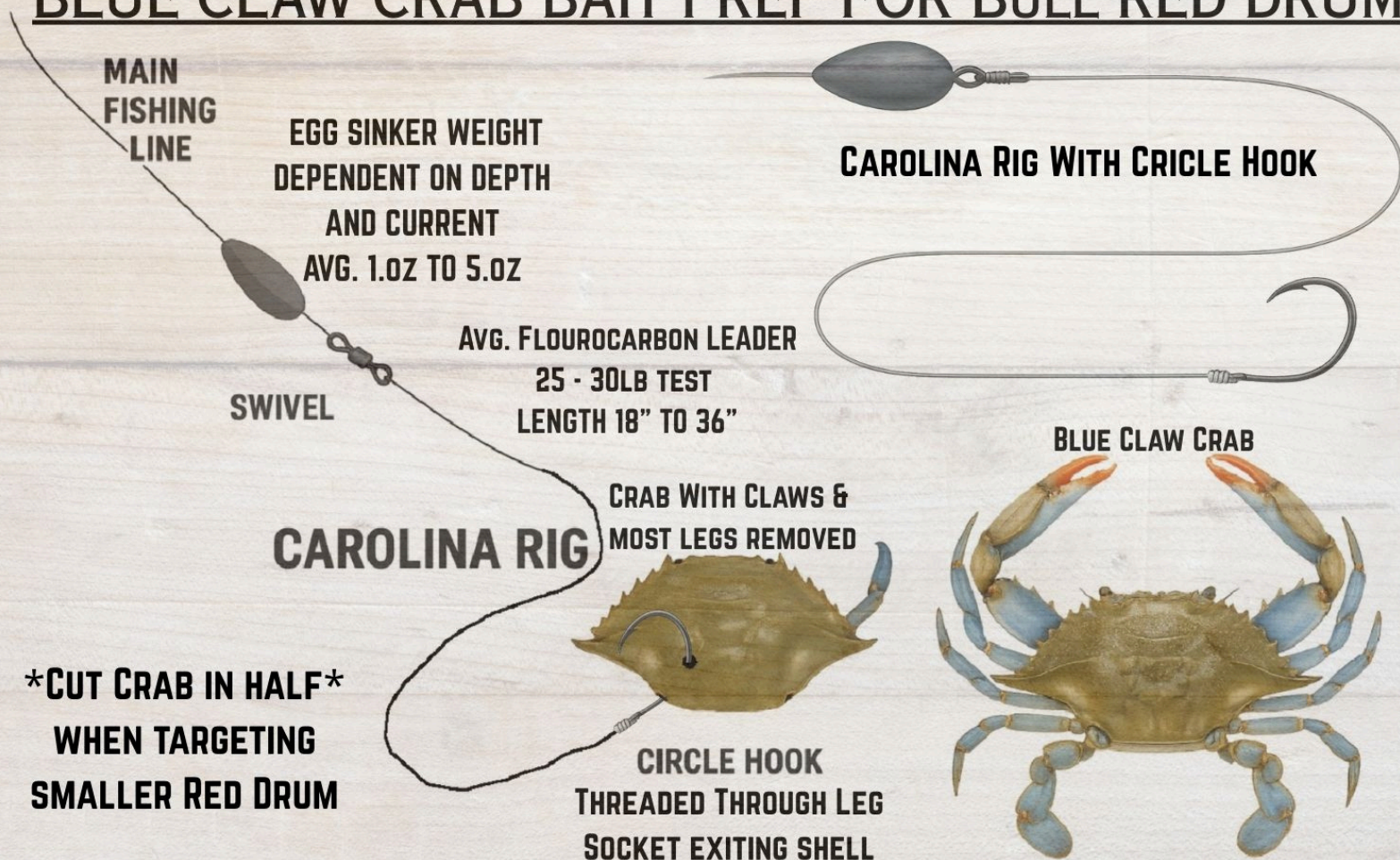
WHEN SUMMER TEMPS RISE, REDFISH RETREAT TO COOLER WATER:

- FISH EARLY MORNING OR LATE AFTERNOON
- TARGET CREEK MOUTHS, DEEPER TROUGHS, AND ICW BENDS
- USE CRAB OR SHRIMP ON CAROLINA RIGS TO REACH HOLDING FISH
- AS SUMMER TEMPERATURES SOAR, SHALLOW FLATS CAN BECOME INHOSPITABLE FOR REDFISH, PROMPTING THEM TO SEEK COOLER, MORE OXYGEN-RICH WATERS.
- UNDERSTANDING THEIR BEHAVIOR AND ADJUSTING YOUR TACTICS ACCORDINGLY CAN LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL CATCHES EVEN DURING THE HOTTEST MONTHS.



BLUE CLAW CRAB BAIT PREP FOR RED DRUM

BLUE CLAW CRAB BAIT PREP FOR BULL RED DRUM



SHRIMP (LIVE RIGGING) FOR REDFISH

USE SHRIMP HARNESSES TO AVOID KILLING THE BAIT
RIG UNDER A POPPING CORK OR FREELINED WITH SPLIT SHOT
KEEP SHRIMP LIVELY AND CHANGE WATER OFTEN
TO SHOP FOR SHRIMP HARNESSES

- 10/30 Packs Fishing Hooks - Live Shrimp Fishing Hooks
- Ideal for Medium and Large Shrimp
- Premium Carbon Steel Barbed Hooks
- 2 Sizes of Rubber Bands

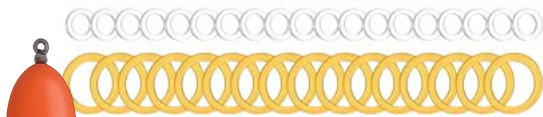
- Unique Double Fishing Hooks
- Live Shrimp Rig Holds Baits Firm
- Innovative Dual Hook & Shrimp Back Hook Combo
- Includes 6 / 2/0 Rigs



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SPLIT SHOT TO BARREL SWIVEL TO LEADER AND SHRIMP HARNESS

FLUOROCARBON LEADER 18" TO 24"
AND 25 TO 30LB TEST

POPPING CORK RIG TO LEADER TO SHRIMP HARNESS



SHRIMP STAY LIVELY AND LAST
LONGER WITH SHRIMP
HARNESS RIGS
VS
DIRECTLY PIERCING SHIMP BODY
WITH THE HOOK

FISHING A JETTY FOR BULL RED DRUM

LIVE LINE A
MENHADEN / BUNKER
ON A POPPING CORK
RIG NEAR THE ROCKS
AND DEEP WATER
AROUND JETTIES.

ALWAYS BE AWARE
OF CURRENT, TIDE
AND TRAFFIC

BOAT POSITION IS KEY

- MAINTAIN YOUR BOAT USING A TROLLING MOTOR WITH A GPS OR APPLYING THE ANCHOR / SPOT LOCK FEATURE.



18" - 24" FLOUROCARBON LEADER 25-30LB TEST

POPPING CORK
CIRCLE HOOK RIG



LIVE MENHADEN AKA BUNKER



RED DRUM SEASONAL LURES

SPRING LURES



GOLD SPOON
JOHNSON SPRITE



POPPING CORKS
FOR REDFISH



Z-MAN Z MAN
EZSR SHRIMP

SUMMER LURES



RAPALA
SKITTER WALK



LIVETARGET SLOW-
ROLL MULLET
PADDLE TAIL



6TH SENSE
SUPER SWEEP –
WEEDLESS SOFT
SWIMBAIT





RED DRUM SEASONAL LURES

FALL LURES



STRIKE KING
REDFISH MAGIC
SALTWATER SB



10 PCS SOFT PLASTIC
CRAB LURES, SALTWATER
FISHING BAITS



MIRROLURE MIRRODINE
FISHING HOOK SILVER
EXTRA SHARP STAINLESS
STEEL

WINTER LURES



BERKLEY GULP! SALTWATER
SWIMMING MULLET



Z-MAN SCENTED PADDLERZ
4 INCH SOFT PLASTIC



Z-MAN REDFISH EYE
JIGHEADS 3 PACK



GAMAKATSU OCTOPUS
CIRCLE INLINE POINT



RED DRUM STATE REGULATION, SLOT SIZE. BAG LIMITS AND SPECIAL NOTES

Red Drum Regulations by State

State	Slot Size (Total Length)	Daily Bag Limit	Season	Special Notes
North Carolina	18" – 27"	1 per person	Open year-round	Unlawful to gig, spear, or gaff red drum.
South Carolina	15" – 23"	2 per person; max 6 per boat	Open year-round	Gigging prohibited Dec 1 – Feb 28.
Georgia	14" – 23"	5 per person	Open year-round	Red Drum are designated as gamefish; only allowed to be caught with rod and reel.
Florida	18" – 27"	1 per person; 2 per vessel	Open year-round	Regulations vary by region; some areas have catch-and-release only policies.
Alabama	16" – 26"	3 per person	Open year-round	One fish over 26" allowed per person per day.
Mississippi	18" – 30"	3 per person	Open year-round	One fish over 30" allowed per person per day.
Louisiana	18" – 27"	4 per person	Open year-round	Keeping red drum over 27" is prohibited; charter captains and crew may not retain red drum.
Texas	20" – 28"	3 per person	Open year-round	One red drum over 28" allowed per license year with a Red Drum Tag.



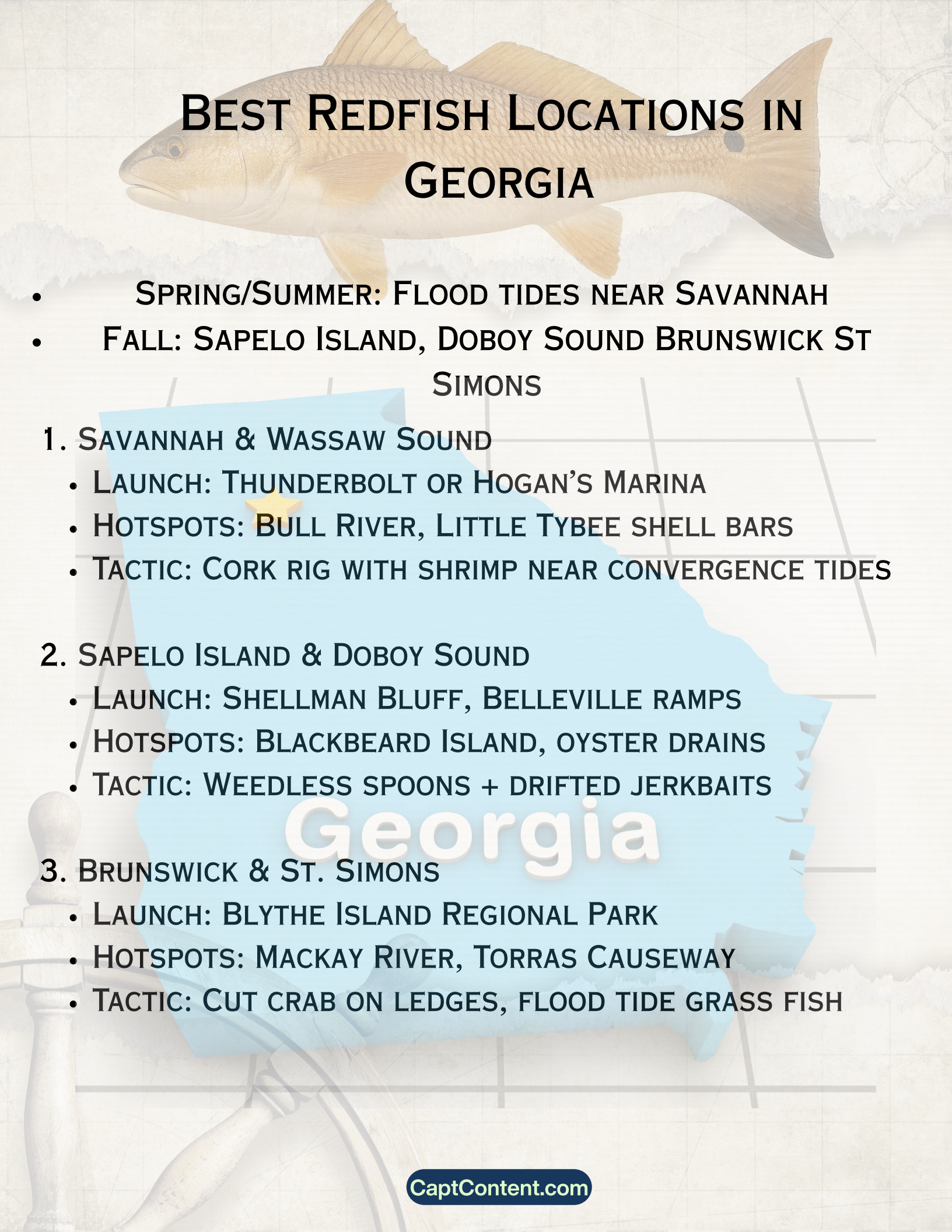
BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

- **SPRING/SUMMER: FLOOD TIDES NEAR SAVANNAH AND CHARLESTON**
- **FALL: CAPE LOOKOUT AND PAMLICO SOUND MARSH CREEKS**
 - 1. PAMLICO SOUND & NEUSE RIVER**
 - **LAUNCH: ORIENTAL OR GOOSE CREEK STATE PARK**
 - **HOTSPOTS: CREEK MOUTHS, POTHoles, GRASS BEDS**
 - **TACTIC: SOFT PLASTICS + SCENTED BAITS IN LATE SUMMER/FALL**
 - 2. CAPE LOOKOUT & CORE SOUND**
 - **LAUNCH: HARKERS ISLAND OR BEAUFORT**
 - **HOTSPOTS: TAILING FLATS BEHIND CAPE LOOKOUT**
 - **TACTIC: PUSH POLE + LONG CASTS TO TAILING FISH**
 - 3. WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH & MASONBORO SOUND**
 - **LAUNCH: TRAILS END OR WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RAMP**
 - **HOTSPOTS: ICW MARSH DRAINS, WHISKEY CREEK**
 - **TACTIC: WALK-THE-DOG PLUGS AT DAWN**
 - 4. CAPE FEAR RIVER & BALD HEAD ISLAND**
 - **LAUNCH: SNOWS CUT OR SOUTHPORT MARINA**
 - **HOTSPOTS: ROCK WALLS, DEEP CURRENT SEAMS**
 - **TACTIC: SCENTED SOFT PLASTICS AND LIVE BAIT ON JIGHEADS**



BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- **SPRING/SUMMER: FLOOD TIDES NEAR SAVANNAH AND CHARLESTON**
 - **FALL: ACE BASIN, EDISTO TO PORT ROYAL SOUND, BEAUFORT**
- 1. WINYAH BAY & GEORGETOWN JETTY**
 - **LAUNCH: EAST BAY LANDING, SOUTH ISLAND FERRY**
 - **HOTSPOTS: JETTY, PARSONAGE CREEK**
 - **TACTIC: CRAB OR MULLET ON THE DROP TIDE**
 - 2. CHARLESTON HARBOR & RIVERS**
 - **LAUNCH: REMLEY'S POINT, CHARLESTON CITY MARINA**
 - **HOTSPOTS: RAVENEL BRIDGE, JAMES & DANIEL ISLAND FLATS**
 - **TACTIC: FLOOD TIDE SIGHT CASTING + BRIDGE BULLS**
 - 3. PORT ROYAL SOUND & BEAUFORT**
 - **LAUNCH: THE SANDS (PORT ROYAL), STATION CREEK (FRIPP)**
 - **HOTSPOTS: COOSAW RIVER BENDS, OYSTER POINTS**
 - **TACTIC: SOFT CRAB, STEALTH KAYAK POLING**
 - 4. ACE BASIN & EDISTO ISLAND**
 - **LAUNCH: LIVE OAK LANDING, DAWHOO RAMP**
 - **HOTSPOTS: PENNY CREEK, MOSQUITO CREEK**
 - **TACTIC: KAYAK/PADDLE-IN SPINNERBAIT FISHING IN FALL**



BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN GEORGIA

- **SPRING/SUMMER: FLOOD TIDES NEAR SAVANNAH**
 - **FALL: SAPELO ISLAND, DOBOY SOUND BRUNSWICK ST
SIMONS**
- 1. SAVANNAH & WASSAW SOUND**
 - **LAUNCH: THUNDERBOLT OR HOGAN'S MARINA**
 - **HOTSPOTS: BULL RIVER, LITTLE TYBEE SHELL BARS**
 - **TACTIC: CORK RIG WITH SHRIMP NEAR CONVERGENCE TIDES**
 - 2. SAPELO ISLAND & DOBOY SOUND**
 - **LAUNCH: SHELLMAN BLUFF, BELLEVILLE RAMPS**
 - **HOTSPOTS: BLACKBEARD ISLAND, OYSTER DRAINS**
 - **TACTIC: WEEDLESS SPOONS + DRIFTED JERKBAITS**
 - 3. BRUNSWICK & ST. SIMONS**
 - **LAUNCH: BLYTHE ISLAND REGIONAL PARK**
 - **HOTSPOTS: MACKAY RIVER, TORRAS CAUSEWAY**
 - **TACTIC: CUT CRAB ON LEDGES, FLOOD TIDE GRASS FISH**

BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN FLORIDA

- SUMMER: MOSQUITO LAGOON AND INDIAN RIVER FLATS
- FALL: ST. AUGUSTINE THROUGH JACKSONVILLE, OYSTER BARS

1. ST. AUGUSTINE / MATANZAS INLET

- LAUNCH: DEVIL'S ELBOW, BUTLER PARK EAST
- HOTSPOTS: LOW TIDE POOLS BEHIND DUNES
- TACTIC: PUSH POLE INTO BACKWATERS, SHRIMP UNDER CORK

2. MOSQUITO LAGOON & INDIAN RIVER

- LAUNCH: HAULOVER CANAL, OAK HILL
- HOTSPOTS: POTHoles, MANGROVE EDGES
- TACTIC: WEEDLESS PLASTICS + VISUAL STALKING

3. TAMPA BAY / FORT DE SOTO

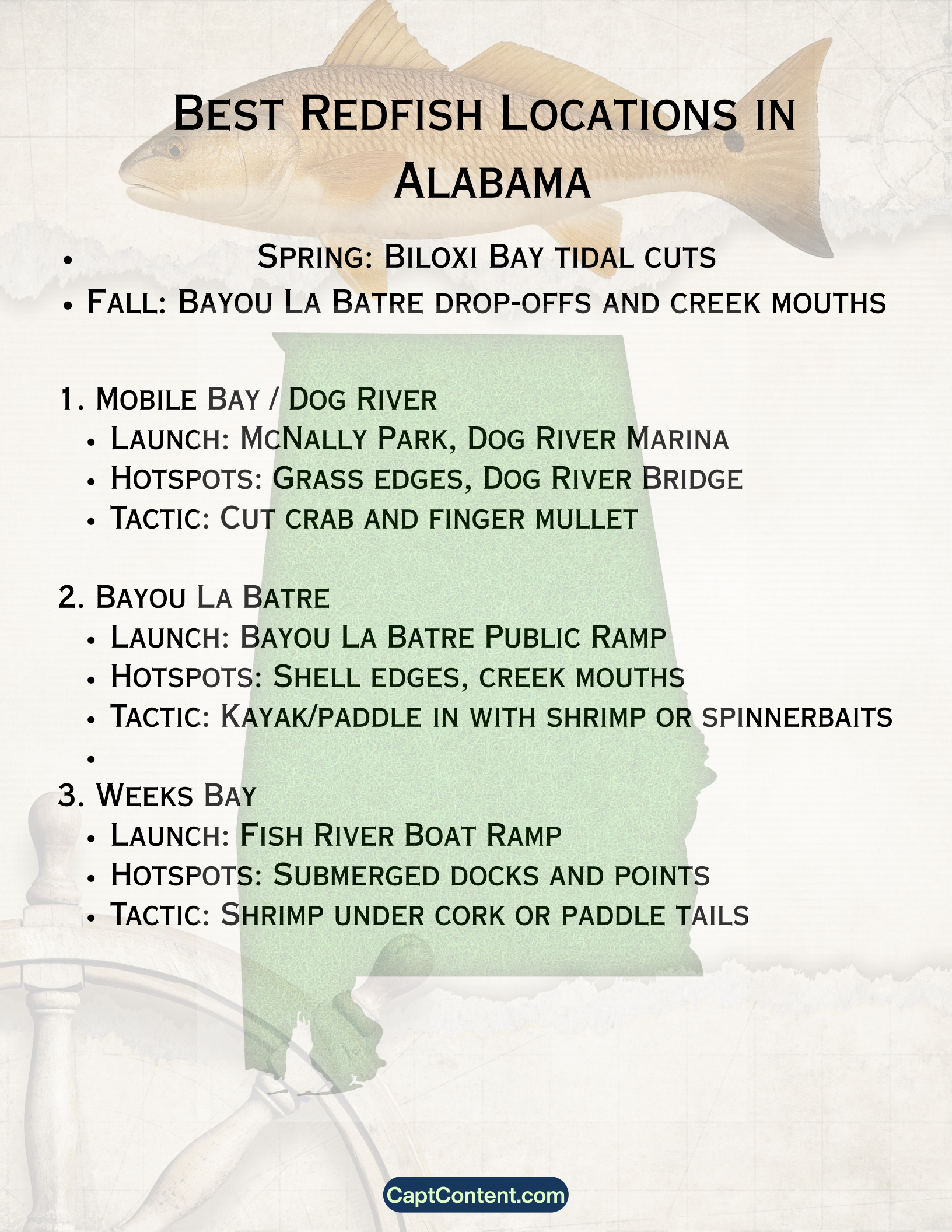
- LAUNCH: FORT DE SOTO PARK, O'NEILL'S MARINA
- HOTSPOTS: SHELL KEY, GRASS BAR EDGES
- TACTIC: CRAB BAITS + CORK RIGS NEAR TIDE SEAMS

4. PENSACOLA BAY & SANTA ROSA SOUND

- LAUNCH: SHORELINE PARK, BIG LAGOON
- HOTSPOTS: BAYOU MOUTHS, GRASS LINES
- TACTIC: JERK SHADS, SHRIMP, EARLY TOPWATER

5. FLORIDA KEYS (ISLAMORADA / MARATHON)

- LAUNCH: WHALE HARBOR, DUCK KEY
- HOTSPOTS: LONG KEY BRIDGE, FLATS SOUTH OF ISLAMORADA
- TACTIC: CAST TO MANGROVE SHADOWS, NATURAL COLORS



BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN ALABAMA

- **SPRING: BILOXI BAY TIDAL CUTS**
- **FALL: BAYOU LA BATRE DROP-OFFS AND CREEK MOUTHS**

1. MOBILE BAY / DOG RIVER

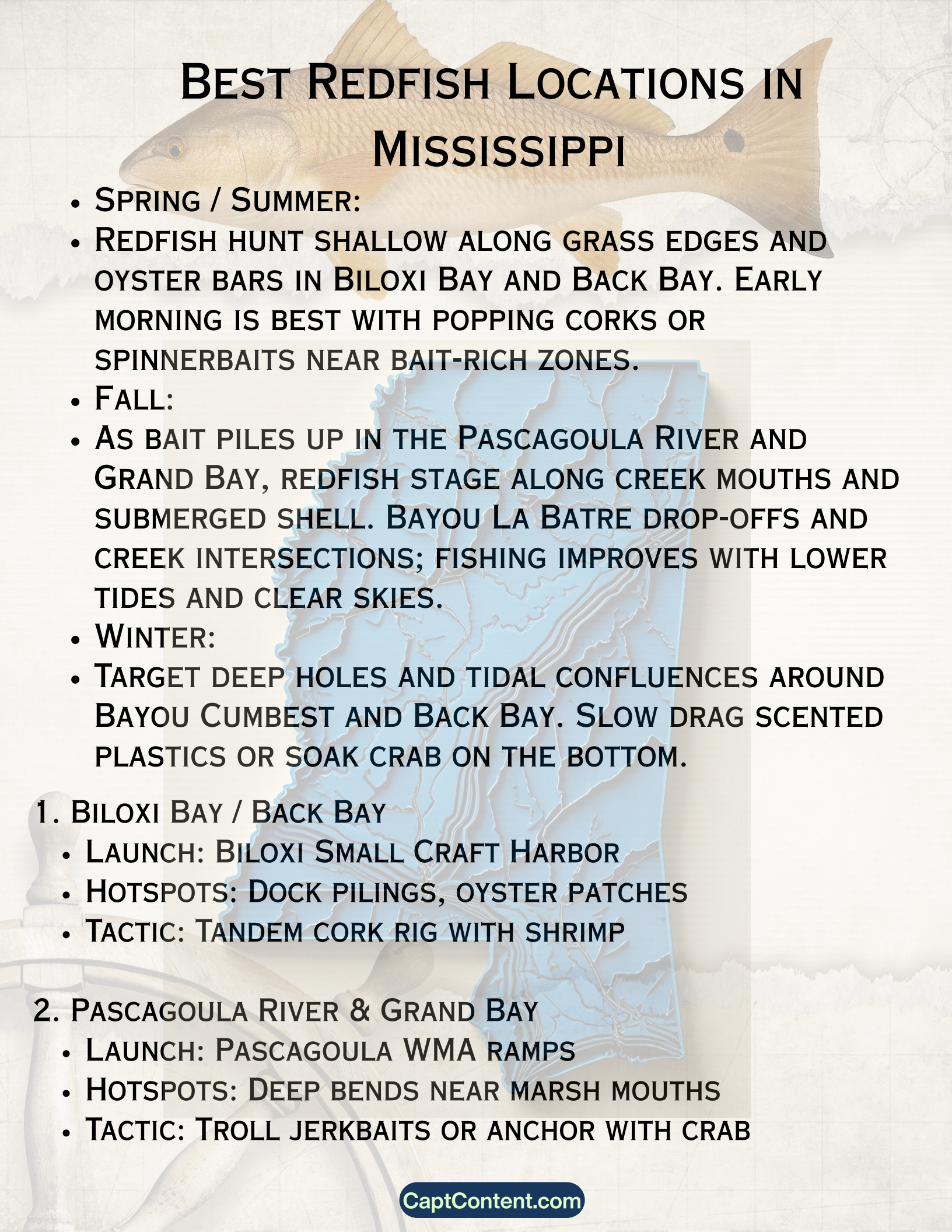
- **LAUNCH: McNALLY PARK, DOG RIVER MARINA**
- **HOTSPOTS: GRASS EDGES, DOG RIVER BRIDGE**
- **TACTIC: CUT CRAB AND FINGER MULLET**

2. BAYOU LA BATRE

- **LAUNCH: BAYOU LA BATRE PUBLIC RAMP**
- **HOTSPOTS: SHELL EDGES, CREEK MOUTHS**
- **TACTIC: KAYAK/PADDLE IN WITH SHRIMP OR SPINNERBAITS**
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3. WEEKS BAY

- **LAUNCH: FISH RIVER BOAT RAMP**
- **HOTSPOTS: SUBMERGED DOCKS AND POINTS**
- **TACTIC: SHRIMP UNDER CORK OR PADDLE TAILS**

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BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI

- **SPRING / SUMMER:**
 - **REDFISH HUNT SHALLOW ALONG GRASS EDGES AND OYSTER BARS IN BILOXI BAY AND BACK BAY. EARLY MORNING IS BEST WITH POPPING CORKS OR SPINNERBAITS NEAR BAIT-RICH ZONES.**
 - **FALL:**
 - **AS BAIT PILES UP IN THE PASCAGOULA RIVER AND GRAND BAY, REDFISH STAGE ALONG CREEK MOUTHS AND SUBMERGED SHELL. BAYOU LA BATRE DROP-OFFS AND CREEK INTERSECTIONS; FISHING IMPROVES WITH LOWER TIDES AND CLEAR SKIES.**
 - **WINTER:**
 - **TARGET DEEP HOLES AND TIDAL CONFLUENCES AROUND BAYOU CUMBEST AND BACK BAY. SLOW DRAG SCENTED PLASTICS OR SOAK CRAB ON THE BOTTOM.**
- 1. BILOXI BAY / BACK BAY**
 - **LAUNCH: BILOXI SMALL CRAFT HARBOR**
 - **HOTSPOTS: DOCK PILINGS, OYSTER PATCHES**
 - **TACTIC: TANDEM CORK RIG WITH SHRIMP**
 - 2. PASCAGOULA RIVER & GRAND BAY**
 - **LAUNCH: PASCAGOULA WMA RAMPS**
 - **HOTSPOTS: DEEP BENDS NEAR MARSH MOUTHS**
 - **TACTIC: TROLL JERKBAITS OR ANCHOR WITH CRAB**



BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN LOUISIANA

- **YEAR-ROUND: VENICE, HOPEDALE MARSH SYSTEMS**

- 1. VENICE & MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTAS**

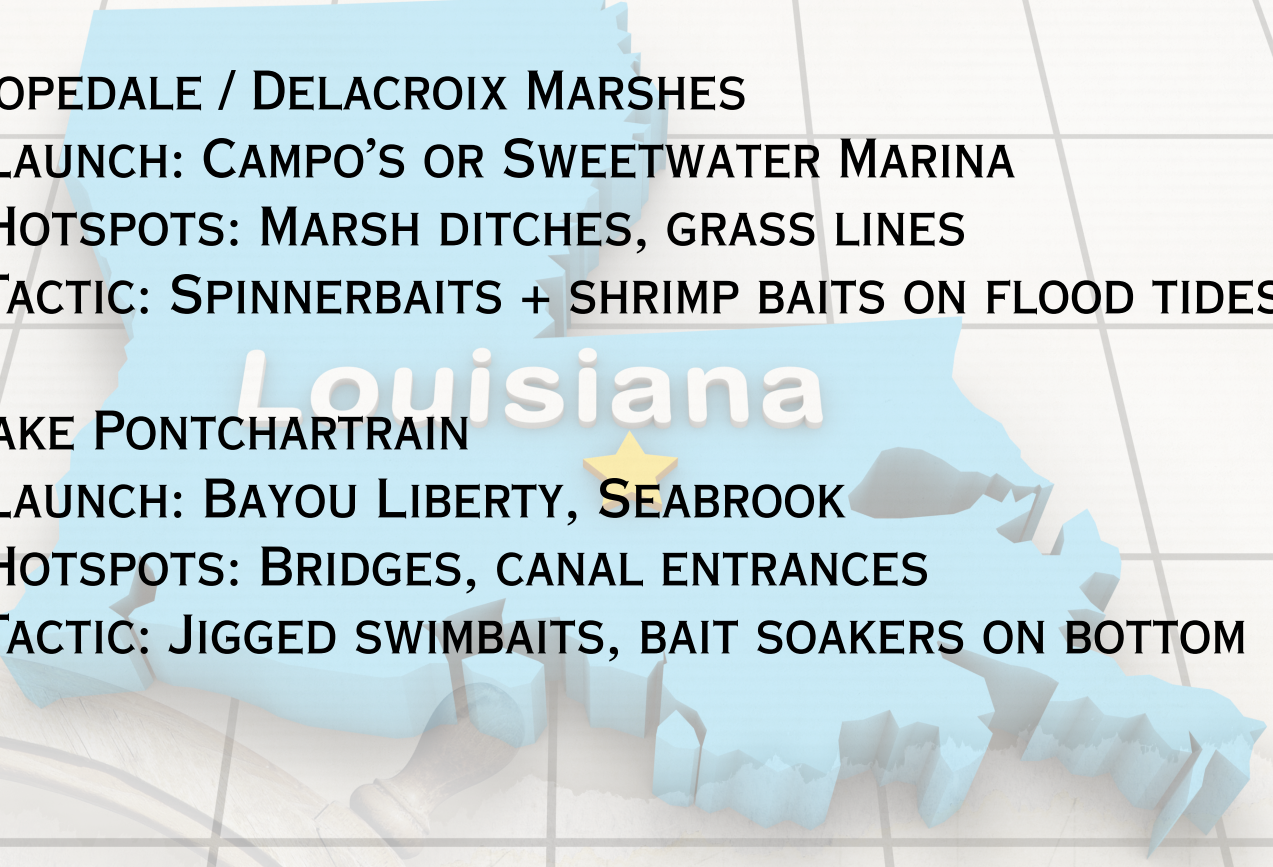
- **LAUNCH: CYPRESS COVE OR VENICE MARINA**
- **HOTSPOTS: ROSEAU CANE POINTS, OUTER PONDS**
- **TACTIC: CUT CRAB AND GOLD SPOONS**

- 2. HOPEDALE / DELACROIX MARSHES**

- **LAUNCH: CAMPO'S OR SWEETWATER MARINA**
- **HOTSPOTS: MARSH DITCHES, GRASS LINES**
- **TACTIC: SPINNERBAITS + SHRIMP BAITS ON FLOOD TIDES**

- 3. LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN**

- **LAUNCH: BAYOU LIBERTY, SEABROOK**
- **HOTSPOTS: BRIDGES, CANAL ENTRANCES**
- **TACTIC: JIGGED SWIMBAITS, BAIT SOAKERS ON BOTTOM**



Louisiana

BEST REDFISH LOCATIONS IN TEXAS

- **SPRING / SUMMER:**
 - **REDFISH FLOOD SHALLOW GRASS FLATS IN WEST GALVESTON BAY, ARANSAS BAY, AND THE LAGUNA MADRE, AND SABINE LAKE MARSHES. LOOK FOR TAILERS ON CALM MORNINGS AND FISH WEEDLESS PADDLE TAILS OR SHRIMP UNDER CORKS.**
 - **FALL:**
 - **AGGRESSIVE REDFISH SCHOOL UP AROUND PORT O'CONNOR, MATAGORDA ISLAND, AND ROCKPORT BACK LAKES. ALSO PORT ARANSAS JETTIES AND PASSES. MULLET MIGRATIONS CREATE EXPLOSIVE BITES NEAR SPOIL ISLANDS AND DEEPER GRASS EDGES.**
 - **WINTER:**
 - **FISH RETREAT INTO DEEPER TROUGHS IN SOUTH PADRE, COPANO BAY, AND CHANNELS NEAR TEXAS CITY. SLOW, BOTTOM-ORIENTED PRESENTATIONS WITH CRAB OR SHRIMP PAY OFF IN COLDER TEMPS.**
- 1. GALVESTON BAY COMPLEX**
 - **LAUNCH: EAGLE POINT, TEXAS CITY DIKE**
 - **HOTSPOTS: WEST BAY FLATS, REEFS**
 - **TACTIC: CORK/SHRIMP COMBOS, WEEDLESS PLASTICS**
 - 2. PORT O'CONNOR / ESPIRITU SANTO BAY**
 - **LAUNCH: CLARK'S OR FROGGIE'S MARINA**
 - **HOTSPOTS: MATAGORDA ISLAND BACK LAKES**
 - **TACTIC: DRIFT & SIGHT-FISH WITH CRAB IMITATIONS**
 - 3. ROCKPORT / ARANSAS BAY**
 - **LAUNCH: COPANO CAUSEWAY, COVE HARBOR**
 - **HOTSPOTS: REDFISH BAY, ESTES COVE**
 - **TACTIC: EARLY TOPWATER, MIDDAY SOFT CRAB RIGS**
 - 4. SOUTH PADRE / LAGUNA MADRE**
 - **LAUNCH: PORT ISABEL, ADOLPH THOMAE PARK**
 - **HOTSPOTS: RATTLESNAKE BAY, CULLEN COVE**
 - **TACTIC: LONG-LEADER FLUOROCARBON SIGHT-FISHING**

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