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Lake Powell Fish Report – October 13, 2016 Lake Elevation: 3610.6 Water Temperature: 69 –
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We started the week with active striper boils in Kane Creek and Padre Canyons. When we came back down the lake today and looked for more boils in these spots we found individual stripers that would hit surface lures but the school fish seemed to have moved on. They could start up again as soon as this report is posted but today they were missing in action.

We found good trolling results in Knowles. Juvenile stripers hit consistently from the mouth of the canyon back to the cove covered with huge dead cottonwood trees. Juvenile stripers were up shallow and hit shad raps, rattletraps and X-rap lures trolled at 8-12 feet.

My wife used a PINK X- Rap with great success. I would not recommend this for any manly fishermen unless they were in the boat alone in low light and had access to the wife's tackle bag. I am not sure what the results might be if the word got out that some guy was using a PINK lure. I know I refused to use one when witnesses were present.

We tried spooning for stripers in a few places but did not find great success. The low oxygen zone reported last week is still in place making deep fish hard to find. On this trip we targeted the shallow fish above 40 feet.

Smallmouth bass fishing is improving with fish moving up to 15 feet and above. A few fish were caught deeper but most bass were found on points and ledges. Bass tended to be on shore instead of offshore reefs. Best results were found with a slow retrieve as these bass were eating crayfish instead of chasing shad.

The weather was magnificent with warm, sunny days and cool nights. It is still prime time at Lake Powell.

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