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Our weekly fishing report trip started out just like the last one. We looked for schools on the graph near Lone Rock in Wahweap Bay without success. Each time we stopped over a suspect school the graph would show a bubble plume or a blank void. We could not get anything going. We covered most of Lone Rock bay without finding any fish willing to bite. My only action was a 12-inch striper that hit my jigging spoon at 50 feet while I was stopped talking with Chris Parish. He reported catching a few stripers shallow by trolling pointers in 25 feet of water near the back of the canyon. It wasn't hot but he caught more than we did.

We ranged out looking in new areas in deeper and shallower water without finding our prey. We finally went in after 3 hours of searching with only one fish in the cooler. It was a tough day. This morning I talked with Chris again as he launched at first light. They trolled pointers through Castle Rock Cut and picked up stripers in very shallow water late in the afternoon.

I suspect I just missed the schools that were in Wahweap Bay. It is not likely that stripers have

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moved very far. But on the other hand, they may have begun the movement toward the main channel where they will be in the spring. Stay tuned and we will try to figure this one out.

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Chris Parish graphed stripers in the back of Navajo that were willing to eat anchovies. He filled a cooler and caught one close to 7-pounds as well.