## What's Hot Where

**A spot check of what's selling around the country.** (*Ed. Note:* Interviews for this month's "What's Hot Where" were conducted in August. Comments address what is selling at the time of the interviews. Retailers interviewed are selected at random.)

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Where	The Expert	Dominant Fishery	Rods & Reels		Stren Original (clear blue) and Bass Pro Excel mono (17- to	Zoom's 10 1/2-inch Ole Monster (green pumpkin) and Rapala DT series	Eagle Claw Ba (sizes 2 and 4 Weights 1-ou
South	Stephen Headrick, Dale Hollow 1 Stop; Celina, Tenn.	smallmouth, walleye	All Pro rods (medium- heavy and medium, 7-foot ); Shimano Curado baitcasters		20-pound tests) Hi-Seas and PowerPro braids (20- to	crankbaits Hopkins and Acme	sinkers Eagle Claw an Gamakatsu d
	Rickey Vess, Buster's Bait & Tackle; Huntsville, Ala.	largemouth, catfish	Tournament Series Bass Pro rods & Quantum Escalade baitcasters		50-pound tests) and Ande Backcountry Blue mono (20- to 30-pound tests)	metals (1/2-, 3/4- and 1-ounce models); Spro jigs and Berkley Gulp Summer Mullet	style circle h 2/0 sizes)
Northeast	Greg Bogan, Brielle Bait & Tackle; Brielle, N.J.	summer flounder (fluke), bluefish	Shimano's TR 100 and 200G levelwinds, Daiwa's Black Gold spinning reels and Penn's 550SSG spinning reels; Daiwa's Sealine rods and Star rods		Berkley Big Game and PowerPro	Bomber plugs (5 to 7 inches)	Sampo swi octopus-st Gamakatsu Mustad ho
TR	Richard Rose, Surfstick Tackle; Taunton, Mass.	striped bass, bluefish	Newell conventional reels; custom rods with Lamiglas blanks		P-Line Floroclear (green mist) and Seaguar InvizX (8- to	C Flash crankbaits, model 44 magnum (bluegill pattern), Berkley Hand	Gamakatsu v hooks (2/0 si
Midwest	Brody Holden, The Angler; Hudson, Ind.	bluegill, largemouth	St. Croix Mojo rods and Shimano		12-pound tests)	Pour Finesse Worms	Mojo drop sh
	Jerry Simpson, Jerry's Tackle Shop; Highland, III.	largemouth, catfish	Symetre spinning reels Quantum Omega 2 reels and St. Croix medium action rods (6- to 7-foot lengths)		Berkley Trilene and Stren Original (8-, 10-, and 12-pound tests)	Bomber Model 5s (green weenie); Gene Larew Salt Craws	Bullet Weigh 1/4-ounce siz and Gamakat circle hooks (3/0 and 4/0 sizes)
West	Mike Thompson, Fisherman's Industry Supply; Ventura, Calif.	white sea bass, barracuda, albacore, California halibut	Avet's SX, MX conventional reels; Calstar rods (7- to 8-foot lengths, medium to medium-light)		P-Line and Izorline XXX mono (green, 20- to 25-pound tests)	Salas and Tady surface jigs; Berkley Gulp Jerk Shad (new penny color)	Owner's Aki Mutu circle h Mustad's Big (1/0 to 3/0)
	Kyle Cook, Fishermen's Choice Pro Shop; Phoenix, Ariz.	largemouth	Shimano Curado baitcasters; Shimano's Crucial and Cumara rods (7-foot, medium- heavy); G.Loomis casting rods		Sunline Super FC Sniper	Phenix Vibrator jigs (1/2- to 5/8- ounce), Heddon Super Spooks (bone color); Reaction Innovations	Tru-Tungster bullet weigh

Line

**Stren Microfuse and** 

**Berkley Trilene XL** 

(12-pound test)

Seaguar InvizX

**Beavers** 

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Terminal Tackle	Overview		
Water Gremlin sinkers and Mustad hooks (4/0 and 5/0 sizes)	"It's been good early in the morning and at night, especially for anglers using the new Punisher Castglow black light."		
Eagle Claw Baitholders (sizes 2 and 4); Bullet Weights 1-ounce casting sinkers	"We have the best bass fishing in the entire U.S. right now. It took almost 22 pounds to win a three-fish- limit tourney recently."		
Eagle Claw and Gamakatsu octopus- style circle hooks (1/0 to 2/0 sizes)	"Lots of fluke are being caught but not a lot of keepers. Small blues inshore and bigger ones for those on boats."		
Sampo swivels; octopus-style Gamakatsu and Mustad hooks	"The fishing has been good for folks fishing for stripers and blues. It's been slow off the beach."		
Gamakatsu wide gap hooks (2/0 size) and Mojo drop shot weights	"The bluegill are biting, but they've gone deep. Bass fishing is so-so with no fronts and no rain lately."		
Bullet Weights (1/8- and 1/4-ounce sizes), and Gamakatsu circle hooks (3/0 and 4/0 sizes)	"Lots of rain has both lakes way over summer pool. Slow fishing for bass right now, though the catfish are biting well."		
Owner's Aki Twist and Mutu circle hooks; Mustad's Big Gun hooks (1/0 to 3/0)	"It's just starting to get good for white sea bass and California halibut."		
Tru-Tungsten and Kanji bullet weights; Gamakat- su and Owner hooks	"The fishing's been awesome on both reservoirs. Fifty-fish days for anglers who are catching largemouth bass."		