



## **LAKE MEAD WINTER FISHING IS STILL A GOOD BET**

It happens every year. The fishing season has changed from summer to winter. With the change of season comes a change in the fishing style we use on Lake Mead. I've just spent all summer throwing lures and dropping jigs on active fish. In the past two weeks, the air temperature has dropped over 25 degrees and the water temperature has gone with it. The bait is moving towards deep water where it will winter anywhere from 80-150 feet below the surface. This starts our six months of bait fishing. In the last week, I've started dropping my anchor in 160 feet of water and catching fish from 130-150 feet deep.

Now comes the time for searching the open water for the small pieces of structure that will protect the shad through the winter. Once you find these areas, fish can be caught there for anywhere from a few days to three-to-four-weeks. When the bait moves out of that area, it's time to search again.

You can catch great numbers of schooling size stripers on Lake Mead throughout the entire year. Even though the water is cold, hooking into a 3-pound striper in 130 feet of water can be quite a fight.

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