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LAKE MEAD SPRING FISHING IS IN FULL SWING.....With shallow water temperatures rising above 64 degrees, the largemouth spawning season is completed and the fish will be moving to summer holding areas. Threadfin shad have moved into shallow water and are spawning. This marks the beginning of the late spring and early summer fishing season.

Striped bass are following the shad in and can be caught in the early mornings with a variety of shallow water baits. Stripers are also preparing themselves for the spring spawn. By finding areas holding shad, anglers can target large schools of stripers and the catch can be fantastic.

Daytime temperatures on Lake Mead are warming into the mid-80s which makes for some beautiful mornings on the lake. Comfortable temperatures and good fishing create conditions where it's not unusual for an angler to put a limit of twenty stripers in the boat. As the stripers get closer to their spawn, the action becomes faster and larger catches are common.

As we move towards the hot weather of early June, smaller stripers begin the cycle of slurping the surface for bait, moving towards the full boils of summer. As the season moves forward, the shad and the stripers chasing them become larger and more aggressive. You can almost feel the anticipation of the local fisherman waiting for acres of stripers busting surface in the early morning hours.

During the month of May and through early June, the best fishing for stripers will be in thirty-to-sixty feet of water using live shad or cut anchovies. By chumming, the angler can hold schools of striper under the boat and everyone in the party can be hooked up at the same time.

For more information about Lake Mead conditions and chartered fishing trips on Lake Mead, contact Captain Michael Swartz at fishvegascom@earthlink.net or you can talk with Captain Mike personally by calling 702-293-6294. You can visit the FishVegas website at <http://www.fishvegas.com>.

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