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***South Carolina Wildlife* magazine . . .**  
**behind the scenes!**

# South Carolina Wildlife

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*Don't miss the July-August 2025 edition of South Carolina Wildlife! This spectacular cover photo was captured off the coast of South Carolina by SCDNR biologist James Strange.*

**SCW Behind the Scenes . . .**

Let's go behind the scenes with *South Carolina Wildlife* Art Director Kathy Diaz as she fine-tunes the brilliant spectrum of colors on each page of the July-August issue of *SCW* magazine, including this spectacular cover photographed by SCDNR biologist James Strange! Diaz works alongside staff at East Coast Web Printers and Sun Solutions to adjust color and approve pages as the printing process begins.



**Printing the cover!**

During this stage of proofing at Sun Solutions, shades of blue, yellow and a range of other colors are adjusted to make sure *South Carolina Wildlife's* July-August 2025 cover is ready to roll!



## Color check at East Coast!

The interior pages of the magazine are printed at East Coast Web Printers. SCW's Kathy Diaz works with printing staff to fine-tune the colors of each page. This can be a tedious process that requires a professional eye. The collaborative efforts and combined experience of East Coast Web staff and *South Carolina Wildlife's* art director ensure that the colors on each page are just right.

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*Prothonotary warbler*

**The July-August issue of *South Carolina Wildlife* features a tour through Audubon's Beidler Forest, an 18,000-acre wildlife sanctuary in Harleyville, the central part of the state's Lowcountry.**



*Yellow-crowned night heron*

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**SCW Behind the Scenes . . .**

## A Full-Circle Moment for Fisheries Educators

*South Carolina Wildlife* staff joined SCDNR fisheries educators Pam Corwin and Mary Rhett Davidson at Lake Murray to talk about the significance of the Sport Fish Restoration Act in South Carolina and across the country. The Sport Fish Restoration Program was created in 1950 to restore and better manage America's declining fish resources. Permanent funding for fishery conservation, education, fish hatchery operations and stocking programs helped restore aquatic habitats and increase fish populations. Today, recreational fishing opportunities abound across the Palmetto State, and these scenic rivers and lakes attract visitors year-round.

SCDNR educators Corwin and Davidson were overjoyed to experience first-hand the success of SCDNR hatchery operations at Lake Murray. Plentiful numbers of healthy striped bass were running during this recent outing.



*Pam Corwin holds up a healthy striped bass at Lake Murray.*

Saltwater recreational fishing outreach biologist Pam Corwin holds up a healthy striped bass, one of many bass that were running at Lake Murray on this day. This is a full-circle moment for Corwin, as her career started out with fisheries research and hatchery operations. In her current role as a saltwater fishing educator, she enjoys teaching students of all ages how to fish and the importance of conservation practices.



*Mary Rhett Davidson and a hefty striped bass caught in Lake Murray waters.*

SCDNR freshwater fisheries aquatic education coordinator Mary Rhett Davidson prepares to release this hefty striped bass. Davidson organizes training seminars for volunteer fishing instructors and facilitates SCDNR fishing clinics. Many Midlands and Upstate students also participate in the Trout in the Classroom program.



*Mary Rhett Davidson stands beside SCDNR's TakeMeFishing trailer, which is fully loaded with fishing gear for fishing clinics around the state. Photo by SCDNR photographer Allison DeVore*

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Be sure your SCW subscription is up to date and stay tuned to learn more about [SCDNR fishing educators](#) and the history of [Sport Fish Restoration](#) in the SCW September-October 2025 edition.

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*Lake Murray sunrise. photo by SCW editor Cindy Thompson*

## **The Sport Fish Restoration Act is celebrating its 75th anniversary!**

Did you know that the [Sport Fish Restoration Act](#) helps sustain [SCDNR hatchery](#) operations across the Palmetto State? Funding also supports aquatic habitat enhancement, fish stocking in public waterways, and abundant recreational fishing opportunities for all.

**Jack D. Bayless** fish hatchery in St. Stephen is one of five [hatcheries](#) in South Carolina serving a vital role in the management of our state's fishery resources. Bayless fish hatchery is responsible for producing larval stages of striped bass, hybrid striped bass, American shad and incubation of robust redhorse eggs. Striped bass larvae produced at Bayless hatchery are transported to various SCDNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife hatcheries for grow out to fingerling size.

**Dennis Wildlife Center** in Bonneau houses many agency functions, but the main objective of the Center is to produce fingerling striped bass and their hybrids for stocking in reservoirs and coastal streams, and to serve as a district office for fisheries, wildlife management and law enforcement operations.

**Cohen Campbell** fish hatchery is one of five in South Carolina serving a vital role in the management of our state's fishery resources. The Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery is a warm water fish hatchery, producing approximately 1 million fish annually for stocking in South Carolina's public lakes and rivers to enhance

recreational fishing activities. The hatchery also raises freshwater mussels as part of ongoing research and to stock in rivers and streams.

**Spring Stevens** fish hatchery is a warm water fish hatchery, meaning it produces a variety of fish species that do best in summer water temperatures of 75 to 85°F. These species include striped bass and channel catfish to help support recreational fishing. Spring Stevens Fish Hatchery rears approximately 500,000 fish annually for stocking in South Carolina's public lakes, reservoirs and rivers. Spring Stevens fish hatchery is just south of the Lancaster County town of Heath Springs.

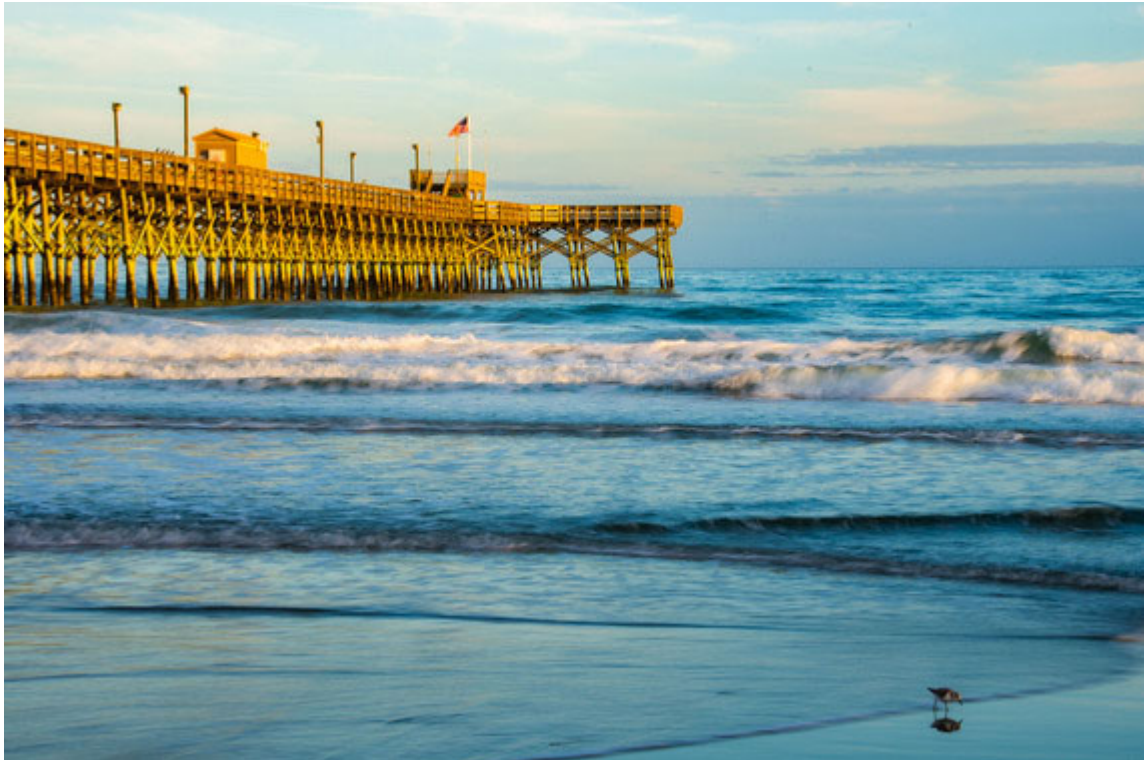
**Cheraw Fish Hatchery** is a warm water fish hatchery, producing some 2 million fish annually for stocking in South Carolina's public lakes and rivers to enhance recreational fishing activities. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, threadfin shad and channel catfish are raised at this hatchery.

The state fish hatchery in **Walhalla** raises brown, brook and rainbow trout for stocking the public waters of South Carolina. Most of the trout are cultured to a catchable size of 9 to 12 inches before they are released. Fingerling trout are also produced to enhance the trout fishery. Approximately 500,000 trout are produced and stocked annually by the hatchery.

Learn more about [SCDNR hatcheries](#), fisheries education and conservation efforts in the September-October 2025 edition of *South Carolina Wildlife!*

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Apache Pier, Myrtle Beach. photo by SCW editor Cindy Thompson

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