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# The 2019 Shad Report

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## **The Last of the Firsts**

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When warm weather was predicted for this past weekend, I felt certain that the first American shad of the season would be caught on Saturday when so many lines would be in the water. Instead, Jim Stables jumped the gun and took one from his kayak on Thursday, March 28. Congratulations to Jim for securing the first catch two years in a row! He works hard at this and knows how to target Americans, so the honor is well deserved. The arrival of DC's Official Fish by late March has become the norm in recent years. Decades ago in a previous climate and state of mind, we associated the start of the run with the dogwood bloom. On my tree some of the buds have just begun to spread. The best fishing will come in the weeks ahead when these enchanting flowers are fully