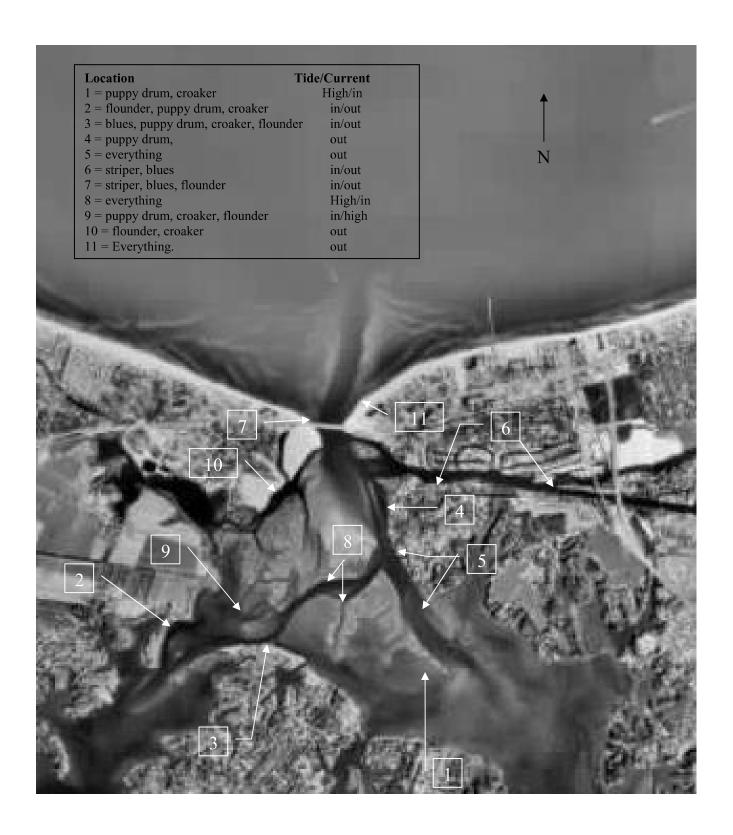
Lynnhaven Bay



- 1. Osprey nest/Eastern Branch Flats: Look for the Osprey nest south of the last few (easternmost) islands. The water back here is shallow so be cautious. This has been a good spot for Puppy Drum and Croaker, notably toward high tide. The bottom is a combination of mud, sand and weeds. A weedless fly is recommended. Stealth is important here. Fish this area on the tail end of a flood tide. On a ebb tide you can fish the channel on the North side of the islands
- 2. Church Point: Look for the cut, deep water 6-8 feet, and fish along it. Cast around the docks too, especially at night.
- 3. Fuentes Point: Larry Clemens caught two 30+ inch drum in August 2001. He fished the last of the incoming tide. Large bunny hair flies with heavy eyes. He was anchored near the no wake sign casting toward the tip of the rocks. Most of the fish were hitting shortly after the line reached the bottom. This spot is also known for croaker and blues. When approaching this area at night be extremely cautious, the pilings marking the private jetty are colored with red a green reflective marks Don't confuse the private piles with the channel or you could end up on the rig rap.
- 4. "The Mailbox": Named for the white house that sits along the bank, the spot can hold a variety of fish including drum.
- 5. Eastern Branch. Lots of water moving past this shore. The point farthest east is supposedly a good all around spot.
- 6. Broad Bay Cut: If you're willing to deal with all the traffic along this route, this can be a good stretch. There are Stripers and blues in here. The blues often feast at night under the lights near are high water. Stripers and large flounder are frequently targets by conventional anglers under the lights oftebllues
- 7. Bay Side of the Lesner Bridge (Wading): Good stripers, blues and flounder spot. Outgoing current with a northeasterly breeze sets up some dramatic surf. This can be a lot of fun in the Fall when then stripers are feeding aggressively on the bait that's being flushed out of Lynnhaven, especially at first light. There is a very strong current here that has claimed many lives, use extreme caution! Use fast sinking lines for best results.
- 8. Western Branch: There are several islands and cuts in this area which channel water depending on the wind and the tide. Food gets washed through these cuts into the main channel or back toward the grasses. Try fishing this area on a dropping tide as the majority of water moves into the deeper channels. Anchor near the openings between the islands where the water is flowing out into the channel. Fish this on a dropping tide with big flies in deep water.
- 9. Western Branch Flats: Good spot for croaker and red drum. This area gets shallow, so be careful! Also note there is a very shallow bar between the flats and the Western Branch channel. The bottom is a combination of sand, mud and weeds. Art and I watched a Flounder here completely clear the water chasing his meal!
- 10. The slough: This is an easy spot to wade. Park your car near along the Community Park and walk out to the water. This can be a good for Flounder and Croaker, spot.
- 11. Duck Inn Beach. There is a slough that runs along this beach.