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*Praise for the previous edition:*

“If it swims in the waters of his home state, award-winning outdoor writer Bob Gooch tells you where to find it, what it will eat, and how big it will grow in this comprehensive look at fishing in Virginia. . . . If you’re fishing in Virginia for the first time, this book will get you pointed in the right direction.”—*Salt Water Sportsman*

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## **VIRGINIA FISHING GUIDE**

M. W. Smith Offers an Updated Version of a Classic

In 1988, Bob Gooch’s first edition of VIRGINIA FISHING GUIDE supplied all the necessary details on public fishing waters in the state—the size of the body of water, the character of the water, its location, its access points, and the variety of fish present. Gooch described the various freshwater and saltwater fish in Virginia, their characteristics, and the waters they prefer, and presented information on fishing methods and on how to clean and cook the fish.

In this second edition of Bob Gooch’s **VIRGINIA FISHING GUIDE (September 2011; UVA Press)**, M. W. Smith offers an updated version of a classic work of Virginia outdoor literature. Providing a new preface and appendices, Smith also recasts the volume’s introduction and site listings to reflect such changes as new “catch and release only” designations and stocking schedules (for trout streams). This edition features a fresh design with new maps and photographs.

**Bob Gooch** (1919-2006) was a freelance outdoor writer whose many publications include *Lake Fishing in Virginia* and *Enjoying Virginia Outdoors* (both Virginia). **M. W. Smith** is Professor of English at Bluefield State College and the author of a number of fishing guides, including *Fishing the New River Valley*, *Fishing the Roanoke Valley*, and *Fishing the Shenandoah Valley* (all Virginia). He is the proprietor of Greasy Creek Outfitters, a fishing guide service and retailer based in Floyd, Virginia.

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