

[FirstMate iPhone App Tested & Approved](#)

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FirstMate: One Bad Ass iPhone App

Bay Area Anglers with an iPhone need this app now. No more fumbling through more than one app to get the information you need to put together a successful fishing trip. This app has it all...at least everything I can think of. Want to know what the weather conditions will be like a week from now? It's available. How about a color weather radar showing any approaching storm within 100 miles? Tides? Barometric pressure? Yeah, it's all here.

I took this app out fishing with another bay area angler for a test run. I wanted to know if I would be getting my money's worth. I needed to know. So while I was out on the fishing spot I had the opportunity to check the accuracy of the tides, weather and other important data the app provides. It was spot on. Additionally I was able to play with the S.L.O.B. feature...which is probably one of the top reasons why this app is so cool.

Here's how the S.L.O.B. works.



After catching a redfish I snapped a quick picture and then saved the picture along with the name of the species, size & length of the fish and clicked save and the app did the rest. Along with the picture and data I placed in for the fish the app also recorded the weather conditions at the time as well as the GPS location (longitude & latitude coordinates) so you can always get back to your honey holes. Additionally you can share your spot with friends via email, Facebook & Twitter.

Heck, bragging isn't good sportmanship but it's like the old saying goes; no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley.

Overall I highly recommend the Firstmate fishing app for the iPhone. The one draw back, in this contributor's opinion, is the small banner advertisement on the app. Otherwise the app is flawless and highly recommended.

Features:

- Major & Minor Feeding Times
- Barometric Pressure Readings
- Tide Charts
- Weather Conditions, Forecasts & Color Weather Radar
- Moonrise/Moonset & Current Moon Phase
- S.L.O.B. (store photos and important information about your catch)

The FirstMate iPhone app can be ordered [here](#)

Note: For those with other smart phones, I spoke with Sammy Lee of Sammy Lee Enterprises (the developer of the app) and he assured me this app would soon be out for other smart phones in the future.

-J. Addington
Bay Area Anglers