

**The answer to the meta will tell you what the fisherman said to the one that got away.**

**Across**

- 1 Slippery MIT fish abandons woman and strips (6)
- 5 Fish, variedly cast (5, 3)
- 9 Liberal article describing route not taken by the British (4)
- 10 Headless horseman's time to retire (5)
- 11 Creature sought and ultimately found in marine movie (4)
- 12 Old European cheese found in Central Iran (4)
- 13 A hidden fish (3)
- 14 By the looks of it, appeared before enraged V.A. judge without essentially begging (4,2)
- 16 Tranquility, perhaps, with plenty of fish (3)
- 17 Sounds like there's money in White Album song (4)
- 19 Paul Newman movie viewed in reverse - how silly of me! (3)
- 20 Fish might be high (6)
- 21 Shakespearean noble turns up in dirty saloon (6)
- 22 Octopod regularly makes bird sound (3)
- 23 Help a Cub with some fishy records (4)
- 24 Josh, Al, and a melting pot (3)
- 25 Class of fish formed by swimming tutors (6)

- 26 Total of 10 left (3)
- 27 Lilo, Stitch host TV drama (4)
- 29 God in empty catacomb might be a hermit (4)
- 31 Half-human fish head leads to smell coming back (5)
- 33 Heartless Muppet's body found at Canadian border (4)
- 34 That woman calls for fish (8)
- 35 Carrie announces separation (6)

**Down**

- 2 Iridescent shark eats unknown number of Africans (5)
- 3 Snake monster joins

- 4 Holiday might be trendy and new (3)
- 5 Spooner's steamy plate: shark (7)
- 6 Look into and lovelessly reject (3)
- 7 Restaurant flatware kept in warm drawers (4, 4, 7)
- 8 Left extension (and right, maybe) (3)
- 13 Starting a real partnership: Josh and Al. It's not easy! (7)
- 14 Film portrays pity about soldiers initially going the wrong way (3, 4)
- 15 6-0 loss stuns first string lineup (5)

- 18 Confederate general retreats ... and makes shocking capture! (5)
- 22 Wherein fish may be underpinned by lots of political divisions (7)
- 28 After slow start, fish makes huge jump (5)
- 30 Note about love for eggs (3)
- 31 Five spot propellor (3)
- 32 Ring really loudly and out-of-key (3)

