

GAME FISHING RULES

- 1/ From the time a fish strikes, or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided for in these regulations.
- 2/ If a rod holder is used and a fish takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible.
- 3/ If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish is to be caught on the single line most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
- 4/ A harness may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to a fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
- 5/ Use of rod belt or waist gimmel is permitted.
- 6/ When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the tip of the rod, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
- 7/ One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.
- 8/ The Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations shall apply until fish is weighed.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

- 1/ Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
- 2/ The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line (including the double line), either bodily, or with any device during the playing of the fish, or giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether chum, float-line, rubber-band or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by any one other than the angler during this progress.
- 3/ Resting the rod in a rod-holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish
- 4/ Hand lining or using a hand line or rope attached in any manner to the anglers line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
- 5/ Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
- 6/ Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any other part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
- 7/ Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of it's normal ability to swim.
- 8/ Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
- 9/ Splicing, removing or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
- 10/ Intentionally foul hooking the fish.
- 11/ Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
- 12/ Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
- 13/ Attaching the anglers line or leader to part of the boat or other objects for the purpose of lifting or holding the fish.
- 14/ If a fish escapes before gaffing and is recaptured by any method other than outlined in the angling rules.
- 15/ The act of any person touching any part of the leader when striking or hooking the fish..

THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH

- 1/ When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs it's angling characteristics.
- 2/ Mutilation to the fish prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by a shark, other fish, mammal, or propeller that remove or penetrate the flesh.
- 3/ When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.