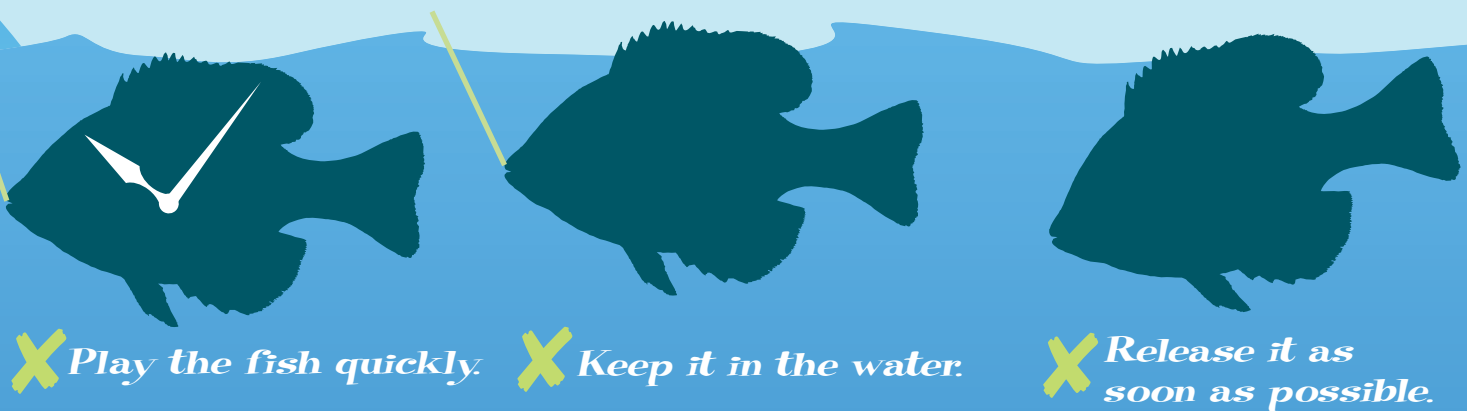


Care of the Catch

What will you do with the fish you catch?
That's a question you should answer before
you catch a fish-not after!

Releasing your catch

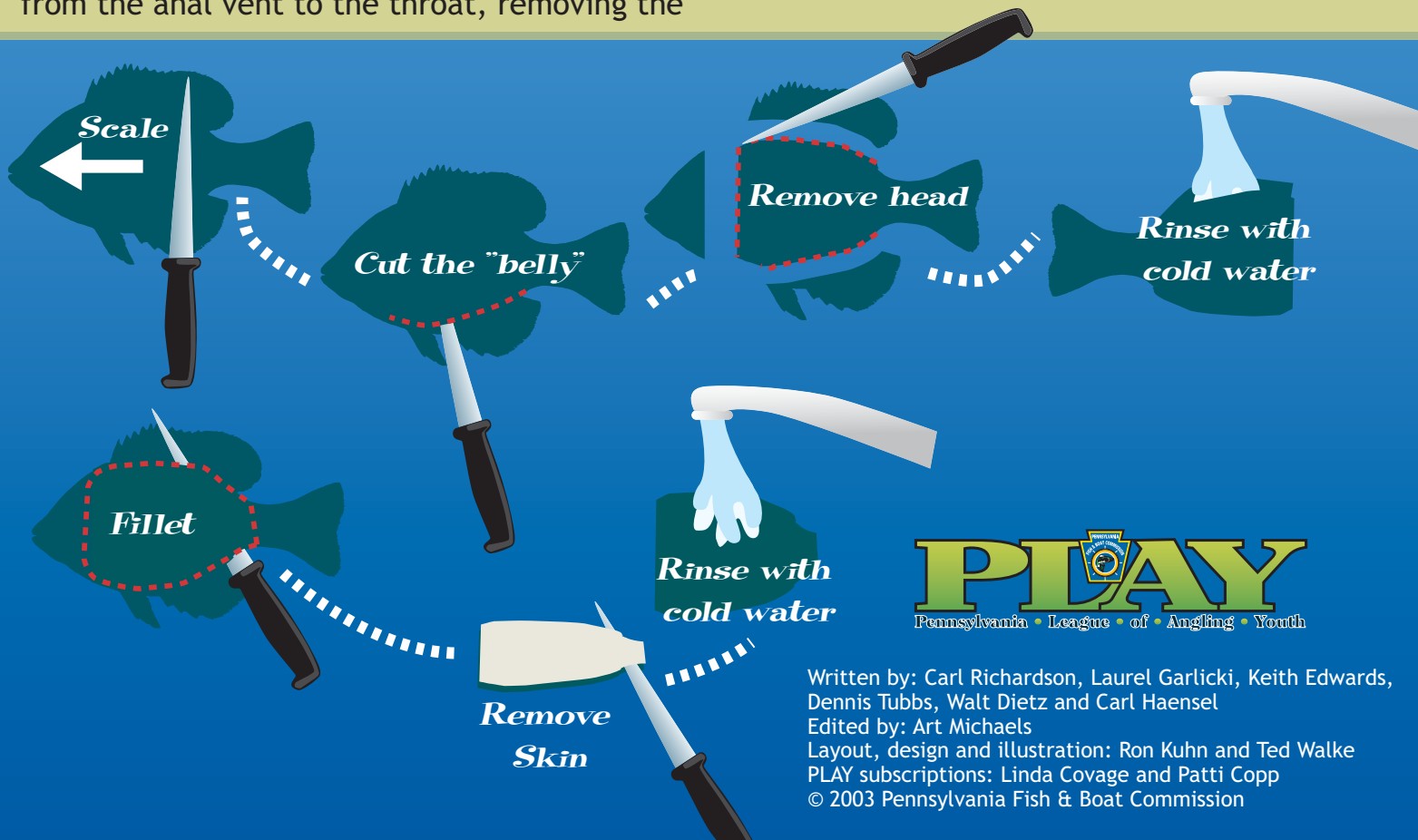
In some areas, you may be required to
release your catch. Releasing fish can help
our natural resources. If you plan to release



Keeping your catch

If it is legal and you are prepared, you may
choose to keep your catch. To do this properly
you need to dress the catch. Ask an adult to
dress your catch. When keeping a bass, use a
blow to the fish's head to stun it, making it
easier to handle. Cut the "belly" of the fish
from the anal vent to the throat, removing the

entrails and gills. Rinse the fish with clean
water and keep it cold, or it will spoil. Bass
and other sunfish family members are best
prepared by filleting. Sunfish should be kept
alive as long as possible, and may be filleted
without first dressing them.



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