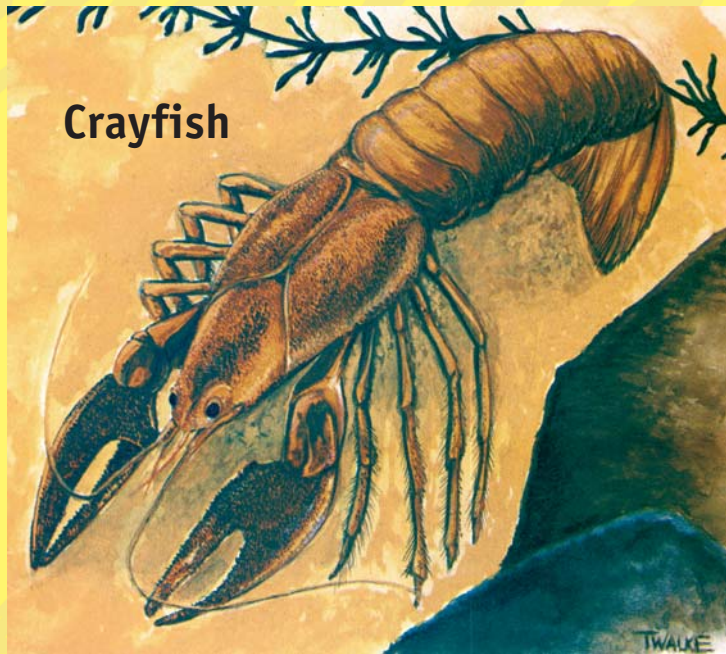


What's for supper?

Young perch eat small organisms called zooplankton. They also eat the immature stages of mayflies and true flies, or midges. Older fish eat bigger insects, snails, crayfish, fish eggs, and small baitfish, including small perch!

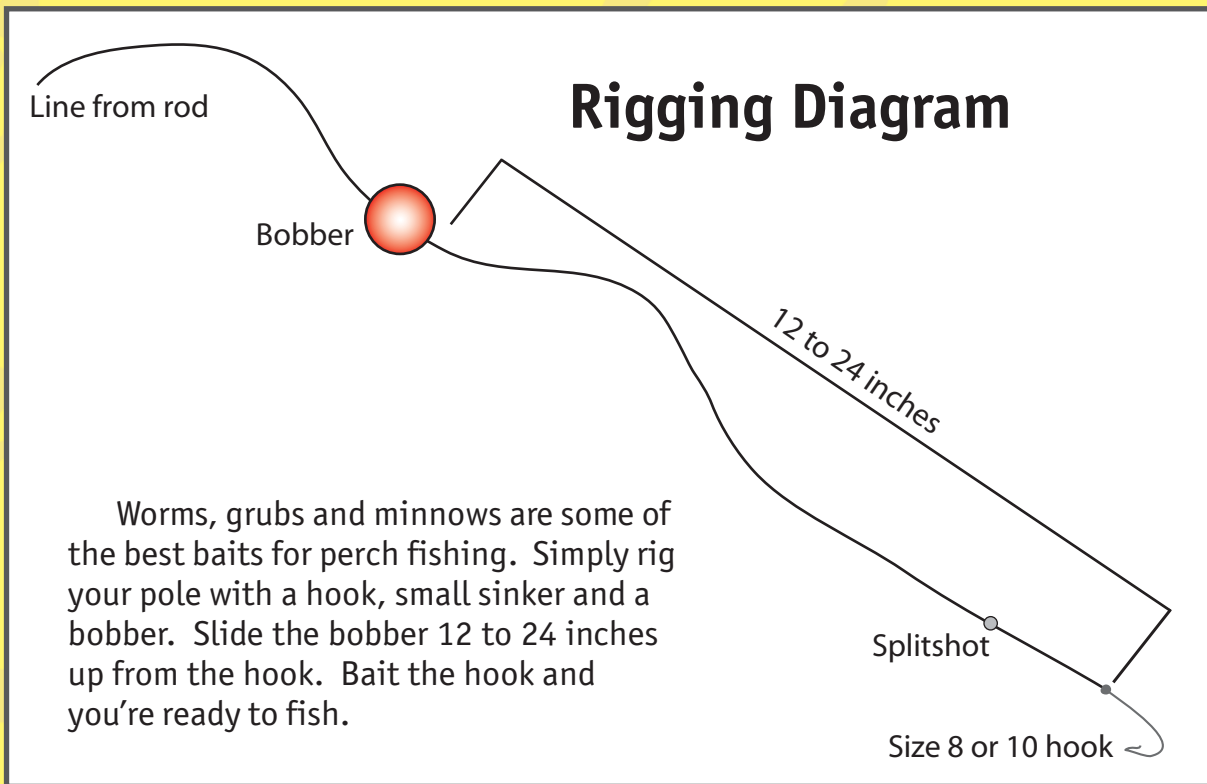


Emerald shiner



Crayfish

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When to fish?

The fishing season for perch is all year long in most of Pennsylvania. There is no size limit and you can keep up to 50 a day! However, a few lakes are in

the Panfish Enhancement Program and have special rules. Be sure to check the fishing regulations for the area you plan to fish.