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Oh boy, oh boy! There goes your bobber. It's disappeared under the water. That means you've got a bite. Now what do you do?



Hooking the Fish

First, set the hook by jerking your rod up and back quickly. If using a circle hook, skip the jerk and just reel.



Fighting the Fish

After the fish is hooked, keep your rod tip high and your line tight. Bring the fish in as quickly as possible.



Catch & Release

Handle your catch with care if you plan on releasing it.

Keep it Wet

- Remember that fish cannot breathe out of the water. If possible, keep the fish in the water while removing the hook.

Handle with Care

- Don't touch the fish's gills or place your fingers in the gill slits. This is where the fish takes in oxygen from the water. Gills are extremely sensitive to injury.



- Remove the hook carefully and quickly. If the fish swallows the hook deeply, cut the line.

Back to the Water

- Once you remove the hook, gently return the fish to the water. If the fish does not swim away, gently move it back and forth in the water. The water passing through the fish's gills will provide much needed oxygen to help revive it.

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Keeping your Catch?

Check the seasons, sizes and creel limits regulations. Your fish may be too small to keep or it may be out of season. See the current *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary* for more information.

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