

Handling and Caring of Fish



Safe Handling

- Wet your hands first before touching a fish. This prevents the fish's mucus coating from coming off. The mucus coating protects the fish from diseases and fungus.
- Support the fish by holding the head and the tail at the same time.
- Keep hands out of the gills.
- Avoid laying the fish on hot or dry surfaces like carpet, concrete, dirt and grass.
- Use a landing net to contain the fish until the hook is removed.

After Hooking a Fish

- Land it quickly.
- Keep it in the water and handle it as little as possible.
- Gently remove the hook and return it to the water.

Most competitive anglers use boats that have livewells. A livewell is a compartment built into the boat, used to store live fish and keep them healthy. An aerator keeps water in the livewell full of oxygen. Some anglers add ice when the water temperatures get too warm. Fish stay in the livewell until weighed at the end of a tournament. The fish are then released.



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