

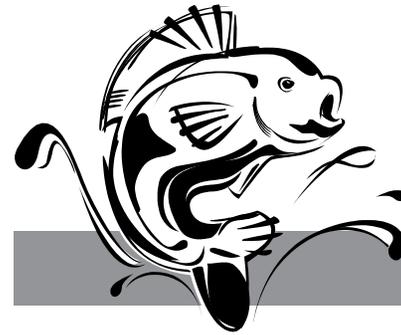
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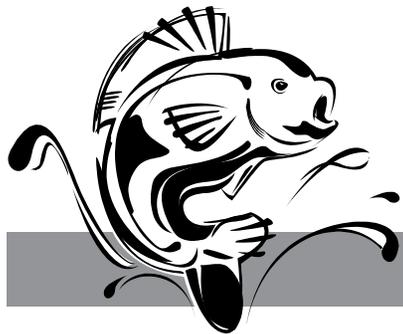
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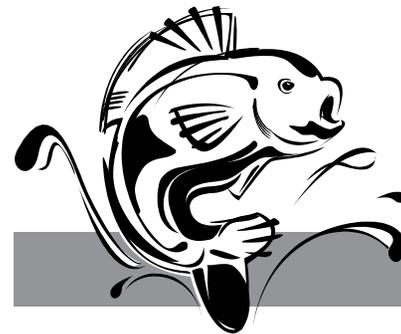
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You have reached your limit of Rainbow Trout. There are still plenty of trout biting and lots of room left in your cooler.

You decide to...



practice catch and release, releasing any additional trout you may catch.

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You haven't caught anything all day. You finally catch an undersized Largemouth Bass.

There is no one looking so you decide to...



carefully release the fish back into the water because it does not meet the legal length limit.

PWD CD K0700-804A (8/12)

You have just finished catching your daily bag limit, but your friend hasn't. Your friend asks you to help him catch his limit.

You tell your friend...



it is against the law for you to help him catch his limit. If you want to continue fishing, you will practice catch and release. (You may also want to donate some of your catch later if your friend would like to have more fish for supper.)

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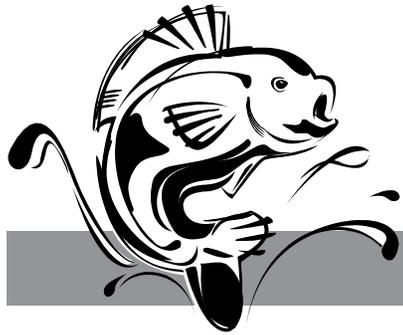
You are fishing for bass and all you seem to be catching are small gar.

You take each gar off the hook and...



carefully release it because all fish play a role in the aquatic ecosystem – even species some people might wrongly refer to as “trash” fish.

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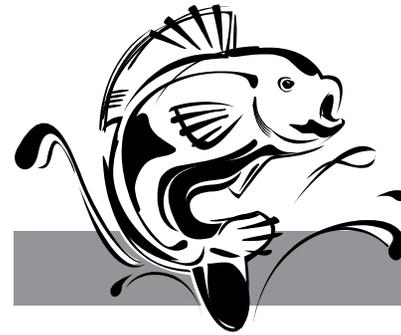
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You are using a cast net to catch some live finger mullet and shrimp to use as bait. Along with the shrimp and mullet you catch several hundred small shad. You don't want to use the shad for bait.

You decide to...



get the shad back in the water as soon as possible because you realize they provide food for other fish and are an important part of the ecosystem.

PWD CD K0700-804A (8/12)

You have caught three red drum, one of which is over the maximum length limit. You have already used your red drum tag for the year, but your friend has not.

You decide to...



release the red drum for someone else to catch legally. Our laws help everyone play a role to protect fish populations.

PWD CD K0700-804A (8/12)

You have caught the BIG one and are having trouble reeling it in. A nearby adult who does not have a fishing license offers to help you.

You decide to...



try to reel it in yourself since it would be illegal and unethical for that person to help you.

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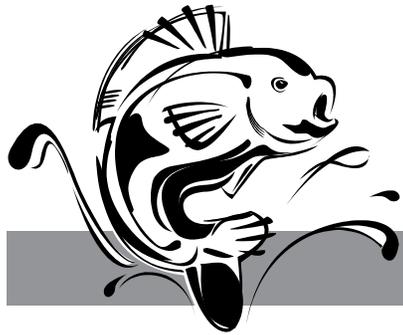
You arrive at your favorite fishing spot only to find someone else there fishing.

You decide to...



find another fishing spot, carefully and quietly walking along the shoreline so not to disturb the fish or the other angler.

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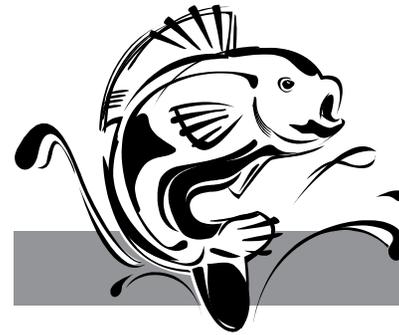


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You are fishing off of a jetty on the coast and notice that the person fishing before you left some line on the rocks. He also left a drink can and a candy wrapper.

You decide to...



pick it up and dispose of it properly to help keep aquatic habitats healthy for wildlife. Always “leave it better than you found it” so we can all preserve our fishing privileges and opportunities.

PWD CD K0700-804 (8/12)

You are sitting outside your house when you notice your neighbor putting something into the street gutter and storm drain.

You decide to...



politely explain to your neighbor that everything is connected. The storm drain empties directly into the neighborhood creek which flows to the river and eventually to the ocean. All trash, cigarette butts, grass clippings, leaves, paint and motor oil can harm aquatic life. Ask him/her if you can help them dispose of the items properly.

PWD CD K0700-804 (8/12)

You get your line tangled in an overhanging branch and have to cut off a large length of line. You can see that some of the line is hanging in the water within reach.

You decide to...



gather up as much of the line as you can safely and pack it out, because you know that wildlife can get tangled in leftover fishing line and can die.

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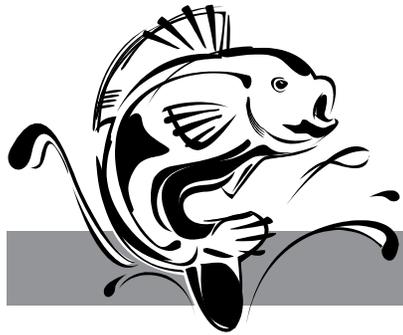
You are fishing with a friend who threw his drink cans in the water. He tells you that the drink cans provide cover for small fish and are good for the river or lake.

You decide to...



explain to him that natural objects such as tree branches and large rocks make better cover for fish. Man-made objects like bottles and cans can become hazardous to people, fish and wildlife.

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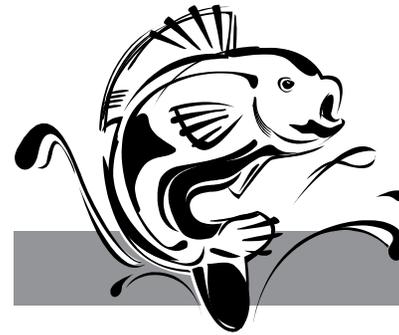


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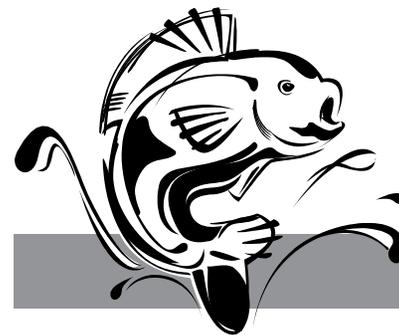


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You are moving and can't take your aquarium with you. It may have turtles or fish, snails and plants that you don't want to die.

You decide to...



give the aquarium, turtle, fish, snails and plants to a friend or someone that will take care of them. Releasing them into a nearby creek or river is not a good choice because they are not native to that waterbody. They could upset the food chain, out-compete the native species for food and habitat, or could carry disease or parasites harming the native or endangered species living in that waterbody.

PWD CD K0700-804 (8/12)

You see family or friends wasting water at home.

You decide to...



politely explain to them that plants and animals need water every day just like people. By conserving water at home, school and work they can help protect the plants and animals that live in the rivers, aquifers and ocean.

PWD CD K0700-804 (8/12)

You are helping to clean your home bathroom and find some old medicine.

You decide to...



be responsible and take the medicine to your local Household Hazard Waste facility or local pharmacy to be properly disposed or crush/mix it with cat litter in a small container and place it in the trash. Even small amounts of medicines flushed down toilets or sinks can harm fish, frogs and other aquatic species in the wild.

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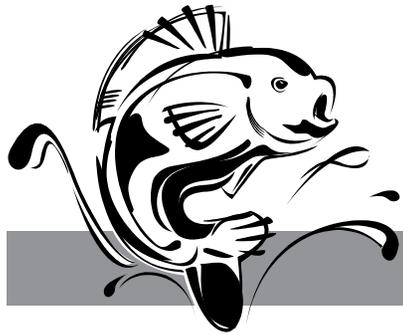
You are at the sporting goods store to buy some fishing tackle for your next fishing trip. You see that the store has both lead and lead-free sinkers.

You decide to...



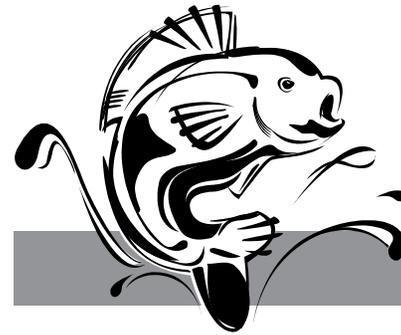
buy the lead-free sinkers even though they may be more expensive because it's safer for the environment. While you're there you also decide to buy some barbless hooks too.

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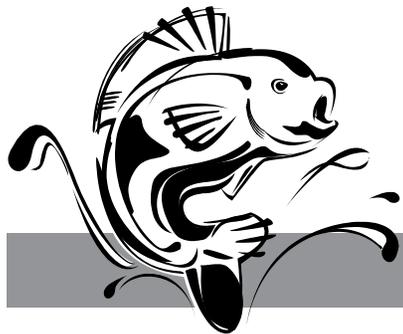
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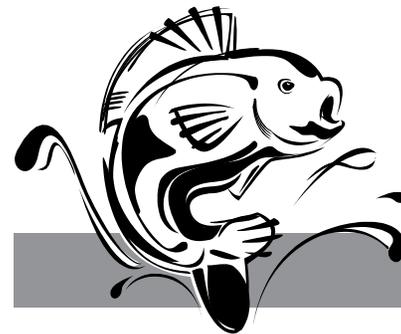
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You cannot keep more than your limit of any species of fish per day.



TRUE

This is called the “daily bag limit.” Bag limits vary by fish species. Check the current Outdoor Annual for information on daily bag limits, but note that certain sites may have different bag limits.

PWD CD K0700-807 (6/12)

To fish legally in Texas, people age 17 and older must buy a fishing license.



TRUE

A valid fishing license with a freshwater or saltwater stamp endorsement is required to take fish, mussels, clams, crayfish, or other aquatic life in the public waters of Texas.

You do not need a fishing license if are fishing on State Park property or in waters completely enclosed by a State Park. There are reduced or free licenses for senior citizens, active duty military personnel, and mentally disabled persons. Check the Outdoor Annual for more information.

PWD CD K0700-807 (6/12)

You must have a license if you are fishing into lakes and rivers (which are public property) even if you are standing on private land.



TRUE

A fishing license is required for ALL public waters, even if you are on private land. You should also have permission from the landowner. However, you do not need a license to fish on private property in a private pond unless the landowner requires it.

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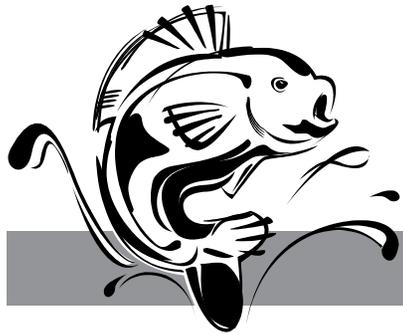
When measuring a fish, to see if it is within legal limits, you cannot count the length of the tail.



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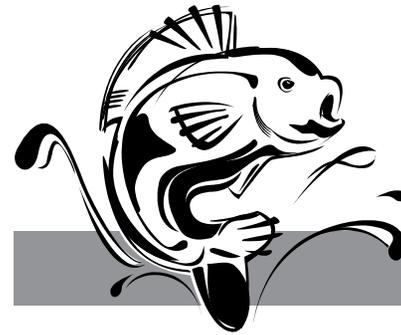
Using a fish measuring ruler or board, place the fish on its side with the jaw closed, squeeze the tail fin together or turn it in a way to obtain the maximum overall length. Measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.

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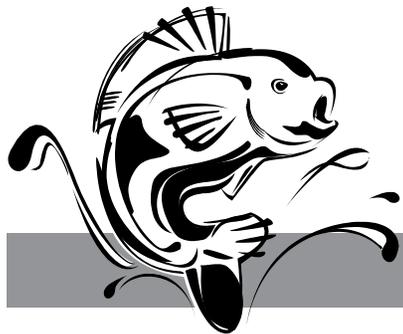
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You must have a Saltwater fishing license or an All-Water fishing license to take any saltwater fish, including crabs, shrimp and oysters.



TRUE

A person taking or attempting to take game and nongame fish including crabs, shrimp and oysters from saltwater for non-commercial purposes is required to have a valid fishing license.

PWD CD K0700-807 (6/12)

You can only purchase a fishing license on Sept 1.



FALSE

You can buy a fishing license anytime during the year. Fishing licenses expire on Aug 31st unless you have purchased a “Year-from-Purchase All-Water” license.

PWD CD K0700-807 (6/12)

It is legal to leave edible fish or bait fish to die.



FALSE

Waste of fish is unlawful. It is unlawful to leave edible fish or bait fish taken from the public waters of the state to die when you are not using it for food or bait.

PWD CD K0700-807 (6/12)

It is legal to catch a fish in one waterbody and decide later to release it in different waterbody.



FALSE

It is a violation of law to place any game fish into public waters, other than the body of water where the fish was caught, without a valid permit issued by TPWD.

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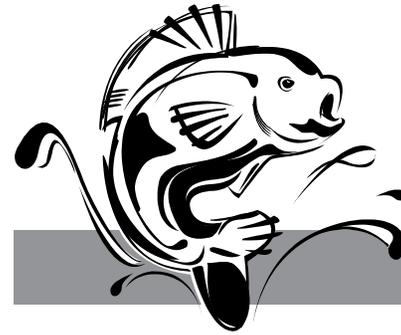
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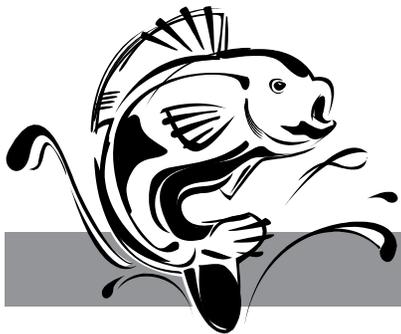
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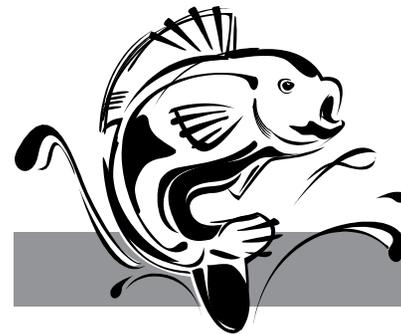
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Always wet your hands first before handling fish.



TRUE

Wet your hands before handling fish or use a wet rag or glove to handle the fish. Wet hands are less likely to damage the protective coating of slime on the outside of the fish. This slimy layer helps protect the fish's skin from disease and makes it glide easily in the water.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

If someone falls into the water, you should jump in to save them.



FALSE

Reach Throw and Go. Reach the person with something they can hang on to, or throw something that floats (a flotation device) out to them. Then go or send someone for help! Do not jump in and risk drowning yourself.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

When you land a fish it's okay to allow it to flop around the bank, the dock or floor of the boat.



FALSE

Fish should always be carefully handled. Leave the fish in the water while removing the hook, or turn the fish on its back to calm it. Large fish should be held horizontally and supported with two hands.

If you are releasing the fish, minimize the time fish is out of the water (no longer than you can hold your breath). Do not throw fish back into the water, gently place fish in the water, supporting the mid-section and tail until it swims away.

If you are keeping fish, your fish will taste much better if you take proper steps to keep it fresh. Put them in a live well, on ice or in a bucket of cool water until you can dress (clean) them.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

Always wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses when fishing.



TRUE

Hat and sunglasses protect your head and eyes from flying hooks, hot sun and glare from the water. In hot months, wear light-colored clothing, and take plenty of water with you. Polarized sunglasses also help reduce the glare from the water and help you see fish under the water. It's also a good idea to keep a small first aid kit in your tackle box.

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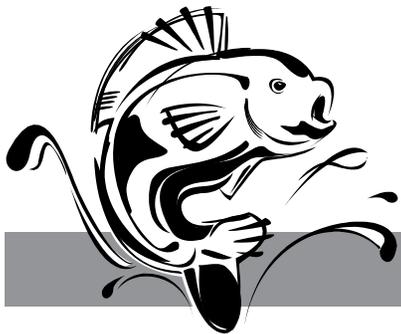
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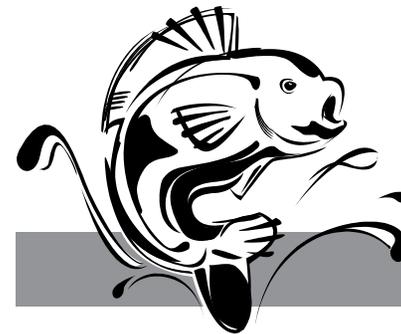
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Youth ages 13 and older do not have to legally wear lifejackets on boats.



TRUE

Youth ages 12 and under must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD) while underway. Make sure that the life jacket fits properly and is fastened securely. Wearing life jackets save lives so everyone regardless of age or swimming ability should wear a lifejacket. Eighty-five percent of drowning victims would be alive today if they were wearing a PFD.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

You do not need to look behind you every time you cast.



FALSE

Always look behind you and to each side before casting to avoid hooking anyone or anything. Remember, a safe distance between you and the next angler should be twice the length of your arm and a fishing rod.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

You should always go fishing with a buddy.



TRUE

Try to go fishing with someone such as a friend or relative. If something happens to you such as slipping down a bank, your buddy, can help you. Children should always have adult supervision, especially around water.

PWD CD K0700-806 (8/12)

It's better to drink sodas than water because they will give you energy to fish.



FALSE

Water will keep you hydrated better than drinks with sugar and/or caffeine.

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