

Blue Fish Sustainable Saltwater Fishing Tips

- 1.** Use corrosive / non-stainless steel hooks to shorten the time the hook will take to dissolve if left in a fish.
- 2.** Use non-offset circle hooks designed to hook fish in the jaw, reducing the chance of causing internal injuries to fish.
- 3.** Photograph and release fish while in the water whenever possible. Large fish can injure themselves and anglers, and cause damage to the interior of boats.
- 4.** The protective slime on a fish is important, so handle fish as little as possible. If you must handle a fish, only use wet hands, and never use a towel.
- 5.** Avoid lifting a fish from the water by the line. If you use a landing tool such as a Boga-Grip® to control the fish, use your hand to support the belly of the fish.
- 6.** If a fish needs to be taken out of the water to measure or vent it, or to remove the hook, this is another perfect opportunity to quickly take a picture.
- 7.** Avoid lifting a fish by its jaw, especially large fish. This can injure the fish so it can't feed normally and may harm its internal organs.
- 8.** If a hook is lodged deep in a fish's throat, cut the line as close as possible to the hook.
- 9.** If a net is needed to land or control the fish, always use a knotless rubber-coated net. Only gaff a fish when you intend to keep it.
- 10.** Gently release fish headfirst into the water. If a fish is exhausted, revive it before releasing it by moving the fish forward in the water with its mouth open, allowing water to flow through its mouth and over its gills. Be cautious of predators while reviving fish.