

Blue Fish Sustainable Pan Fishing tips

- 1.** Panfish live under docs and boathouses, and near rocks, weeds or around sunken brush.
- 2.** Panfish eat worms, grubs, flies and small fish, and can be caught using small artificial baits and lures.
- 3.** Use 4-6 pound test fishing line, non-lead weights and jigs sized 1/8 ounce or smaller, or non-offset size 8-12 circle hooks.
- 4.** Check harvest regulations before you go fishing and report tagged fish to aid with fish research.
- 5.** Use of small needle nose pliers can help with removing hooks, as does pinching down hook barbs.
- 6.** Cut the line near the hook if swallowed as fish can pass most small hooks safely.
- 7.** Hold fish out of water no longer than 30 seconds and always keep fish wet to protect the slime coating.
- 8.** Keep one of each panfish species in a bucket of water for observation, and change water regularly release fish.
- 9.** Never discard old fishing line, hooks, weights, artificial baits and live minnows into the environment.
- 10.** Always release extra-large panfish as these are the primary breeders.

5 common panfish

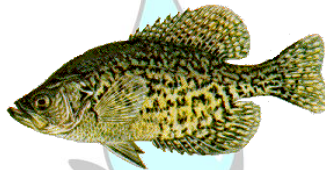
Perch



Pumpkinseed



Crappy



Bluegill



Rockbass

