

Blue Fish Canada Common Carp Sustainability Fishing Tips

- 1.** Rod, reel, line and tackle should be of sufficient strength to control carp properly to avoid over-tiring fish, keep them away from snags, and to prevent fish from breaking off or spooling your reel.
- 2.** Soak bait such as corn or nuts to ensure bait doesn't swell in the stomachs of fish.
- 3.** Use non-offset circle or barbless hooks, or hooks with micro-barbs, to reduce the chance of deep-hooking fish and to minimize hook wounds.
- 4.** Use smooth leader material or a rubberized coating to prevent injuring fins and scales while playing carp.
- 5.** Use lead weight release devices to ensure fish don't become tethered to snags.
- 6.** Don't fish along shores or on piers subject to large waves to prevent injuring fish.
- 7.** Make sure nets and weigh slings are knot-free or rubber and of sufficient size, and ensure fins are flat against the fish's body when placed in weigh sack...
- 8.** Keep forceps, needle nose pliers and hook cutters handy to remove hooks quickly, treat hook holes with an appropriate antiseptic, and use unhooking mats to prevent injuries to fish.
- 9.** Wet unhooking mats and weigh slings prior to use to avoid removing protective slime from fish.
- 10.** Wet hands and forearms and carry fish by supporting their bodies near the pectoral and anal fins. Be sure not to remove protective slime with your dry clothing.