

CATCH AND RELEASE GUIDELINES

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES AND YOUR FISH WILL HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING

- 1. Use barbless hooks or flatten the barb.
- 2. Avoid using multiple hooks because they can cause unnecessary damage.
- 3. Use tackle that is strong enough to bring fish to hand quickly, avoid overtiring them.
- 4. Use knotless mesh landing nets, to avoid damage to eyes, gills, fins and body.
- 5. Don't lift a fish by the tail or gill cover.
- 6. If possible, keep the fish in the water while releasing it.
- 7. Measure the fish against your rod or carry a soft measuring tape if you want to estimate its weight.
- 8. Hold the fish carefully, supporting it from beneath, until it recovers sufficiently to be released safely.