



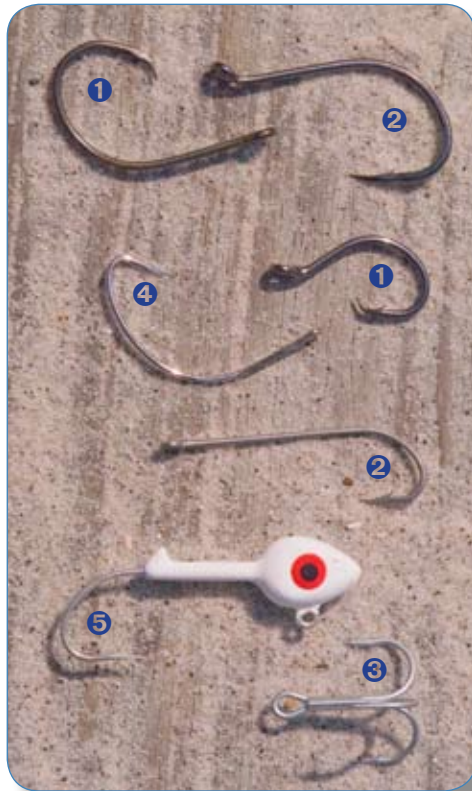
Types of Sinkers

- 1) **Pyramid** — used in sandy areas, surf fishing, high current areas
- 2) **Bank** — used in soft bottom areas, shell bottom, slow current areas
- 3) **Egg** — sandy slow current areas, drifting



Lures

- 1) **Jigging spoon with treble hook**
— used for speckled trout, gray trout (weakfish), bluefish, Spanish mackerel, dog fish — no sinker needed
- 2) **Jig head with grub** — used for speckled trout, gray trout (weakfish), flounder — no sinker needed



Types of Hooks

- 1) Circle
- 2) J-hook
- 3) Treble
- 4) Kahle
- 5) Jig hook

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Hooks, Lines and Sinkers



A Rigging Guide

Lures, hooks, sinkers and fishing line come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Knowing what rig to use is essential to a successful fishing trip.

Here are some of the most common and versatile fishing rigs to get you started:



Bottom Rig

Description

- 14-inch to 16-inch leader with barrel swivel at the top
- 3-inch to 4-inch dropper loops – choice of hook
- Snap swivel with pyramid or bank sinker

Bait used

- Cut bait, shrimp, squid, artificial or synthetic bait

Likely catches

- Black sea bass, pinfish, gray trout (weakfish), croaker, spot, bluefish, flounder, sea mullet, pigfish, oyster toadfish, sharks, sting rays



Spec Rig

Description

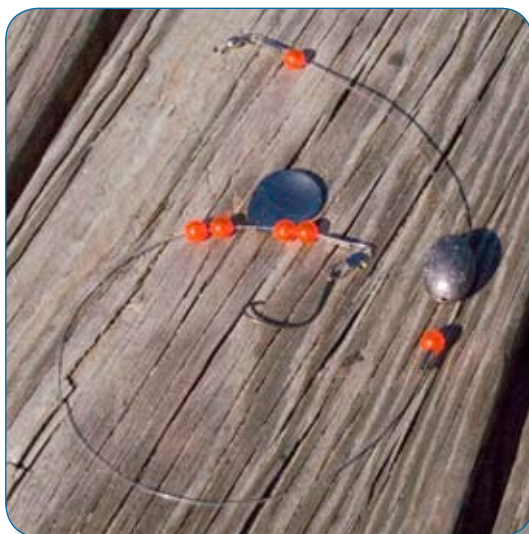
- 12-inch leader with a surgeon's loop at the top
- 2 small buck tail lures
- Surgeon's loop to attach a bank sinker one-third distance from bottom buck tail

Bait used

- Shrimp, squid, artificial or synthetic bait

Likely catches

- Gray trout (weakfish), spotted seatrout, flounder, croaker, sea mullet, spot, bluefish



Flounder Rig

Description

- 12-inch to 36-inch leader with barrel swivel at the top
- Egg sinker placed one-third distance from top with a crimp or stop to allow for movement of the sinker
- May add beads or spinners
- Hook of choice

Bait used

- Shrimp, squid, cut bait, mud minnows, finger mullet

Likely catches

- Flounder, bluefish, black sea bass, pinfish, pigfish, croaker, oyster toadfish, sharks, sting rays

Red Drum Rig

Description

- 6-inch leader with 4/0 or larger circle hook (pinch down or cut off barb)
- 2 ounce or larger egg sinker
- Beads on top and bottom of egg sinker prevent leader deterioration
- Barrel swivel at top of rig

Bait used

- Live or cut bait (mullet is the most common)

Possible catches

- Red drum, sting rays, sharks

