

SILVER PERCH

Silver perch can be taken at any time of the year and seem to show no preference to any particular time of the day or night. In the dams they will often form into schools, searching for food around submerged timber and weed beds. At times of rising water levels in the dams, they will move to the recently submerged grassy banks, where a nicely presented worm could come up with a silver perch. Fresh or live shrimp will attract their share of fish also. Lures will take the odd silver here and there but they are not highly recommended. In their natural environment this fish as well as the golden perch are known to produce hundreds of thousands of eggs and can replenish themselves rather quickly. However, it must be remembered that a dam does not necessarily constitute a natural environment and in most cases our dams are restocked by the Fisheries Department and numerous other organisations, so try not to get agitated if you have to buy a fishing permit, as the money goes back into restocking and research.

RODS, RIGS AND REELS

Set yourself up with a bass rod to 2m united with either a egg-beater or baitcaster reel capable of 200m by 4kg mono.

If using the bubble less rig, cast out and let the bait slowly work

it's way down to the submerged timbers or weed beds. Set the drag lightly and feed out a little loose line, keep the line loose at all times. Sometimes when silver perch get full of bad intent they will attack a bait and bolt without any prior warning. When this happens, show the fish who the boss is and gently lift the rod tip sinking in the hook. Set drag a little heavier and retrieve the fish, using a lift and wind motion, ie. - only retrieve line on downward motion until fish tires. At other times the presence of the fish will be indicated by the slack line slowly going taut as the fish cautiously picks up the bait and slowly moves away. A gentle lift of the rod tip when extra pressure is felt on the line will assist in driving the hook home. At this point set the drag a little heavier as the fish will make it's run, and believe me the ensuing battle will be well worth the time spent in getting the hook up.

Retrieve slowly, using the same lift and wind motion as previously mentioned. With the adjustable, bubble float rig, move the float up and down the mainline letting your bait sit at various depths until fish are located. The floats main purpose is to stop the bait from sinking into areas of snags or heavy weed growth. The float will submerge when a hook up occurs. Retrieve as previously mentioned. Sometimes they will make a grunting sound after capture. This fish is also particularly well suited to smoking.

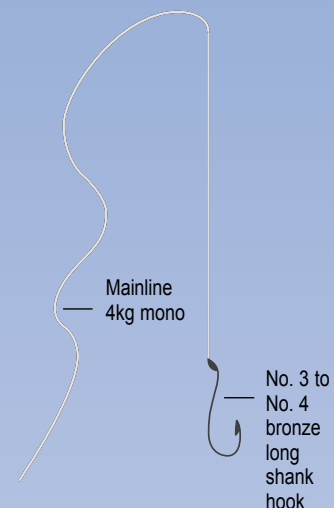
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SILVER PERCH = **SP**



BUBBLELESS RIG



ADJUSTABLE BUBBLE FLOAT RIG

