



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Aids to the angler--amateur and professional--in matters of tackle, bait and surf casting, "bug" and fly fishing, salt and fresh water trolling, together with a wealth of kindred sports lore, are included in Leaflet Number BB-8 (revised), released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Newest note in this popular annual publication, prepared by Talbot Denmead, in charge of Permits, Division of Game Management of the Service, is the suggestion throughout that matters piscatorial are, after all, pretty personal or localized. For instance, says Mr. Denmead in the beginning:

"This leaflet does not pretend to cover the subject of angling in the entirety, but attempts to give the inquirers a start and tell them where they can obtain complete and reliable information on subjects pertaining to fishing. Specific inquiries on fish and fishing will receive individual attention when possible. Requests for information should be definite.

"When specific information is requested on fishing, the Service endeavors to furnish whatever data it has on the subject, but generally, the State Fish and Game Departments are in a better position to supply detailed information on species, methods, best seasons, places to fish, etc.

"The Service cannot keep in touch with local conditions on all the waters of the states. Local sources of information are always more up-to-date as to angling

in any particular location, including best weather conditions, most successful baits, and suitable tackle. Among such sources are the State Conservation Agencies, the offices of the American Automobile Association, passenger agents of the railroads, local Chambers of Commerce, and such conservation organizations as Izaak Walton League Chapters and similar sportsmen's groups. The local sporting goods stores in any town, and the local game and fish wardens can supply helpful information on local fishing conditions."

Information, in the form of a bibliography of the newest books on the sport is included under each heading in the pamphlet, and a complete list of government publications of interest to the angler is also appended.

"While the sport of angling is perhaps on a higher plane in fly fishing than still fishing with bait," says the author, "there is no reason why those who obtain their keenest enjoyment from the light tackle and artificial lures should look down upon the brother who enjoys the various forms of fishing with real bait of any kind. Who among us cannot look back with pleasure on some of our pleasantest days spent with a rod and a can of worms? It is the contemplative man's sport. Varied are its methods. All fish can be induced to bite the real article, and will fight, provided the hook has not been swallowed, just as hard as when hooked on a minnow as on a bass bug. The bait angler can be just as clean a sportsman, if he obeys the laws and is not a fish hog, as when fishing by any other method. In much of the bait fishing, a cork or floater is used, and it gives the angler a thrill to see it commence bobbing up and down when a fish nibbles at the bait, or when the bob or cork disappears entirely under the water. However, many game fish are taken with light tackle, such as a fly rod, and line, with a 3-foot leader, 1 split shot for a sinker, and hook baited with a night crawler or minnow. (This is known as a 'Gypsy Rig.')

Recipes for an oil for dry flies, mosquito dope, poison ivy, and a formula for pork rind preservative are again included in the new publication.