

# *HOW TO KEEP A FISH ALIVE*

## **1. Use a single barbless hook, not this**

Our game warden calls this  
*TERMINAL TACKLE*,  
because it kills the fish.

*Pliers at gate for snipping barbs.*



## 2. Handle the fish gently, if possible with a net

Wet your hands, don't squeeze



### 3. Remove the hook and place the fish back in the water as quickly as possible

- If you want to take a picture, make it fast. Be ready before the fish is out of water.



*1/3 of trout out of the water for more than 30 seconds DIE*

# 4. Lower the fish into the water. She should swim away

*Wrong way*



Last, for the young kids who use hooks and worms that kill fish, I propose that we emphasize the educational value of the pond with a maxim that I was taught as a child and that is embedded in many cultures – *don't kill what you aren't going to eat*. Prepare the little kids to catch some fish, and then to enjoy them for dinner. It will be a memory they won't forget.

