

Best Hook Sets

Here are some suggested ways to set the hook on a strike. A lot of fish are missed because of poor hook sets.

- If you are fishing around docks or cover with a single hook bait like pitching a jig / tail in a mostly vertical presentation a hard hook set is desired. On a bite, drop the rod tip a little, reel in slack line and snap the rod tip straight upwards as hard as you can. This will drive the single hook into the jaw.
- If you are fishing a Carolina or Texas rig that is out a ways you need to be able to move enough line to set the hook. If you get a bite lean forward and point the rod at the fish reeling in slack line in the process. Then swing your body and the rod back as hard as you can to drive the single hook home.
- If you are fishing crankbaits and spinnerbaits because the lure is moving forward at a fairly fast pace if you pull too hard you can rip the lure out of the mouth. It is best to sweep the rod to the side as the weight of the bass puts a slight bend in the rod. You don't need a real hard hook set, as the bass will help hook itself on the lure with the sweeping motion.
- If you are fishing a drop shot rig with a light wire hook you don't need a lot of power to hook the bass on a bite. Just let the line go tight and lift straight up in a steady motion, not a hard jerky motion.