

THE ESSENTIALS

RODS, REELS & TACKLE

THE REEL SHOWDOWN



SPINCASTING

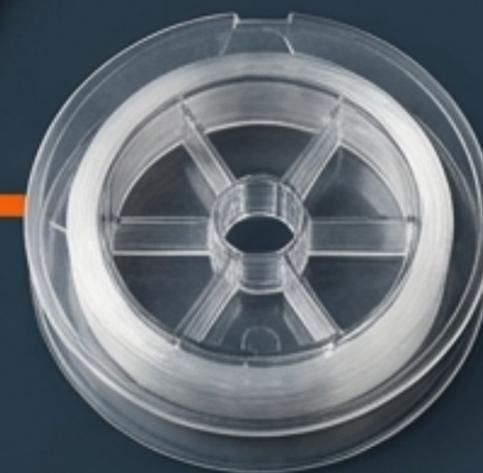
- The Easy Button.
- Line stored under cover.
- Thumb button release.
- Best for novices.



SPINNING

- The Standard.
- Reel mounted under rod.
- Bail arm control.
- Precision casting.

ROD: 1.2–2m
Light Action



LINE: Monofilament
(All-Purpose)



WEIGHTS



FLOATS



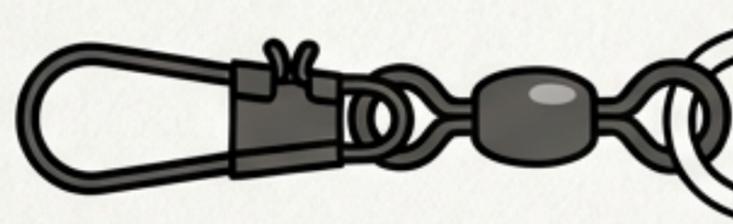
LURES: Spoons & Spinners

THE CONNECTION

IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

The knot is the weakest link. A properly tied Improved Clinch Knot ensures the connection is stronger than the line itself.

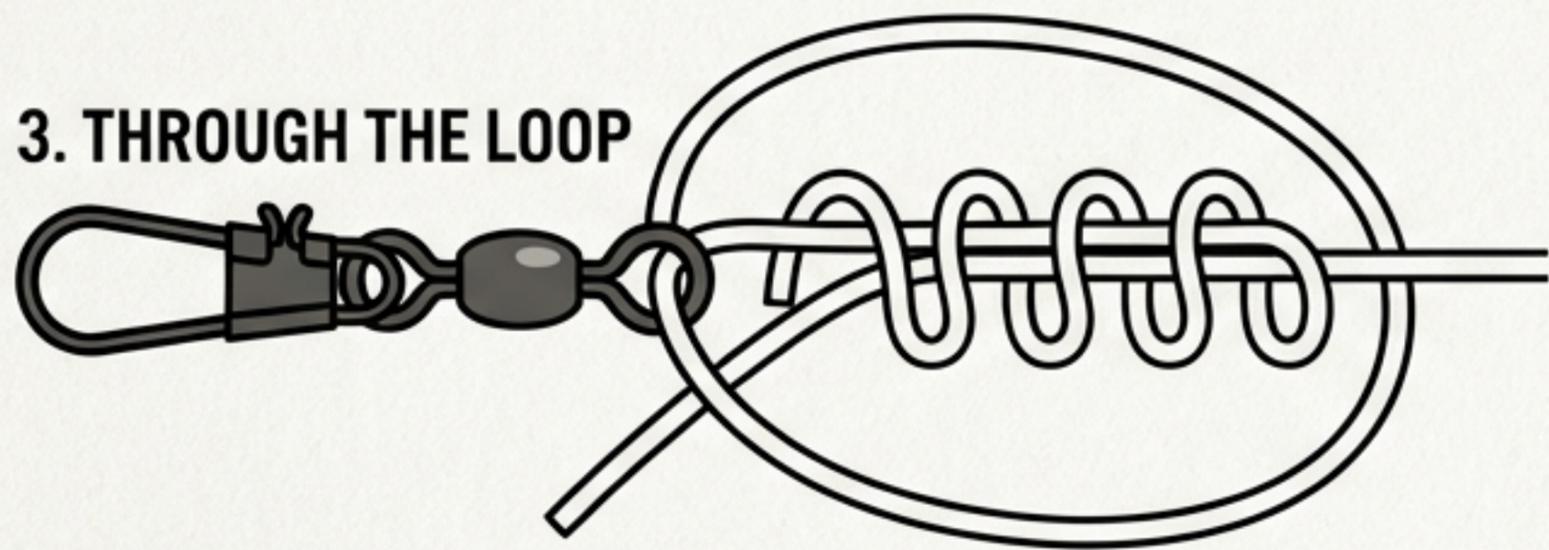
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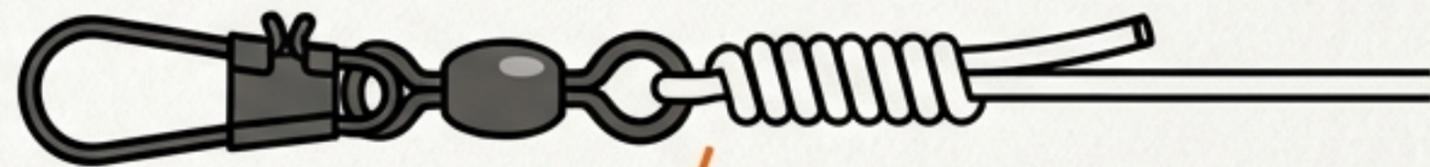
2. 5-7 COILS



3. THROUGH THE LOOP



4. TIGHTEN

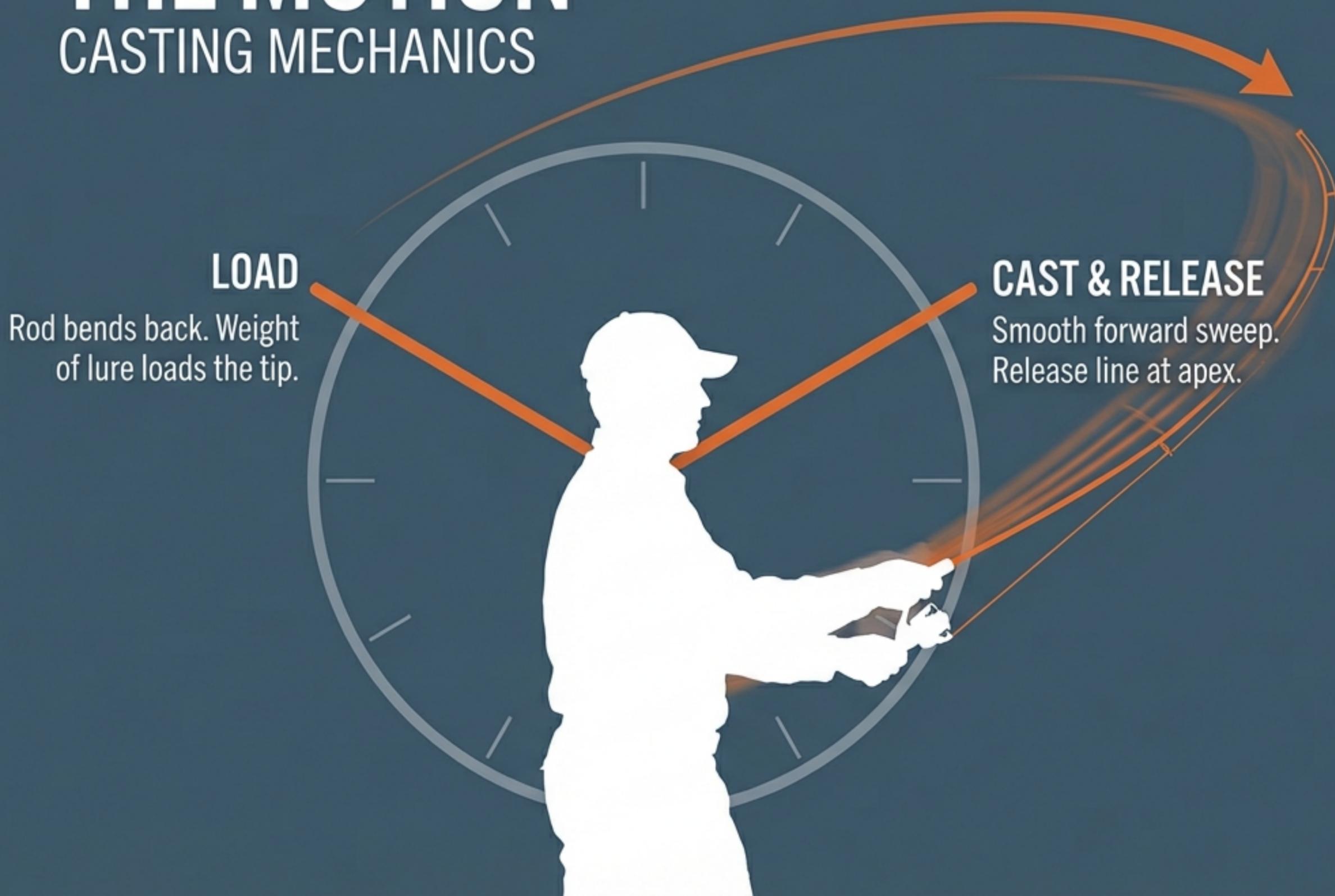


Safety Orange

CRITICAL: MOISTEN BEFORE TIGHTENING. Friction heat burns dry line. Saliva or water lubricates the knot for maximum strength.

THE MOTION

CASTING MECHANICS



LOAD

Rod bends back. Weight of lure loads the tip.

CAST & RELEASE

Smooth forward sweep. Release line at apex.

1. STANCE

Check behind for obstacles/people.

2. THE ARC

Smooth acceleration from 10 to 2.

3. THE RELEASE

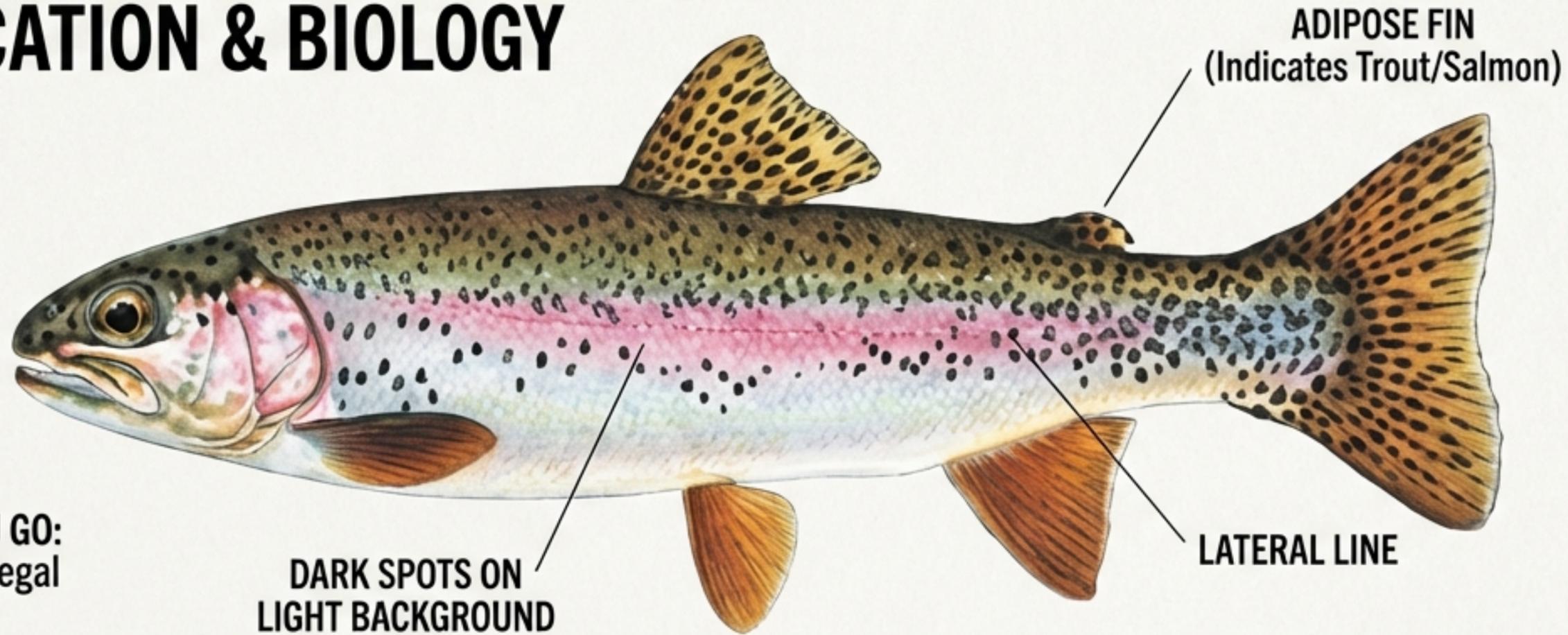
Finger off the line at 2 o'clock.

4. RETRIEVAL

Re-engage bail. Keep tension to avoid tangles.

THE QUARRY

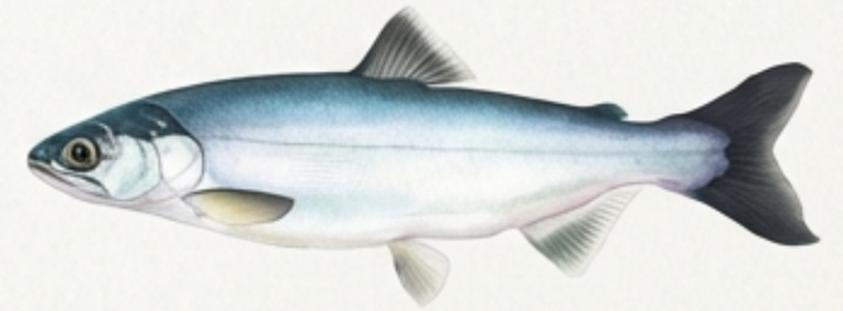
IDENTIFICATION & BIOLOGY



FIELD NOTES

- **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:** Identification is a legal requirement.
- **HABITAT:** Fish frequent "Shoals"—shallow areas rich in plants and insects (the grocery store).
- **ID TIP:** Spiny rays = Bass/Perch. Adipose fin = Trout/Salmon.

RAINBOW TROUT (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). BC's most common sport fish. Aggressive, leaping fighter.



KOKANEE. Land-locked Sockeye. Feeds on plankton in open water (5-10m deep).

THE STEWARDSHIP

ETHICS & REGULATIONS



CATCH & RELEASE.

Keep fish wet. Handle with wet hands to protect slime coat.



INVASIVE SPECIES.

Clean. Drain. Dry. Stop Zebra Mussels & Milfoil.



LEAVE NO TRACE.

Pack out all trash.
Discarded line kills wildlife.

THE LAW: License mandatory for ages 16+.

CONSULT: Check the *BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis* before every trip.

LIMITS: Never harvest more than you can use.

RAPP

Report All Poachers
and Polluters

Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline

1-877-952-RAPP (7277)



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Respect the Environment. Protect the Resource.