

River Otters of South Florida

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## **Otters and People**

**Otters and Fishermen**

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Once this document is written and posted on this website it will describe fishermen perceptions or opinions whether they use hooks and lines, nets, or another method(s) to collect fish for sport, personal food, or for sale in the marketplace. Hook and line fisherman have very definite opinions about what impacts their fishing success-personal opinion of this fisherman Zoologist and Ecologist and author of this document. These personal opinions are likely universal for hook-and-line fishermen. All attempts will be made not impart my opinions as fact. One must remember, that if a fish scale in the feces of an otter can be identified as belonging to a particular fish species it will be assumed the otter eats that species of fish. However, one must be very careful when finding fish scales in an otter's feces that belong to very small fish species. These small scales may be from a species of fish eaten by another, larger species of fish and whose scales subsequently appear in an otter's feces.