Best Fishing Practices: CATCH & RELEASE

Hold fish horizontally without touching gills, especially when taking pictures.

Minimize time the fish is out of water. Keep in water alongside boat, if possible.

Use wet hands when handling a fish. Refrain from using rags or towels.

Revive exhausted fish using the figure 8 motion.

Select gear that will allow you to land target species quickly.

Opt to use dehooking tool over water. Refrain from using a gaff or jaw-hocking device.

Use knotless, rubber net to land fish.

Remove extra barbs and hooks on artificial lures.

Use a venting tool or descending gear when necessary.

Use non-stainless steel hooks, preferably circle hooks.