# Year Round Guide To Catching More Than 15 Species

Fishing is a popular pastime that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. With so many different species of fish to catch, there is always something new to learn. This guide will provide you with the information you need to catch over 15 species of fish year-round.



### Alabama's Inshore Saltwater Fishing: A Year-Round Guide to Catching More than 15 Species by John E. Phillips

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#### Bass

Bass are one of the most popular sport fish in North America. They are known for their aggressive nature and their willingness to take a variety of baits. Bass can be caught year-round, but they are most active in the spring and fall. To catch bass, use lures that mimic small fish or insects. Cast your lure near cover, such as logs, rocks, or vegetation. Bass will often lie in wait for prey near cover, so be sure to cast your lure close to these areas.

#### Bluegill

Bluegill are another popular sport fish that can be caught year-round. They are smaller than bass, but they are just as fun to catch. Bluegill are known for their bright blue coloration and their willingness to take a variety of baits.

To catch bluegill, use small lures or bait. Cast your lure near cover, such as lily pads or docks. Bluegill will often be found in shallow water, so be sure to cast your lure close to the surface.

#### Catfish

Catfish are a bottom-dwelling fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their whiskered faces and their ability to survive in low-oxygen conditions. Catfish are not as popular as bass or bluegill, but they can be a lot of fun to catch.

To catch catfish, use bait that is smelly and attracts them. Cut bait, such as chicken livers or shrimp, is a good choice. Cast your bait near the bottom of the water in areas where there is cover, such as logs or rocks.

#### Crappie

Crappie are a schooling fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their thin bodies and their large mouths. Crappie are a popular target for anglers because they are easy to catch and they taste great. To catch crappie, use small lures or bait. Cast your lure near cover, such as brush piles or weed beds. Crappie will often be found in shallow water, so be sure to cast your lure close to the surface.

#### Pickerel

Pickerel are a predatory fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their sharp teeth and their aggressive nature. Pickerel are not as popular as bass or bluegill, but they can be a lot of fun to catch.

To catch pickerel, use lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as logs or rocks. Pickerel will often lie in wait for prey near cover, so be sure to cast your lure close to these areas.

#### Walleye

Walleye are a schooling fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their white flesh and their mild flavor. Walleye are a popular target for anglers because they are a good eating fish.

To catch walleye, use lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as rocks or weed beds. Walleye will often be found in shallow water during the spring and fall, and in deeper water during the summer and winter.

#### Northern Pike

Northern pike are a predatory fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their large size and their sharp teeth. Northern pike are not as popular as bass or bluegill, but they can be a lot of fun to catch. To catch northern pike, use lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as logs or rocks. Northern pike will often lie in wait for prey near cover, so be sure to cast your lure close to these areas.

#### Muskellunge

Muskellunge are a large predatory fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their size and their strength. Mus kellunge are not as popular as bass or bluegill, but they can be a lot of fun to catch.

To catch muskellunge, use large lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as logs or rocks. Mus kellunge will often lie in wait for prey near cover, so be sure to cast your lure close to these areas.

#### **Striped Bass**

Striped bass are a migratory fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their large size and their aggressive nature. Striped bass are a popular target for anglers because they are a good eating fish.

To catch striped bass, use lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as rocks or jetties. Striped bass will often be found in shallow water during the spring and fall, and in deeper water during the summer and winter.

#### Weakfish

Weakfish are a schooling fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their white flesh and their mild flavor. Weakfish are a popular target for anglers because they are a good eating fish. To catch weakfish, use lures that mimic small fish. Cast your lure near cover, such as rocks or weed beds. Weakfish will often be found in shallow water during the spring and fall, and in deeper water during the summer and winter.

#### Flounder

Flounder are a flatfish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their unique shape and their mild flavor. Flounder are a popular target for anglers because they are a good eating fish.

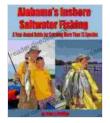
To catch flounder, use bait that is smelly and attracts them. Cut bait, such as squid or minnows, is a good choice. Cast your bait near the bottom of the water in areas where there is sand or mud. Flounder will often lie buried in the sand or mud, so be sure to cast your bait close to the bottom.

#### Sheepshead

Sheepshead are a reef fish that can be caught year-round. They are known for their tough scales and their sharp teeth. Sheepshead are not as popular as bass or bluegill, but they can be a lot of fun to catch.

To catch sheepshead, use bait that is tough and durable. Crustaceans, such as crabs or shrimp, are a good choice. Cast your bait near the bottom of the water in areas where there is structure, such as rocks or pilings. Sheepshead will often be found near structure, so be sure to cast your bait close to these areas.

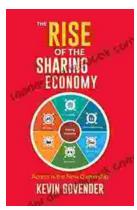
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