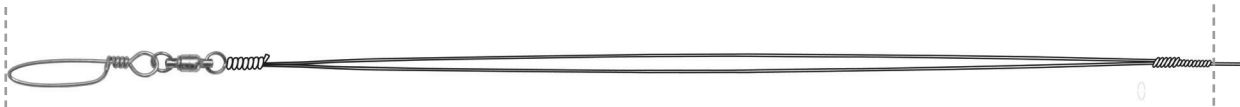




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Double Lines and Leaders



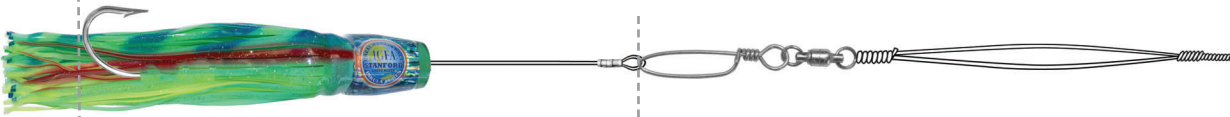
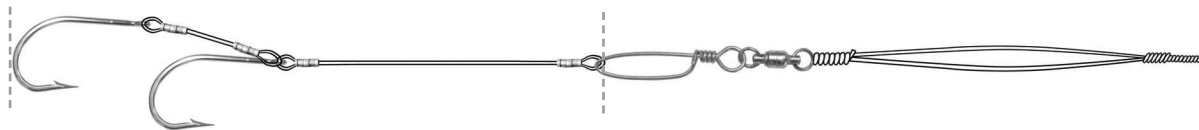
Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double line to the farthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader lure or hook to the double line. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish. For saltwater species, the double line shall be limited to 4.57 meters (15 feet) for all line classes up to and including 10 kilograms (20 pounds); and shall be limited to 9.14 meters (30 feet) for line classes over 10 kilograms (20 pounds). For freshwater species, the double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82 meters (6 feet).



The leader shall be limited to 4.57 meters (15 feet) for saltwater species in line classes up to and including 10 kilograms (20 pounds), and 9.14 meters (30 feet) for all line classes over 10 kilograms (20 pounds). For freshwater species, the leader on all classes of tackle shall be limited to 1.82 meters (6 feet).



The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangements or other device.



The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 meters (20 feet) in line classes up to and including 10 kilograms (20 pounds) and 12.19 meters (40 feet) in line classes over 10 kilograms (20 pounds) for saltwater species. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 3.04 meters (10 feet) for freshwater species.



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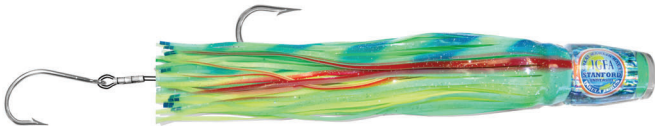
Natural Baits and Artificial Lures



LEGAL if eyes of hooks are no more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) apart in baits and no more than 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) apart in lures. **ILLEGAL** if eyes further apart than these distances.



LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) apart, and the trailing hook does not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt.



NOT LEGAL as the second or trailing hook extends more than the hook's length beyond skirt. See also two hook rigs.



LEGAL as hook is contained within the skirt.



NOT LEGAL in bait or lures as eyes of hooks are less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook) apart.



NOT LEGAL as the single hook extends more than its length beyond the skirt.



LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) in baits and 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) in lures.



NOT LEGAL as back hook is not firmly imbedded in or securely attached to bait and is a dangling or swinging hook.

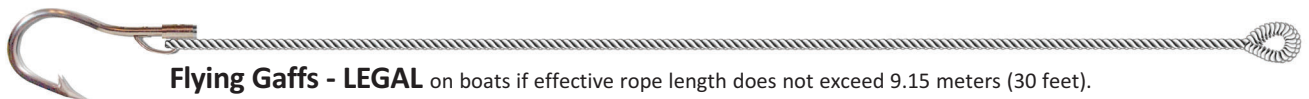


LEGAL in baits and lures. The point of one hook is passed through the eye of the other hook.

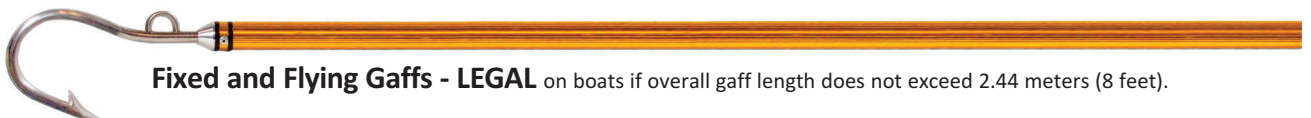


LEGAL as both hooks are firmly imbedded or securely attached to bait. Would not be legal if eyes of hooks were more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) apart.

GAFFS



Flying Gaffs - LEGAL on boats if effective rope length does not exceed 9.15 meters (30 feet).



Fixed and Flying Gaffs - LEGAL on boats if overall gaff length does not exceed 2.44 meters (8 feet).

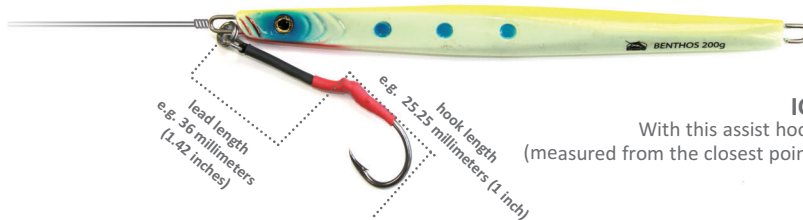


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Assist Hooks

Assist hooks are hooks that are attached to lures with leads typically constructed of multifilament, wire, monofilament or other similar material. Assist hooks have become wildly popular with vertical jigs and are also being increasingly used with plugs in place of traditional treble hooks.

Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, other than a skirted lure, the lead cannot be more than 1 ½ hook's length and the bend of the hook may not be more than 101 millimeters (4 inches), whichever is less, from the closest point of attachment on the lure. Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks.



IGFA COMPLIANT:

With this assist hook, the lead is within 1 ½ hook's length (measured from the closest point of attachment on the lure to the eye of the hook).



IGFA COMPLIANT:

Multiple assist hooks are allowed.
Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks.



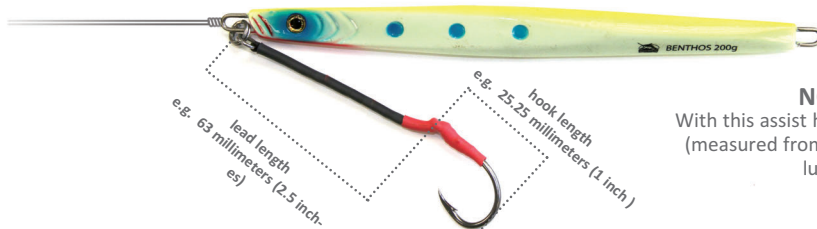
IGFA COMPLIANT:

Assist hook (or hooks) can be attached to either end of the lure.



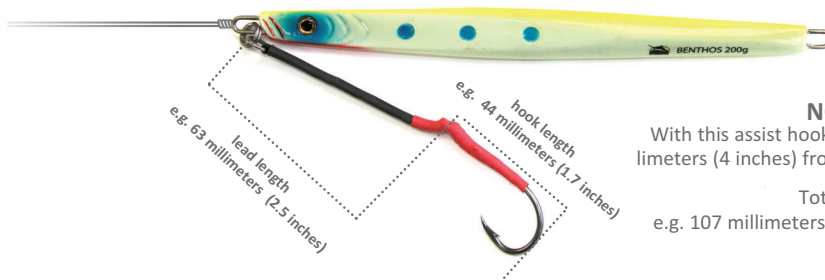
ARTIFICIAL LURES:

Assist hooks can be used with any artificial lure, other than a skirted lure.



NOT IGFA COMPLIANT:

With this assist hook, the lead exceeds 1 ½ hook's length (measured from the closest point of attachment on the lure to the eye of the hook).



NOT IGFA COMPLIANT:

With this assist hook, the bend of the hook is more than 101 millimeters (4 inches) from the closest point of attachment on the lure.

Total length to bend of hook
e.g. 107 millimeters (4.25 inches) > 101 millimeters (4 inches)