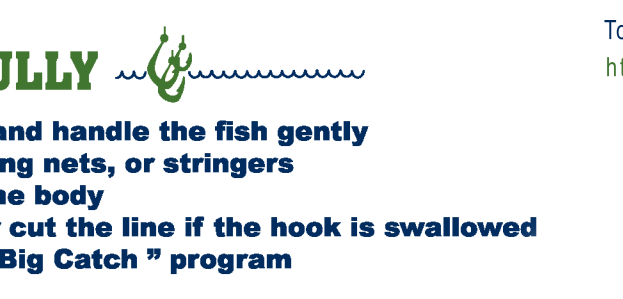




Do Your Part to Protect Florida Waters: Remove aquatic weeds from propellers, trailers, and fishing tackle

Natural resource managers are seeking more cost effective and sustainable measures to prevent the spread of aquatic weeds to new areas and to utilize IPM strategies for managing hydrilla

These IPM programs should reduce management costs and ultimately create more favorable recreational areas on lakes that have become almost unusable because of dense hydrilla infestations



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RECYCLE YOUR CATCH CAREFULLY

- Use hooks with no barbs, or the barbs bent down – Use wet hands and handle the fish gently
- Strike quickly, and play the fish rapidly – Don't use rough landing nets, or stringers
- Handle most fish by the lower jaw, and support the body
- Get the fish back in the water as quickly as possible – Use a dehooking tool, or cut the line if the hook is swallowed
- For those memorable catches: take a photo and apply to the "Big Catch " program

To learn more, scan the QR code or visit
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