MUSKIE

Catch and Release



CAUTION: Angling mortality can increase with warmer water. Consider not fishing for muskie once water temperatures exceed 80°F.



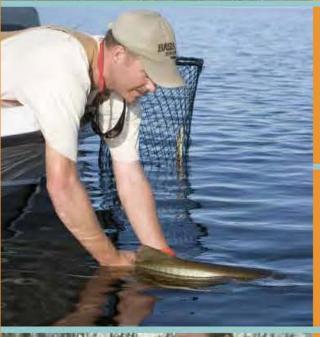
Tips for a safe release:



BE PREPARED with needle-nose pliers or similar tools for grabbing the lure. Jaw spreaders and hook cutters are also helpful.



KEEP FISH IN WATER and remove the lure while holding the fish in a net or by the base of the tail.



MEASURE FISH IN WATER with a floating ruler or in a measuring cradle.



DO NOT TOUCH the fish's gills. They are easily damaged



A QUICK PHOTO can be taken, once the fish is free from the lure. Ease the muskie from the water and keep the fish horizontal, carefully supporting the body.



RELEASE THE MUSKIE holding it by the tail until the fish is capable of swimming away by itself.