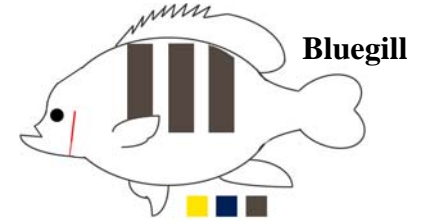


Description	The term “panfish” is used to describe a number of smaller fishes found in freshwater. These sought after fish are found throughout the US and are caught for sport and food.	
Habitat	Panfish found are found in just about every type body of fresh water including small ponds, streams, rivers and lakes. Panfish occur both in the wild and are farm raised and stocked.	
Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluegill Bullhead Crappie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perch Rock bass
Bait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnet worm (w) Catalpa worm (w) Crickets Grasshoppers Grubs (w) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manure worm Meal worms (w) Minnows Roaches
Lures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubber crickets/spiders Weighted spinner (1/8 - 1/10 oz), 1” blade Twister tail 	
Tackle	Lighter tackle should be used for best action, with two split shot for weight and a bobber or float. Fly rod or spinning/spin bait-casting rod up to four ounces in weight, with up to 4-pound test line. Use hooks size No. 8 to No. 12.	<p>At a glance</p> <p>Rod: Up to 4 oz</p> <p>Line: Up to 4 lb.</p> <p>Hook: No. 8-12</p>
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marginal areas Shoals rising from deep water Submerged weed beds 	
Time	Early morning, early evening	
Technique	Panfish are slow swimmers and quick movements frighten them. Most species will study bait for a length of time before striking. Cast and wait for several minutes at each spot, keeping the bait or lure as still as possible. Adjust for different water depth and wait again. Move to another spot and repeat.	
Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add as small pork rind to spinner lures Experiment with twister tail colors Bluegills, sunfish and perch are usually in shallows Crappies are usually in deep water during the fall, shallows in spring Panfish feed heavier before a cold front Small minnows work well for black crappies 	
Cooking	Panfish generally yield fillets light in taste that can be prepared in a number of ways. Lemon juice, light breading and pepper-seasoning are all popular ways to fry or bake these fish. To grill, panfish fillets should be placed inside of tin foil to keep the meat together.	

Fishalizer - Common Panfish



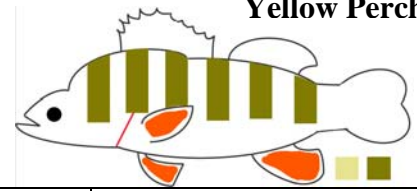
Features	6-8 vertical bars Broad black gill flap with no trim Long, pointed pectoral
Color	Yellow – dark blue
Location	Quite, reedy waters
Spawn	Late May, 67°
Ages	1” – 1 yr 4-6” – 3 yrs 9” – 6-8 yrs
Food	Insects, vegetation

Black Crappie **White Crappie**



Features	Black: 6 anal spines, 7-8 dorsal spines, scattered spots White: 6 anal spines, 6 dorsal spines, 7-9 vertical bars
Color	Black – olive or black White – silvery olive
Location	Black – quiet, reedy waters White – silty rivers, lakes
Spawn	Late spring, early summer
Ages	1-3 ½” – 1 yr 3 ½ -8” – 2 yrs 12” – 4 yrs
Food	Small fishes, insects, crustaceans

Yellow Perch



Features	Elongated body with separated dorsals
Color	Golden yellow side, white belly
Location	Cool water, sand or rock bottom
Spawn	Night, 45-50°F
Ages	2-4” – 1 yr 3-6” – 2 yrs 5-8” – 3 yrs
Food	Zooplankton, cray fish, snails, insects,