

Popular Culture

NOTES & NEWS

Tips & Tricks

I Degrees of Separation

Sometimes it pays to tinker with spoons. We often remove the factory treble hook and replace it with a plain single hook, adding an extra split ring to more slightly separate the hook from the spoon. This provides a pronounced "pivot point," allowing the hook to move easier into a fish's mouth when it inhales the baited hook.

In-Fisherman Field Editor Gord Pyzer accomplishes the same purpose with a FASTACH clip. Remove the factory treble, add the clip to the split ring and then reattach the treble (or a single hook) to the end of the clip. Pyzer often slides a minnow head over the top of the treble hook with the end of the hook coming out of the minnow's mouth, then puts the treble on the clip, making the minnow head impossible for a fish to steal. FASTACH clips are available from Rollie and Helen's Musky Shop, muskyshop.com.



From The Field

I Augering In Antarctica



» And you thought you had it bad, having to add an extension to your power auger to get through 40 inches of ice?



Salutes & Salutations

I Long Distance Runner

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