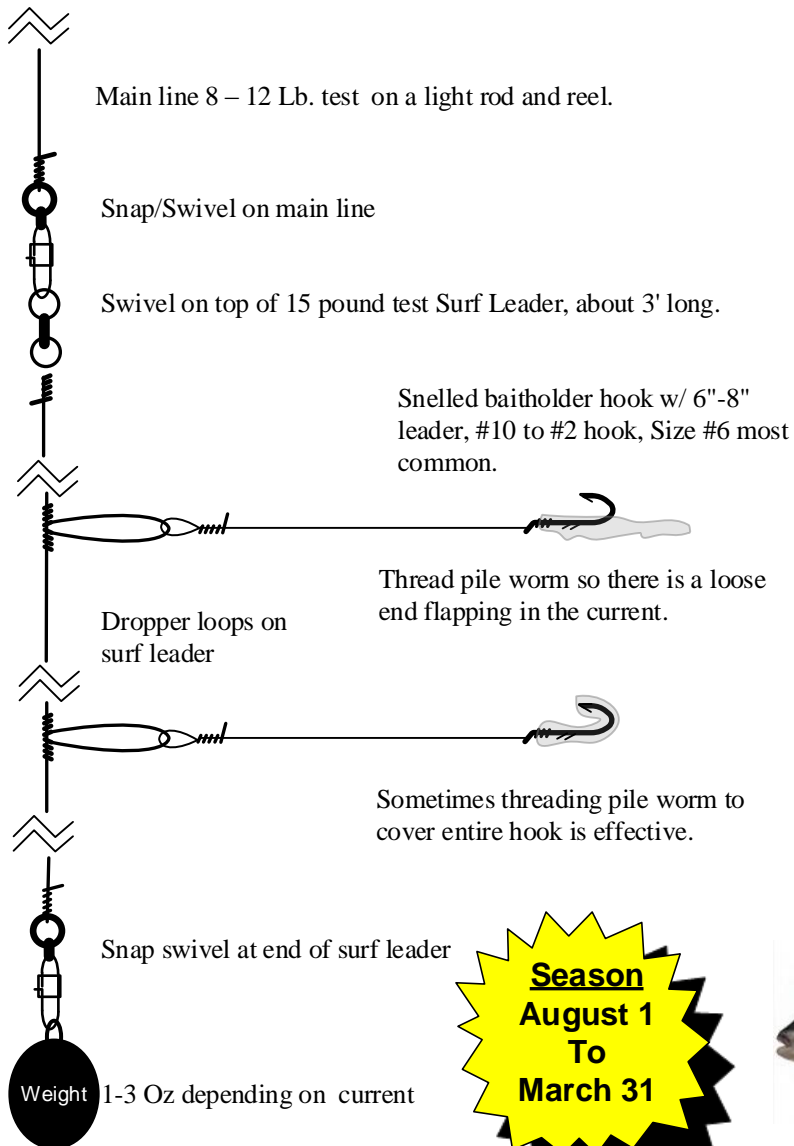


Perch Fishing at MRGC Pier

Using pre-tied Surf Leaders and Snelled Hooks

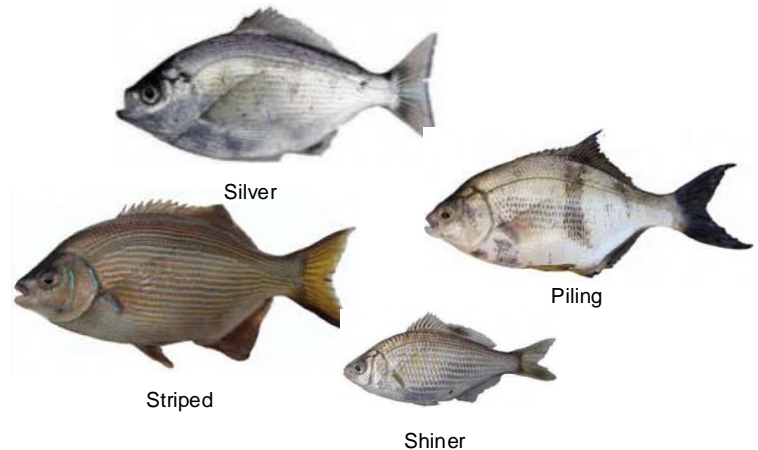


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Notes

- Use a light rod, 5-7 feet with a spinning or bait casting reel, 8-12 pound test line.
- You can use up to three hooks inside the bay, tie your own three loop surf leader!
- Sabiki rigs are also productive and rigged in a similar way. Sabiki rigs have 5-6 small hooks with flashy ribbons and feathers. Just cut down the rig to follow the 3 hook rule.
- Surfperch bear live young.
- Alternate baits:
 - Berkley "Gulp Sand Worm"
 - Squid tentacles.
 - Small plastic grubs.
 - Small Crab (1/2")
 - Small shrimp (1/2" -1")



MRGC Pier Technique:

Perch are usually swimming under or right next to the pier waiting for food to drift by. Often they are in the downstream eddy of pilings where it's easy to hang. Gently toss the rig 5-10 feet upstream of the pier. Let it hit bottom and reel up a few inches. Let the rig drift back under the pier, jiggling up and down gently. Perch bite in all currents but most often in medium to low speeds. Usually the best results are with the weight bouncing on the bottom, sometimes higher up. Try jiggling downstream of the pier, change up till you start catching.

CALIFORNIA 2016-17 Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations, Effective March 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017 28.59. SURFPERCH.

- (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "surfperch" refers to all species of the family Embiotocidae, in any combination.
- (b) Open Season: Open all year, except surfperch may not be taken or possessed by a person in San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay between April 1 and July 31, inclusive. Shiner surfperch (*Cymatogaster aggregata*) are exempt from this seasonal closure and may be taken and possessed up to their daily bag limit in these areas during the closure period.
- (c) Daily bag limits:
- (1) In San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, the aggregate limit is five surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. For all other areas, the aggregate limit is 20 surfperch, not including shiner surfperch. Not more than 10 surfperch may be of any one species.
 - (2) The special limit for shiner surfperch is 20, which may be taken or possessed in addition to the overall daily bag limit of 20 finfish specified in sub-section 27.60(a).
- (d) Minimum size: redbait surfperch, ten and one-half inches total length. All other surfperch: none.

Species ID Chart: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=36617&inline>