

Three-way swivel catfish rig

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STATUS	Recovered/Partial
CLASSIFICATION	FISH
MATERIAL	FIELD / OUTDOORS
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / RECOVERED/PARTIAL
CATEGORY	Fishing / Outdoors
RECORD TYPE	reference

TECHNICAL NOTES

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GOAL

Run the first test described in this guide and record the result for three-way swivel catfish rig.

SOURCE STATE

New reference guidance; not a recovered test result

PREPARATION / NOTES

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EQUIPMENT

- Rod and reel matched to the target species
- Hooks, line, sinkers, and landing tools
- Notebook or phone field log

MATERIALS

- Bait or lure identified in the next field log
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METHOD / STEPS

1. Tie the main line to one swivel eye, a hook leader to the second and a sinker dropper to the third.
 2. As a trial layout, use an 18-30 inch hook leader and a 6-12 inch sinker dropper; adjust for current and tangles.
 3. Choose sinker weight only heavy enough to hold the intended position and a hook matched to the bait, with the point exposed.
 4. Cast smoothly, take up slack and monitor bottom contact. With a circle hook, reel into steady pressure rather than making a violent hookset.
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THINGS TO WATCH FOR

A weaker sinker dropper can sacrifice the weight in a snag, but the rest of the tackle still needs sound knots. Long leaders tangle in strong turbulence.

FIRST TEST / WHAT TO RECORD

The rig holds near the target seam and retrieves without the leader wrapped around the main line.

RESULT / WHERE THIS STANDS

The rig holds near the target seam and retrieves without the leader wrapped around the main line.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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SPECIFICATION

CATEGORY	Field / outdoors
TARGET	catfish rig
VALIDATION	Date, water, weather, depth, bait, result

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

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Imported as an independent manifest record; public copy keeps uncertainty visible.

REFERENCE NOTES

Kansas regulations

(<https://www.ksoutdoors.gov/programs-services/law-enforcement/regulations-statutes/fishing-regulations>).

HOW-TO SOURCES

Kansas regulations

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RELEASED MATERIAL / SOURCE LINKS

fish-007-public-summary.txt

PUBLIC SUMMARY / RECOVERED NOTES

<https://u225x.com/downloads/manifest-records/fish-007-public-summary.txt>

RETURN TO THE LIVING RECORD

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