

# GARY BROWN'S ESSENTIAL BAIT FISHING RIGS

## WHOLE FISH ON GANGED HOOKS

Whether it's a pilchard, garfish, mullet, whitebait, yellowtail or any other slender shaped whole fish, the use of a set of ganged hooks will help increase the hook-up rate when targeting toothy fish or acrobatic fish species. It also helps keep the bait straight when retrieving it. Your selection of hook size and numbers will depend on the thickness and length of the fish. Ideal when targeting Australian salmon, tailor, shark and Spanish mackerel, bonito, dusky flathead and any other fish species that has teeth.

When using whole baits, you will need to check with your state or territories Fisheries regulations as to the minimum legal size for whole fish and also the maximum number of hooks you are allowed to have ganged. For flathead I prefer poddy mullet, squid for kingfish, whitebait for bream and trevally, and yellowtail or slimy mackerel for mullet.

When feeding out into a  
berley trail

Main line  
or leader



When retrieving towards  
the angler

Main line  
Swivel  
Leader

