

GARY BROWN'S ESSENTIAL BAIT FISHING RIGS

PINK NIPPERS / SALTWATER YABBIES

Have you ever been using pink nippers and you get a bite, only to strike and find that when you wind in you either have no nipper or just the body? Whether you are using a long or short shanked hook, I would make sure that it is a bait keeper style. Then I would make sure that the hook point and barb come out where the head is. Sure, it may kill the nipper, but it doesn't usually last long before something eats it. Lastly you need to tie two or three half hitches around the tail to secure it.

Not every estuary or bay will have pink nippers, so you may have to find one that does. This doesn't mean that fish in those estuaries or bays won't eat them. Everything from a toad, stingray and shovel nosed shark, to leatherjacket, mulloway and kingfish will eat a pink nipper. It's just a matter of putting in the hard yards to pump them or maybe you have a local tackle shop that sells them.

