

ICE FISHING

The Fisherbeck Way to More and Bigger Pan Fish

- All ice fishing is vertical jigging, thus Fisherbeck lures, the best for finesse jigging, excel!
- Fisherbeck lures are balanced to present horizontal.
- Made of tin, Fisherbeck lures are lighter in weight.
- Fisherbeck lures are easily seen on electronics and can be both vigorously jigged and barely moving finesse jigged.

Fisherbeck Ice Fishing for Pan Fish

The Pan Fish



- The primary Fisherbeck pan fish are Bluegill and Crappie.
- Both of these fish are from the sunfish family.

Ice Fishing Pan Fish

The Sunfish Family

- SUNFISH FAMILY CENTRARCHIDAE . ALL HAVE AT LEAST 3 ANAL SPINES.
- BLUEGILL
- REDEAR SUNFISH
- PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH
- GREEN SUNFISH
- LONGEAR SUNFISH
- ROCK BASS
- WHITE CRAPPIE
- BLACK CRAPPIE
- SUNFISH FAMILY ALSO INCLUDES SMALLMOUTH BASS AND LARGEMOUTH BASS



Fisherbeck Ice Fishing

Other Pan Fish Targeted with Fisherbeck Lures

- Jumbo perch
- White bass
- Yellow bass
- Trout
- Smelt
- Sisco



Fisherbeck Ice Fishing Equipment

- Warm clothes—especially warm boots, hat, gloves.
- Ice Auger— hand held, ELECTRIC, gas, propane.
- Fish finder/flasher— shows lure, bottom and fish.
- Ice rod— 2 to 6# monofilament with spring bobber and Fisherbeck lure.
- Shelter— TIP-UP SLED, tent, portable to permanent ice house.
- Transportation—snowmobile, ATV, car, TRUCK.

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FIRST ICE

- SAFETY is the first thing in first ice fishing.
- Three to four inches of ice is necessary to support one man.
- Don't try to be the first one on the ice.
- If you are not sure of the ice, wear a floatation vest.

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FIRST ICE

- Shallow bays ice over first, so fishing is often shallow.
- Leave the heavy shelters at home. Fish from a light chair or bucket.
- Use a hand-held or electric auger and drill several holes.
- Drill the holes about 10 yards apart to prevent water from rising to cover the ice and weaken it.

First Ice Techniques

- Use stealth and patience. Give shallow fish time to settle down.
- Use #8 jigs with wax worms or butterworms (Elliot'sButterworms.com).
- Use colors orange and chartreuse for bluegill.
- Use colors glo white, pink, or chartreuse for crappie.
- If the ice is safe, drill holes toward deeper water.

First Ice Finesse Fishing

- Finesse fishing Fisherbeck jigs consists of barely moving the jig just enough so the bait wiggles and attracts the fish!
- Drop the lure and bait to the bottom.
- Use a 2 to 3 foot sweep at medium speed to attract the fish.
- Starting about a foot off the bottom finesse jig the lure, slowly raising the jig about a foot at a time after each finesse jigging.

First Ice Spring Bobber Fishing

- The use of spring bobbers (most sporting goods stores) which visually show very light bites, will increase your catch.
- --Be ready to set the hook at the slightest bend of the bobber with a sharp upward movement of the line.
- --Crappie often strike on the falling jig so if the bobber shows slack in the line, set the hook.
- With the proper technique, Fisherbeck lures hook pan fish in the upper jaw 90% of the time.

Hard Water Fishing Ice Fishing- Good Ice

- 4" ice will hold foot traffic.
- 6" to 7" ice will hold snowmobile or ATV traffic.
- 8" to 12" ice will hold car or small pickup truck.
- 12" to 15" ice will hold medium truck traffic.
- 15" + will hold ice houses.
- NOTE: Snow Ice or "white Ice" is only half as strong as new clear ice

Ice Fishing—Good Ice

- When water overflows the hole you drilled, the ice is sinking.
- ---Weight of heavy snow cover.
- ---Too heavy of vehicle or house near the hole.
- When traveling on new ice, check the ice thickness every few yards with an ice chisel.

Ice Fishing-Good Ice

- Best not to be the first on the ice.
- Following the crowds when the ice is safe.
- Set up near clusters of ice houses or shelters.
- ---Watch for areas of fire ashes or ice gravel/melt material. This ruins ice auger blades.
- The outer edges in deeper water often produces.

Fisherbeck Ice Fishing Bait

- #8 hook: Two wax worms hooked through the tail and moved to the body of the lure so the hook is exposed. When finesse jigged, the worm bodies flutter to entice the fish to bite.
- #16 hook: One wax worm as above or two eurolarvae, either red or white.

Fisherbeck Ice Fishing Lure colors

- Preferred Fisherbeck color: orange, orange, and orange.
- #8 hook- 5 lure colors.
- Orange, best all round for sunfish/ bluegill.
- best when fishing in water less than 12 feet deep.
- Glo White, best all round for crappie.
- best when fishing in water deeper than 12 feet.

Fisherbeck Ice Fishing Lure Colors Continued

- #8 hook colors cont.
 - Hot Pink, good when targeting crappie with small minnow lip hooked.
 - Chartreuse, best all round when fishing stained water.
 - Perch color, best for pounding the bottom for jumbo perch or walleye.
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- #16 hook: 3 lure colors.
 - Orange. Glo White. Chartreuse.

Ice Fishing

Finding Winter Fish

- Follow the crowds.
- Talk to folk on the ice. If catching any, Fisherbeck will catch more and bigger.
- Talk to local bait shop owners.
- Try areas that were productive in open water. Go deeper off these areas.

Ice Fishing

Finding Winter Fish Continued

- Drill lots of holes in fan or radius and check holes with electronics or jig holes to find fish.
- Put a water film on the ice and check for fish through the ice with electronics.
- Winter fish are usually deeper, so drill over deeper structure or in deeper water.
- Always remember that sunfish are oriented to weeds. Find deeper weed beds.

Ice Fishing

Catching Winter Fish

- Winter Fish are usually deeper.
- When winter fishing gets tough, go smaller. Use # 16 hook Fisherbeck lures.
- Try different colors, smaller baits.
- Try loading the hook.
- Try different jigging sweeps before finesse jigging.
- Try different depths to jig from the same hole.

Summary

Ice Fishing with Fisherbeck Jigs

- When fished horizontal and finesse jigged, Fisherbeck lures will catch more and bigger pan fish.



Summary

Ice Fishing with Fisherbeck Jigs

- Fisherbeck jigs are easy to thread. Easiest to thread of all pan fish lures.
- In the top hole, out the front. Tie a tight knot, fisherman's or surgeon's. Ready to fish. No need for leaders or weights.



Summary

Ice Fishing with Fisherbeck Jigs

- Fisherbeck lures are the best of all pan fish lures for FINESSE FISHING!
- Made of tin: Lighter weight.
- Environmentally friendly.
- Better covers the water column when dropped.
- Can better use a spring or smaller bobber when jigged.
- Balanced to present horizontal.

Summary

Ice Fishing with Fisherbeck Jigs

- Fisherbeck jigs continue to be reasonably priced.
- Packets of 3 jigs in any of 5 colors for #8 jigs and 3 colors for # 16 jigs is still only \$5.00

