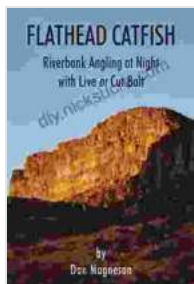


# Riverbank Angling At Night With Live Or Cut Bait: A Comprehensive Guide



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Riverbank angling at night can be a productive and enjoyable way to catch a variety of fish species. The darkness provides cover for fish, making them more active and less wary of anglers. Additionally, many fish species are attracted to the light of headlamps and lanterns, making them easier to target at night.

Live or cut bait can be an effective way to attract fish at night. Live bait, such as minnows, worms, and crayfish, provides a natural food source for fish. Cut bait, such as pieces of fish, chicken, or liver, can also be effective, especially for larger fish species.

In this article, we will provide a comprehensive guide to riverbank angling at night with live or cut bait. We will cover everything from choosing the right

location and bait to using the proper tackle and techniques.

## **Choosing the Right Location**

The first step in successful riverbank angling at night is choosing the right location. Look for areas with structure, such as fallen trees, rocks, or vegetation. These areas provide cover for fish and make them more likely to be holding.

Also, consider the current. Fish often hold in areas with slower currents, such as behind rocks or in eddies. If the current is too strong, it can make it difficult for fish to hold their position and feed.

## **Choosing the Right Bait**

The next step is to choose the right bait. Live bait is generally more effective than cut bait, but it can be more difficult to obtain and keep alive. Cut bait is a good option if you do not have access to live bait or if you are targeting larger fish species.

If you are using live bait, choose a bait that is common in the river you are fishing. Minnows, worms, and crayfish are all good options. If you are using cut bait, choose a bait that is oily and bloody, such as pieces of fish, chicken, or liver.

## **Choosing the Right Tackle**

The next step is to choose the right tackle. You will need a rod, reel, line, and hooks.

For riverbank angling at night, a medium-weight rod and reel is a good option. The rod should be long enough to cast your bait a good distance,

but not so long that it is difficult to control. The reel should be able to hold enough line to reach the fish you are targeting.

For line, you can use either monofilament or braided line. Monofilament line is less visible in the water, but it is not as strong as braided line. Braided line is more visible in the water, but it is stronger and more durable than monofilament line.

For hooks, you can use either live bait hooks or cut bait hooks. Live bait hooks are designed to hold live bait securely without injuring it. Cut bait hooks are designed to hold cut bait in place.

## **Using the Proper Techniques**

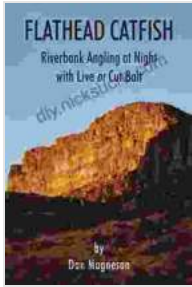
The final step is to use the proper techniques. When fishing with live bait, cast your bait out and let it drift with the current. You can also use a bobber to keep your bait suspended at a certain depth.

When fishing with cut bait, cast your bait out and let it sink to the bottom. You can also use a weight to help your bait sink faster.

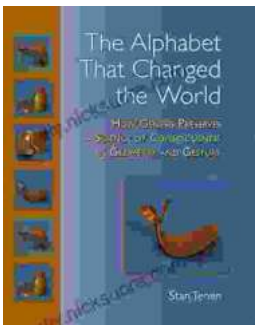
Once your bait is in the water, be patient and wait for a fish to bite. When a fish bites, set the hook and reel it in.

Riverbank angling at night with live or cut bait can be a productive and enjoyable way to catch a variety of fish species. By following the tips and techniques outlined in this article, you can increase your chances of success.

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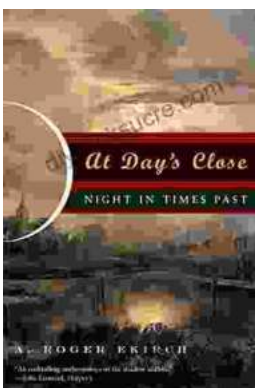


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