

FISH WASTE MANAGEMENT

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:



- Dispose of unwanted bait at sea.
- Gut fish and dispose of the contents at sea.
- Use fish cleaning stations with trash receptacles and wastewater hookups.

FACT:

The amount of fish waste disposed into a small, enclosed basin can exceed amounts that are naturally found in the water. In small quantities, this fish waste is eaten by scavenging fish and is not a problem. In large amounts where water circulation is restricted, decomposition of fish waste can deplete the water of dissolved oxygen, leading to water quality degradation and fish kills. "Fish feeding" with bait or cleaned fish loads basins with nutrients and can disrupt the feeding behavior of wild animals or spread disease among them.

GOAL:

Practice proper fish-cleaning methods and proper disposal of fish wastes.