

# SPAWN FISHING

## (How to)

Out of all the baits to choose from in the world, who would have thought that 'spawn' fish eggs, (roe) would be considered as an effective fish catcher- or even possible to use?



*"Many years ago I visited my local grocery store after learning that spawn (roe) might be useful as a fishing bait... I was very excited!"*

Chris Wilson

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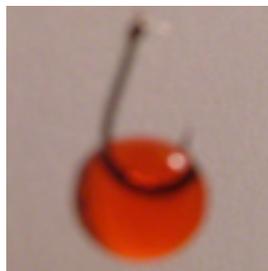
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**Introducing:** BaitCradle™ | SPLITSTOP™ | SPAWN-sPUNCH™ | Sling-Shot™ | ROE-LOOP™ – Brand new rigs and accessories for spawn  
Aqua-SPAWN™ & SEASPAWN™ - believed to be the World's first 'Synthetic' fish spawn hookbait

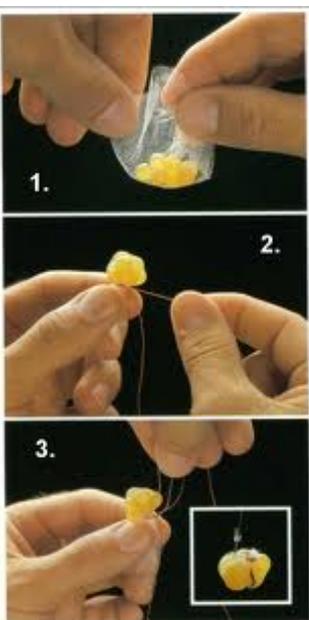
# Fish have been gorging themselves on spawn - often to the exclusion of all other food items for MILLIONS of years!

Let's go fishing...



Provided they can find it, most fish will readily eat spawn as they will instinctively recognise it as a highly prized and nutritional food item - it's the natural order of things in the wild.

So it's no great surprise then, that humans have exploited this natural feeding behaviour to their own advantage and devised ways to use spawn as a bait to help catch fish.



Spawn fishing is not without its problems as most anglers who have tried it will know only too well - they are almost impossible to hook without them bursting and they often fly off on the cast!

Anglers in USA and Canada have devised a method of using 'real' spawn with devastating effect to catch salmon and steelhead trout (rainbow), and spawn fishing is often the preferred method using fresh chemically cured eggs wrapped in a fine mesh material that holds them fixed to the hook for casting.

In the United Kingdom using 'real' spawn (fish egg roe) for bait is illegal and for year's anglers have been denied (and mostly forgotten) what is otherwise one of the most natural and effective baits to use for catching a wide variety of fish species. However as an angler and conservationist, you can easily appreciate why this particular ban is important to abide by and respect.

So what's the alternative?

# SPAWN of a new era...

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Following an extensive three year research & development program, the UK based company: **LAGUNA FP LTD** has finally managed to produce what is believed to be the World's first synthetic fish eggs hook bait - complete with an embryo!

Inspired by nature; the synthetic: **Aqua-SPAWN™** & **SEASPAWN™** products mimic real spawn and are specifically designed for the hook, hair-rigs, casting & pole.

Both baits developed by the company are 'synthetic' spawn (not rubber or plastic), which are just as effective at catching both fresh and salt water fish species. They are delicate and natural looking with a 'unique' embryo inside too which fools any fish into believing they are the 'real thing'!

As well as having the look, shape, feel and behaviour of real spawn in the water, both products can be dyed and flavoured using a wide variety of water-based scent additives designed to target any particular fish species.

## STORAGE

Unlike 'real' fish spawn; **Aqua-SPAWN™** & **SEASPAWN™** are completely inorganic and will NOT "go off" and do NOT need any of the chemicals that are used to cure real eggs either. In fact 'Inactivated' they will NOT deteriorate and have a 10+ year shelf life! The 'activated' SPAWN can be kept in the fridge for weeks or suitably stored in the freezer with an appropriate amount of glycerine additive.

## REUSABLE!

Any unused bait can be dried out on tissue or newspaper and reactivated again many times by simply adding more liquid. Unlike other baits there really is no waste - both products representing exceptionally good value!

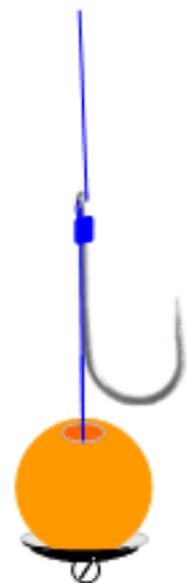
Both **Aqua-SPAWN™** & **SEASPAWN™** products only require fresh water and/or water based flavour to activate them in around 1 or 2 hours from a tiny dehydrated condition to a reasonable hook size of about 6 or 8mm for casting. They can also be activated to a much larger, but fragile size for fishing in the margins on lakes, pier and boat or gently cast using the "Sling-Shot rig".

The "Sling-Shot" rig can be used to gently cast SPAWN, soft meat, cheese and even paste a reasonable distance intact - something which hasn't always been possible until now.

*"Because real spawn is illegal to use here in the UK it was important for us to develop a synthetic version which looks and behaves exactly the same as you would find it in the wild, but to also address the problems with hooking too as we felt a meshing presentation didn't seem a natural way of fishing".*

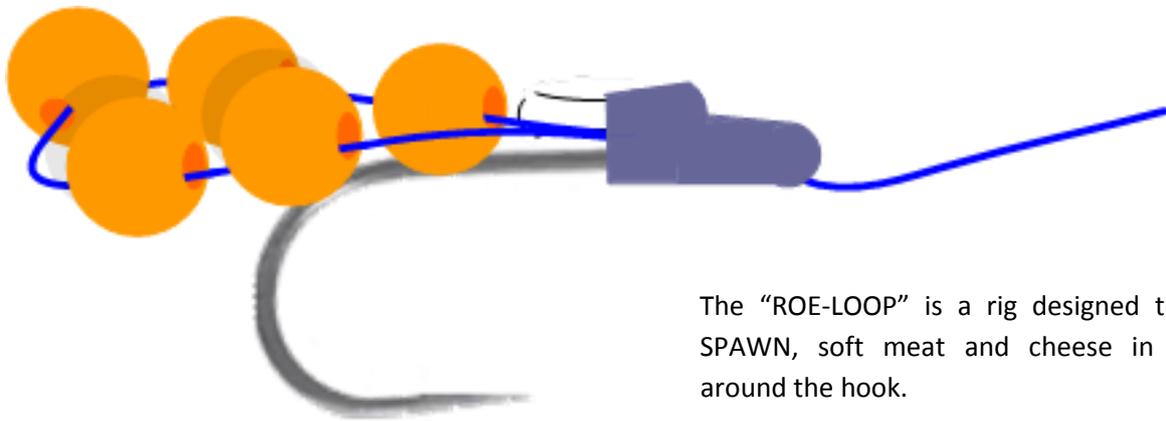
By adapting the advanced hair-rigging techniques used in Europe, LAGUNA have devised several unique methods of fishing spawn using their "ROE-LOOP" and "Sling-Shot" rig accessories which presents the bait much more naturally and aids in hooking and casting without splitting the bait or having to use spawn mesh materials. NB. *Fox Armamesh™ can be used to protect the bait for distance casting or in rough seas!*

By incorporating the new "ROE-LOOP" and "Sling-Shot" rig accessories in your everyday fishing, the angler now for the very first time, has the choice to fish a number of different methods using what is probably the World's first synthetic fish SPAWN hook bait. With a flavouring of the angler's choice (**SAC juice™** "bait activator" recommended), **Aqua-SPAWN™** & **SEASPAWN™** baits are a great all-rounder and target specific containing upwards of 95% pure liquid flavour. No other bait has this level of capability - not even real spawn!



**The "Sling-Shot" rig**  
Designed by: Chris Wilson

Both rigs are fully adjustable in hair length using the unique LAGUNA **SPLITSTOP™** product.



The "ROE-LOOP" is a rig designed to present SPAWN, soft meat and cheese in a cluster around the hook.

## The "ROE-LOOP" Cluster rig

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### HOOKING, CASTING & HAIR-RIGGING SPAWN

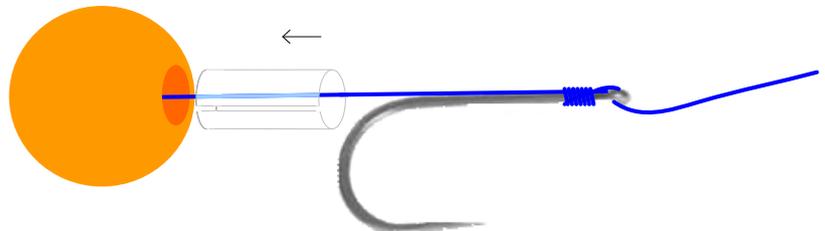
One of the biggest problems is how to present SPAWN on the hook and how to cast them without them coming off too easily - how do you actually hook and cast a ball of flavour anyhow?

The ROE-LOOP (ring of eggs) is a great way to present small SPAWN as a cluster around your hook and the Sling-Shot (using the LAGUNA **BaitCradle**<sup>™</sup>) is a great rig to protect the bait from the inertia of casting, especially if the activated SPAWN are large and fragile.

Directly hooking is one way to fish SPAWN but ONLY if they are activated to a small size say around 6-8mm, and meshing them in spawn sacking material is another as mentioned previously. But side-hooking or piercing larger ones directly with a hook or baiting needle tool causes stress and can burst (split) them very easily. Piercing them directly (especially larger ones) is key reason as to why newcomers might be having problems.

The secret to avoid them splitting is to "punch out" a centre hole using a thin-walled tube tool known as the LAGUNA **SPAWN-sPUNCH**<sup>™</sup> (closed needle tube type). Simply push the tiny hollow tube into the SPAWN to remove the centre - works much like an apple corer does. If you attempt to pierce the SPAWN with a thick solid hook or needle like tool, it will 'stress' the bait and may split when in use or will fall apart when casting. By removing a small portion of the material first, it will create a hole whereby you can pass your hair through with a baiting needle.

The illustration below also shows how rig tubing inserted through the hole protects the SPAWN from being cut by the hair like cheese wire when casting.



#### Tips

- Use an appropriate size **SPAWN-sPUNCH**<sup>™</sup> according to the SPAWN size you are using.
- Protect the SPAWN from the hair cutting through with split rig tubing

If the punched SPAWN is large and heavy or the hook wire/hair is thin, then a clear silicone/latex sleeve may be inserted through the punched hole to prevent the hair from cutting through. Although for casting larger heavy SPAWN it is recommend the "split tube" & **BaitCradle**<sup>™</sup> rig accessories are used (see illustrated Sling-Shot rig). Split rig tubing is designed to be pushed on over the hair and then slid inside the punched hole - without having to break the rig down.

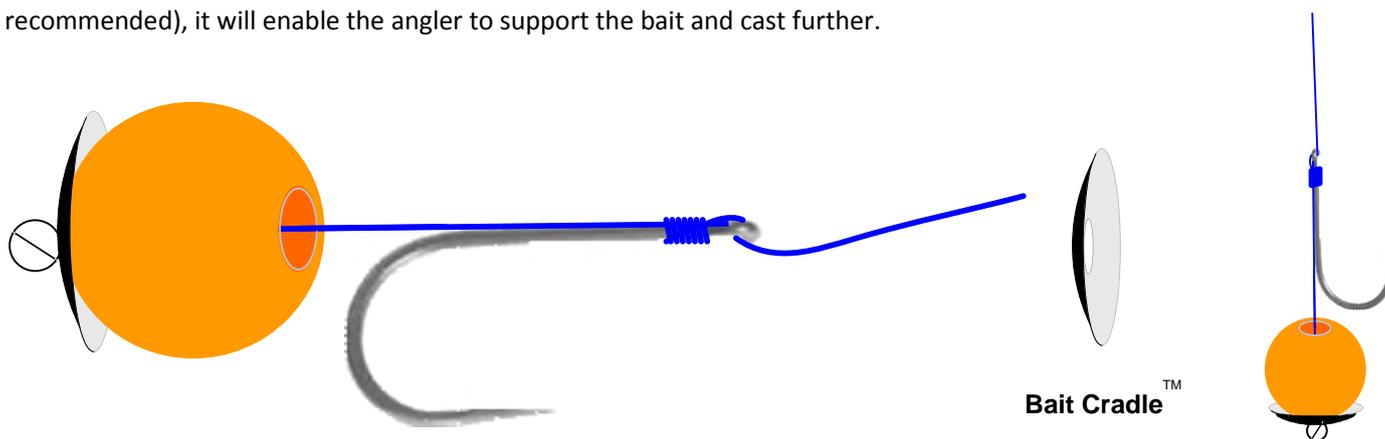
## Why does my SPAWN fly off when CASTING?

The main reason anglers find it difficult to cast SPAWN is that; out of water both **Aqua-SPAWN™** & **SEASPAWN™** are very heavy as they often contain upwards of 95% pure liquid flavour (the very best fish attractor you will find), but as most people are aware - liquids weigh quite a lot. In water they are very buoyant and virtually weightless as they are more or less the same density. This means they act naturally much like real spawn do, but are difficult to cast due to their weight and fragility out of the water... or at least they are without bait-cradling or supporting them first!

In the case of **Aqua-SPAWN™**; the best way to ensure they don't fly off too easily is to activate them to around 8mm by adding only 100ml of fluid to the 200ml mixing tub (filled to half way) - remembering they will release flavour and expand in the river or lake anyway. By using smaller size bait they will withstand hooking and casting much better, and you can always present two or more on the hair for the bigger fish such as carp, barbel, trout and salmon.

**SEASPAWN™** are a slightly larger SPAWN product to start with, but assuredly they will not usually expand in saltwater once activated. Again you should only add about 100ml of fluid to the mixing tub (filled half way) which produces 10-15mm sized bait; alternatively larger bait can be wrapped in meshing when fishing turbulent seas. *NB. Flavour release in saltwater is much slower dispersing and lingers too.*

If you intend to activate and cast larger SPAWN, then we recommend a gentle underarm cast using the Sling-Shot rig. The critical part of this simple rig includes a concaved shaped disc (**BaitCradle™**) which is designed to protect from the inertia of casting baits such as SPAWN, soft meat, cheese and even paste etc. Quite often using just a small bait stop on its own will still cut through on the cast, but by using the **BaitCradle™** placed between the bait and bait stop (large **SPLITSTOP™** recommended), it will enable the angler to support the bait and cast further.

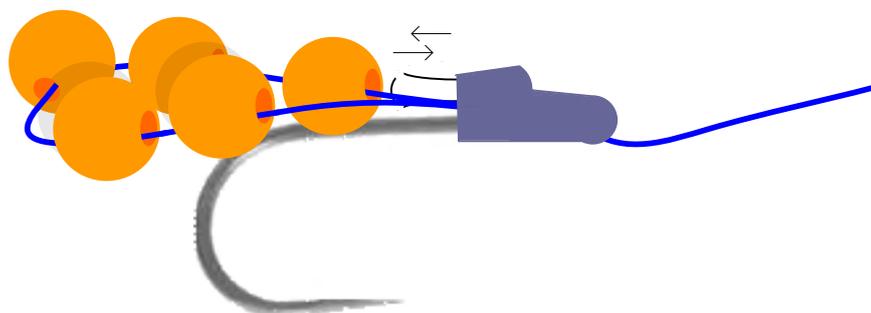


The **BaitCradle™** cushions the bait much the same way a shock leader works by protecting a weaker line from the inertia of casting, but it also helps protect the SPAWN from sudden impact when it hits the water's surface.

Simple but effective!

For cluster presentations of SPAWN we recommend the "ROE-LOOP" Cluster rig.

This rig presents smaller bait in a looped cluster around the hook which partially conceals it and offers a more natural found arrangement that fish would likely come across in their natural spawning environment.



The ROE-LOOP rig uses the LAGUNA **SPLITSTOP™** allowing a fully adjustable and variable (3-4") long hair to be simply pushed on and optionally shortened or varied as required by rolling up knotless-knot style - wrapping the hair around it. Once baited up, the **SPLITSTOP™** is then brought around forming a loop of the desired size and is gently pushed into the hoodie shrink sleeve (ring of eggs).

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