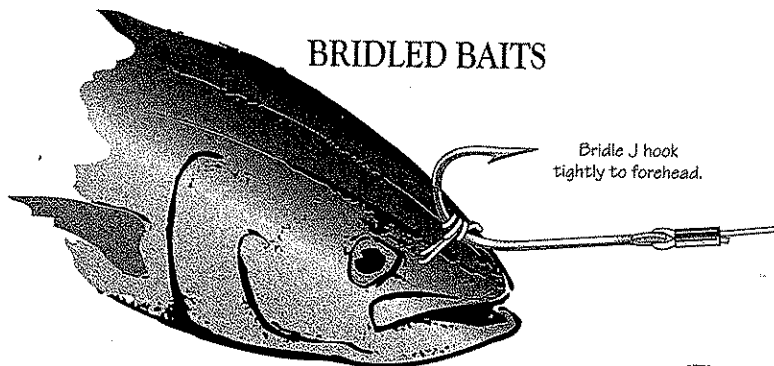
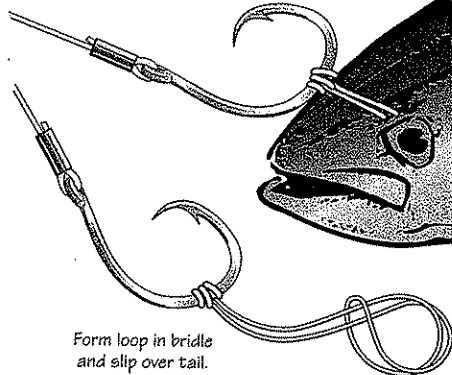
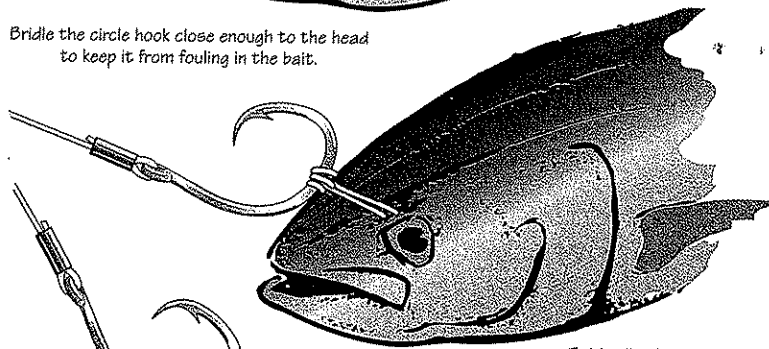


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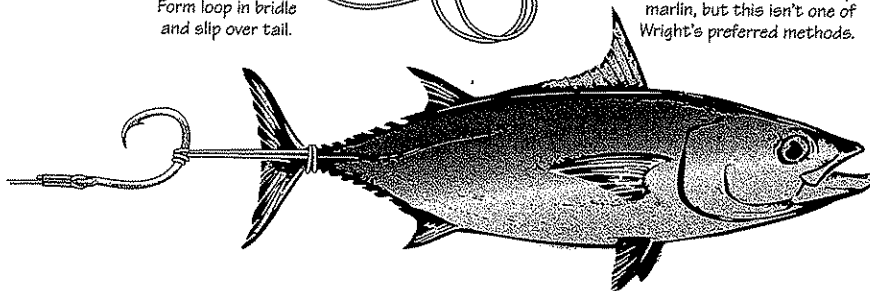
Bridle J hook tightly to forehead.

Bridle the circle hook close enough to the head to keep it from fouling in the bait.



Form loop in bridle and slip over tail.

Tail-bridled baits dive deep quickly when fished in free-spool from a dead boat. They are mainly used in New Zealand for striped marlin, but this isn't one of Wright's preferred methods.



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IGFA Rules Question & Answer: BAIT/HOOK COMBINATIONS

In March, 2008 IGFA was contacted by a member of the fishing media regarding the legality of rigging a circle hook in front of a bait/lure combo. The issue was reviewed by the IGFA Rules and Records Committee and the subsequent language (see below in bold) for a rule change was approved by the Committee.

The rig is IGFA-compliant because it **does not give the angler an unsporting advantage and because the hook precedes the bait/lure and should thus not be considered a dangling hook.**

Current IGFA rules for lures stipulate that a trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt material. For the sake of consistency, the IGFA rule has been amended to include that: The hooks may not precede bait, lure or bait/lure combo by more than one hook's length.

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