

Fish WASTE

The amount of fish waste disposed into a small, enclosed basin can exceed amounts found naturally 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.

- Always practice proper fish-cleaning methods and proper disposal of fish wastes.
- Dispose of unwanted bait at sea.
- Gut fish and dispose of the contents at sea.
- If you can't dispose at sea, bag fish guts and dispose of it properly in the garbage.
- Use fish cleaning stations with trash receptacles and wastewater hookups.