

Inland Ocean Rules for Customer Conduct While on Farm Property

The management and staff of Inland Ocean sincerely hope that all fishermen persons have a safe and interesting experience while “U-Catch'um Fishing”. Inland Ocean fish farm is no different than a strawberry farm where the public is invited in to pick their own products. We just allow folks to pick their quality products with a fishing pole from our saltwater ponds. Clearly, there are inherent risks while on our property, like ponds full of water and fishing poles with hooks, yours or ours. The following set of rules is created to help keep fishermen safe, the fish safe, and the company safe.

1. Every person entering the property to” U-Catch'um fish'n” must first sign our Release of Liability form which can be accessed from clicking on that button on our home page. In order to save time at the gate we highly recommend that you make a copy of the Release at home and have it filled out before entering the property. Identification will be requested.
2. While on the farm property we ask that at all times you stay behind the rope line fence around each pond, follow the sign directions posted, and display safe fishing methods.
3. The roadways around the farm ponds are dirt and grass covered in some areas. We ask that proper shoes be worn to prevent red ant bites, tripping, etc.. Please, no bare feet or flip flops while on the farm. We do everything we can to limit the red ant problems but you never know when a colony gets started and you do not see it.
4. The farm ponds are 8 to 10 feet deep. If you cannot swim stay well back from the pond sides. If there are any persons in your family that cannot swim you might want to bring with you a life jacket for those persons. There is no swimming allowed in the fish ponds so if we see someone in the pond we can only assume you fell in. In any event, if you are found in the pond water you will be asked to leave the property. Life rings and Shepard hooks will be available at each end of each pond should anyone need them.
5. Clothing and attire should be those types needed to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in the winter months. Be most concerned about summer months as it is very hot out on the farm, so wear appropriate clothing and hats. Cold drinks and snacks are available at the entrance shed.
6. Sanitation will be provided using rented port-o-lets. The farm does not have city water or city sanitation on the entire property. Nor, does the farm have a septic system. We do not allow septic systems on the farm property in order to maintain and be assured of the cleanest pond water we can provide for our fish. No peeing in the pond is allowed either :-).
7. No picnicking allowed on the farm. Our guests come to catch (pick) their fresh fish and take them home for preparation. Limited facilities are available for self cleaning of fish. The State of Florida government will not allow our employees to clean your fish as one would expect to do on a charter boat excursion. Please complain to your State representative as we do not get it either.
8. Fishing equipment can be rented or you can bring your own. However, only light poles and tackle are allowed (cane poles are highly recommended). The farm offers fiberglass cane poles for \$5.00 per day, frozen bait, live bait, and fish pellet chum. Why light tackle only? One, the fish range in size on average between ½ to 1 ½ pounds and two, nothing spoils a fishing experience worse then someone casting all the way across the pond and snagging ten fisherman's lines at once. Fishing etiquette must be everyone's concern. In ponds A and E there are known to be lunkers, pompano weighing 3 to 5 pounds

and tilapia of the same size. Lastly, we ask you only use circle hooks if you are bringing your own tackle and no lead sinkers please – they can contaminate the pond water.

9. **The fish catching rule is that if you catch it you keep it, no throwing hooked fish back as it damages the fish and they may eventually die and that is not good**

conservation. Be sure to have a pair of needle nose pliers to extract the hook from the fishes mouth. Also, proper and humane practice of handling live fish is to quickly place them in a cooler with lots of ice. The fish will go to sleep quickly and painlessly. Ice is available for purchase as well as coolers if you do not have one. A fishing tip: if you bait with fresh shrimp tails most likely you will catch a pompano, if you bait with live fish you will most likely catch a red fish and if you bait with anything other than shrimp or fish you will most likely catch a tilapia. Tilapia do not generally eat meat, they like their vegetables or our special tilapia rig. Or, you may figure out what they like best and share it with the rest of us. Note: Tilapia are hard to catch on live or fresh baits. All fish that you catch are sold to you by the inch when exiting the farm. Please check the current fee schedule by clicking on the home page button for more information.

10. A fly fishing day only is being considered. If you are a fly fishermen and would find this fishing experience of interest please let us know. If there are enough fishermen requests we will arrange a special day or half day for fly fishing only. Fly fishing is not currently allow due to the high risk of hook snagging other guests.

11. Inland Ocean is designed to be a family safe experience and thus we ask that no alcoholic beverages or other intoxicating materials be brought on to the farm property. If found, you will be asked to leave the property.