

## GAME OBJECTIVE

The objective is to be the first player to catch all the fish in their fishing hole and then move onto other free fishing holes, or venture into other people's spots and see how many fish you can catch in there. The winner is the player who gets the most Fish Cards or alternatively the highest point score.

Number of Players:

2-4 players. 

Game Duration:

10 minutes. 

## THOM'S FISHING HOLE

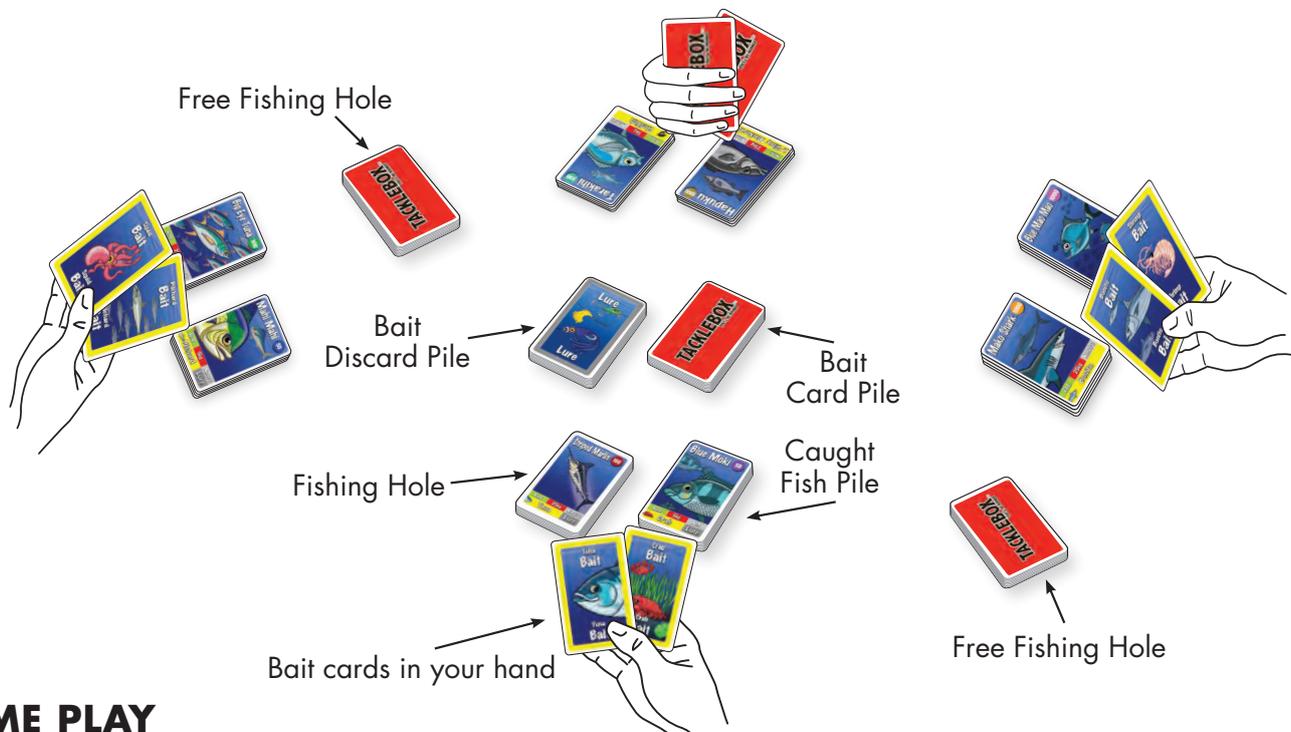
This is an extremely lively game which is played at high speed. It can become very competitive if your opponents start fishing in your Fishing Hole!

### GAME PREPARATION

Take the playing cards out of the box. Remove the following cards and place them back in the box:

- All Surprise Cards: Tacklebox, Snagged, Shark Attack, Bad Weather, Extreme Weather, Trading Time, Fish Finder
- All Rod, Line and Hook Cards
- All Nets, Net Catches, Pots, Pot Catches

Select a dealer, who then divides the pack of cards into Bait Cards and Fish Cards. The dealer deals out two bait cards to each player. These Bait Cards are put into your hand and are not shown to other players. The remaining bait cards are put face down into the centre of the table and this is known as the Card Pile. The dealer then deals the Fish Cards out, face down one at a time, until all of the cards have been dealt into piles known as Fishing Holes. The number of players will determine the number of Fishing Holes. The number of Fishing Holes dealt out will always be 2 more than the number of players. For example, if there are 4 players, the dealer will deal out 6 Fishing Holes as shown in the picture below which is showing the game in play.



### GAME PLAY

A signal is given that the game can start. There are no turns in this game, everyone can start simultaneously and continue to play at their pace catching the fish from their chosen Fishing Hole. Note at the start of the game **no** two players can fish in the same Fishing Hole. Only when you have fished everything out of your Fishing Hole can you move to another Fishing Hole. You can then decide to fish in a free Fishing Hole or fish in someone else's Fishing Hole. Having fished your own fishing hole empty, the game becomes, for you, a free-for-all and you can randomly decide where to fish to get the best results. This is how the game goes:-

**When the signal to start the game is given, turn over the top card of your Fishing Hole and place on top of the pile:**

**It will be a Fish Card** – quickly look to see if there is a matching Bait Card in your hand and if there is, place your Fish Card face up next to your Fishing Hole. This represents your caught fish pile. The used Bait Card is then placed face up in a Bait Discard Pile and is not available for use by other players.

If you do not have the matching Bait Card then take a card from the Bait Card Pile in the centre of the table and put it into your hand. Check again to see if you have a matching Bait Card for the Fish Card on top of your Fishing Hole. If not, then continue taking Bait Cards from the Bait Card Pile and placing them in your hand until you pick up a matching Bait Card. You **MUST** then use this Bait Card to catch the fish. Take the Fish Card and place it face up next to your Fishing Hole. The Bait Card is then returned to the Discard Pile. Immediately turn over the top card of your Fishing Hole and start fishing again. And you repeat the above until all your fish have been caught in your Fishing Hole. You can then move to another Fishing Hole. You can choose a fishing hole that has no one fishing in it or you may have to fish in someone else's Fishing Hole to ensure you are catching more fish than anyone else.

#### End of Card Pile:

When you come to the end of the Card Pile anyone can turn the Discard Pile over face down and this now becomes the new Card Pile. No shuffling is required.

#### End of Game:

The game ends when there are no more fish in the Fishing Holes i.e. all the fish have been caught.

The winner is the Player who has caught the most fish or, if you chose at the beginning of the game, the player who has the highest points score.

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