

Help Harvest an Invasive Species!

Northern Snakehead

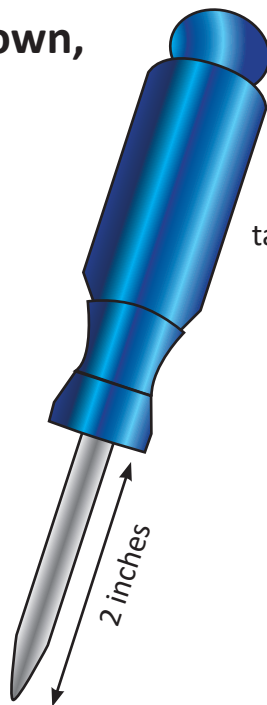


How to harvest a northern snakehead

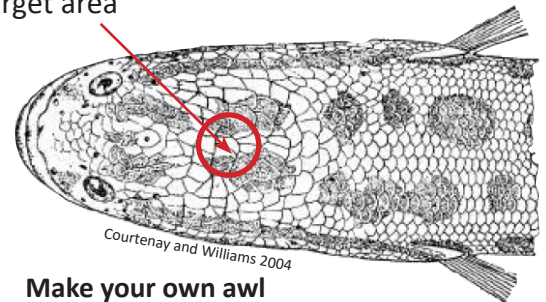
1. Remove gill arches, or
2. Remove the head, or
3. Remove internal organs, or
4. Use an awl, or make your own, to puncture the skull.



Remove gill arches from both sides of the head using pliers. Subdue large fish with a blunt blow first, if necessary.



target area



Courtenay and Williams 2004

Make your own awl

1. Grind the tip of a screwdriver (2 inch tip) into a point
2. Firmly hold snakehead and impale top of head of snakehead, behind eyes



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Anyone wishing to keep snakeheads, also known as harvesting, must immediately kill them. Northern snakehead is an invasive species and was illegally introduced into Maryland waters. It can now be found in all major rivers of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay watershed. Snakeheads can be fished in any season, at any time, with a fishing license. Any number of snakeheads can be taken home, but they must be killed after catching them. As an incentive for harvesting, remember that the white meat of snakehead makes for a good meal.