

## Gulp Alive Leaches for Walleye!

This past summer I decided to try the new Gulp Alive Leaches from Berkley. After fishing with them all summer I will always have them in the boat. If a leach bite is on and happening make sure to bring them along. The best thing about Gulp is when you have a lot of small fish like perch that are traditional bait stealers the Alive products will not be stolen. You can catch 5-10 fish or more on one Gulp Leach. The only negative is the fluid that is used and the containers can leak at times. My fishing partner one day wiped his lips shortly after baiting up with gulp and he found out that they taste very bad. I thought he was going get sick over the side of the boat with all the face contortions his was making. Make sure to towel your hands off before touching your lips or eyes.

Might want to mention not getting the juice on the carpet as well.

Gulp leaches can be fished many ways in Colorado, on a jig, drop shot rig, spinner rigs and any way you would fish a live leach. My preferred method is on a 1/8 ounce jig. Scott Wanzek has some great short long shank live bait jigs that work well for Gulp. I like to use 10/4 Fireline in flame green when jigging. I have found I can keep my jigs from getting stuck in the rocks by fishing a slightly lighter jig with Fireline. Fireline allows me to use a 1/8 jig, were if I was using mono I may have to use a 1/4 ounce jig to get it to the bottom based on wind and wave action. If my jig does get stuck I pull my line out like I am shooting an arrow then let it snap back too create slack. Most time I can retrieve my jig. Find your good jigging rod with a sensitive tip spool up with your favorite line and give it a try.

### How I fish gulp!

When jigging with gulp leaches you need to remember that it is an artificial bait and you the angler needs to provide action to the bait. I do this by lifting my rod tip 2-3 inches at a time to get the tail working on the leach. I also like to use the longer 5 inch leach over the 3 inch because of the better action that the tail provides on the bigger leach. I then look



for some shore line structure like in the picture that has large and small boulders is a great area for catching Walleyes. I look for drop offs that go from only a few inches to 15 ft or deeper depending on the season.

Once I find my spot I pitch my jig out towards shore perpendicular to the boat. The boat is barley moving forward until I find a school of fish. I then jig it back to the boat with short 2-3 inch lifts that I mentioned earlier. You want to keep the jig near the bottom so don't lift the jig too high. Once

the bait is parallel -to the boat make a short lift and pause the jig to see if you can get any Walleye that may be following to bite. If no takers keep working the shore line until you find fish. This technique is almost like dragging your bait but you are adding action to the bait. Some days dragging may be better than lifting your bait. Give them both a try and

let the fish tell you what they want. This is how I fished at Trinidad last year and did well and was able to weigh 5 fish each day during the tournament.

Other tricks for Gulp Leaches:

Use two leaches at a time to create a bulker presentation.

Use a live leach on top of the Gulp Leach to create tail action when vertical jigging.

Every once in a while drop you leach back into the container to add more scent.

Keep them in the shade so the fluid does not get to hot.