

## **Fishing Humans: The Next Great Intergalactic Enterprise**

The human may seem, to the inexperienced fisherman, an unpredictable animal that moves this way or that way or sits still for long periods of time for no particular reason. Because of this many novices have sworn off fishing this strange creature. But a new study in human behavior, performed by the ICGF (Intergalactic Center of Good Fishing), has come to the conclusion that, with the proper techniques, fishing humans in accordance with the guidelines of non-disturbance established by the APLIS (Agency Protecting Less Intelligent Species) could be the most profitable enterprise to be created since the celebration of the headless turkey-things. Once one is aware of their nuances, fishing for humans is indeed a simple task.

The biggest problem with fishing humans is that they have very few natural lures. Whereas almost all other creatures can be hunted simply and efficiently by letting tasty morsels hang down from the sky, the humans have been shown impervious to all such attempts. Whether the would-be fisherman fishes with the “hamburger” lure, the “sprite can” lure, or the “spaghetti and meatballs” lure, the humans seem to walk nicely around these hanging delicacies. Many have commented that it is as if the human race will deny the existence of these things, preferring to believe that food cannot and will not float in midair.

Most fishermen, after seeing all their food items ignored completely for hour upon hour, will give up on fishing for this elusive prey, and drive off to find more lucrative species. Only the most determined stay, all of whom have come to the conclusion that the only way to catch a human is to enter the whole ship into the atmosphere and suck them up through a high pressure entry hatch straw. While this is effective, and hotshot Gregory Greg Gregory Greg was able to catch a universal record of 363,742 humans in this way, it was shortly determined a serious abuse of the rules and regulations set down by the APLIS, and is now punishable by three to ten years of imprisonment and a six-hundred credit fine.

The highly respected Dr. Greg was kindly asked to return his vast collection of humans to their natural habitat.

So, up until now, the human has been ignored by the rest of the universe. Besides a few flukes with the hamburger methods and especially stupid specimens, there have been no legal catches for the past fifty years. And what have the geniuses at the ICGF discovered to change this? They have found that the human race actually collects in big, box like thingies that they call “buildings.” This strange feature of human psychology makes them prefer these things they call “buildings” to the rest of their world. Scientists speculate that that must be their primary food source.

Once this is known, the fishing of humans just takes simple, logical thought. The lure can, in fact, be used to attract humans, but everyone had been using the wrong lures! By simply attaching a full-scale replica of one of these “buildings” to transparent string and letting it rest on the surface of the earth, one can catch not just one human at a time, but thousands! Preliminary tests with the models “shopping mall” and “McDonalds” have been capable of reeling in more than one hundred humans per hour.

The method is as simple as it sounds. Just find an empty place to put your building, and wait for it to fill up. Then reel the building in, empty it out, and set it down again. Just remember to use a transparent line, and never put your lure on top of real building, because it might scare the humans away.

We hope that, with these breakthroughs, an ample supply of humans will be readily available to fulfill your needs.