



## Water Floats Also Known as Water Bubbles

A water bubble, also called a water float is one of fishing's most versatile tools. This clear plastic bubble has a tube that runs through the center of the float. This tube can be pushed on the skinny end so that it will open and water can be filled inside. The more water, the lower the float will sink from the surface. For floating baits like Power Bait or Zeke's cheese; fill the bubble completely. For worms and salmon eggs leave an air bubble to fish the surface or fill it completely and it sink slowly. When float has desired amount of water; replace tube.

THAT'S IMPORTANT, otherwise when you cast the tube will come loose. Tie on a # 12 snap swivel. From here on it is easy.

Tie a 2 - 4 lb. test leader that is 3 - 5 ft. long with a # 14, 16 or 18 treble hook and use your favorite bait. Half a worm inflated and dipped in a scent and thrown out under a full bubble is the Head Rangers' favorite.

IMPORTANT TIP: Leave the bail open after you cast. You have to watch for strikes more closely. You may find that you will catch more fish because they don't feel the tension on the line.

A water float works really well when you are fishing in weeds. You don't get weeds on your hook until you move your line. The bait drifts down slowly among the weeds. Just like the trout's natural food. Also remember that the weeds make the trout feel safe so they swim around more looking for food. The weeds also provide cover for the small fish and insects that the trout like to eat. BASS ANGLERS HAVE KNOWN THIS FOR A LONG TIME, YET TROUT ANGLERS SEEM RELUCTANT TO FISH IN THE WEEDS.

HOT TIP: When you see trout jumping on the surface in the early morning or late evening, fill a bubble  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and tie on a small fly or a Trout Teaser Jig at the end of a 5 ft. leader. Cast past the rising fish and reel in very, very, very slowly. This method was developed in the High Sierra's but also works here.

