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## TANK CONDITION

The Tank Condition screen shows you all of the habitat options you selected when you set up the tank. It also displays the water purity level, which lets you know when to clean it.

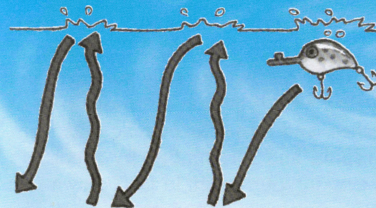
## SETTING CHANGE

The settings in your tank are not static. You need to make frequent adjustments to your aquarium if you want fish to thrive. As they grow and evolve into other species, your pet fish require different habitats and foods. To be a responsible aquarium owner, you need to be aware of these changes as they occur.

An unusual feature of this game is that your pet fish gradually evolve into different species. Their evolutionary path is determined by the kind of care you give them and the environmental settings you choose.

*As the saying goes, "There are plenty more fish in the sea." Once you've saved your sister, try catching each of the forty different fish, to reveal the location of Fun Lake...the ultimate fishing hole!*

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## Using Super Game Boy

Correctly insert the Game Boy Game Pak into the Super Game Boy. Next, Insert the Super Game Boy into the Super NES and move the power switch on the Super NES to the ON position. For further operation information, please consult your Super Game Boy and Super NES instruction manuals.

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# THE STORY

On most days, fishing is a peaceful and relaxing sport. But this isn't most days. When you awaken one morning, you discover that your sister has fallen ill with a rare disease. Your wise old mother tells you that the only cure is found in the magical powers of the elusive Guardian Fish. It lives in a remote area of

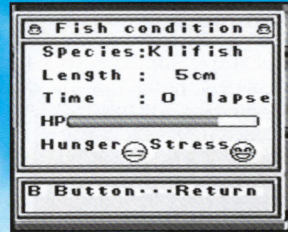


rivers, lakes, and streams teeming with dangerous rapids, and surrounded by predators with an eye on your catch. In fact, only a few men have ever successfully fished the wilderness. Only by using every ounce of bravery, skill, cunning, and perseverance can you hope to avoid the many pitfalls, catch a Guardian Fish, and save your sister. But you are determined to succeed.

***CATCH A GUARDIAN AND SAVE YOUR SISTER!***

## FISH CONDITION

To raise a healthy fish, you must attend to its needs. Frequently check its status on the Fish Condition Screen, which displays data on species, size, age, and health. Keep an eye on the face icons, happy or sad, that reflect the hunger and stress levels of your pet.



## FEED FISH

You will have to feed your fish regularly if you expect him to survive for any length of time. Choose from a number of different foods, and try to figure out what your fish prefers.

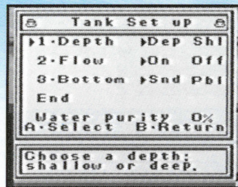
## CLEAN TANK

Algae, uneaten food, and other waste can cloud the water, and affect your pet's environment. The larger the fish, the faster the water will get dirty. To remove impurities, drain the tank and refill it with clean water. However, some bottom dwelling fish actually prefer murky water.



# RAISE MODE

Fishing Mode shows that you can catch fish, but can you take care of one? In Raise Mode, you begin with an empty tank and a small fish egg. You'll create a habitat, select fish food, and clean the tank periodically. Within a short while, your pet fish will be healthy and happy.



## DEPTH

When setting up your aquarium, first select either Deep or Shallow as the water Depth.

## FLOW

Adjust the tank's water Flow to regulate current, which also affects the purity of the water.

## BOTTOM

Choose either a sand or pebble bottom, depending on the habitat needs of a particular fish species.

# CONTROL FUNCTIONS

## CONTROLLER PAD

Controls your movements, directs casting and reeling, and cycles through the menu. To speak to other characters, simply move into them.

## SELECT BUTTON

In Fish Mode, toggles between fishing and walking.

## START BUTTON

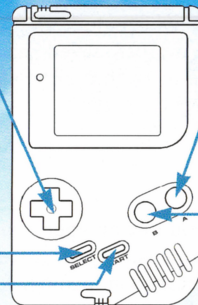
Begins the game and push once to pause the game in Fish Mode. Push again to resume action.

## A BUTTON

Use it to reel in fish, attack hostile animals, and activate selected menu options.

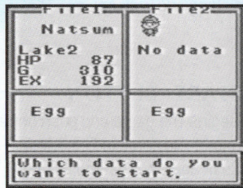
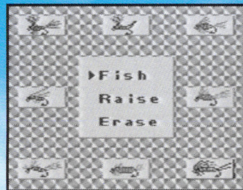
## B BUTTON

Controls casting: the longer it is pushed, the further the cast. It also cancels selections and lets you exit the menu mode.



# GETTING STARTED

There are two modes of play in Legend Of The River King, Fish Mode and Raise Mode. The first menu screen lets you choose which mode to play, or allows you to erase a previously saved game. Use the Control Pad to cycle through the choices, and the A Button to make your selection.



## FISH MODE

Choosing Fish Mode sends you out on your quest to find the Guardian Fish and cure your sister. Two separate games can be stored in memory for future reference. The File Screen displays your progress, health, money, and experience in each of the saved game files.

### MONKEY



HP:45  
WP:FACE  
EXP:6

### BEE



HP:34  
WP:FACE  
EXP:5

### EAGLE



HP:45  
WP:BEAK  
EXP:7

### B.BEAR



HP:52  
WP:FACE  
EXP:9

### B.MONKEY



HP:56  
WP:FACE  
EXP:11

### DEMONCAT



HP:35  
WP:FACE  
EXP:5

### WASP



HP:58  
WP:FACE  
EXP:8

### VIPER



HP:60  
WP:HEAD  
EXP:9

### BEAR



HP:68  
WP:FACE  
EXP:12



## PREDATORS

HP = HEALTH POINT  
WP = WEAK POINT  
EXP = EXPERIENCE POINT

If a predator's Health Points are depleted, you get a set number of Experience Points. Attacks to Weak Points do the most damage.

### BAT



HP:22  
WP:EAR  
EXP:3

### CROW



HP:35  
WP:BILL  
EXP:4

### SNAKE



HP:40  
WP:HEAD  
EXP:7

### P.SPIDER



HP:20  
WP:HEAD  
EXP:3

### LYNX



HP:28  
WP:FACE  
EXP:3

### VAMPIRE



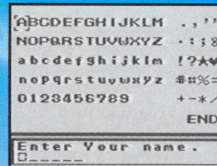
HP:40  
WP:EAR  
EXP:5

## SPIDER



HP:12  
WP:HEAD  
EXP:2

Before playing, you can type out a name for each game by moving through the alphabet with the Control Pad. Use the A Button to select a letter, and the B Button to backspace.



## RAISE MODE

This mode allows you to raise a virtual fish from a tiny egg to a mature, healthy pet. You are responsible for its feeding, care, and habitat. The File Screen displays the size and age of your fish. You can easily switch from Fish Mode to Raise Mode in any village.

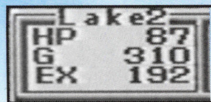
File1	File2
Natsum	Natsum
Lake2	Torrent
HP 103	HP 30
G 530	G 100
EX 344	EX 0
Klifish	T.Gdgon
8cm	2cm
OLapse	OLapse
Select fish file you want to raise.	

## ERASE DATA

To erase an existing game file, choose that option from the Game Select Screen. Move the Icon to the file you wish to delete and press the A Button. You are asked to confirm your choice, in case you change your mind.

# FISH MODE

You start your quest with only a fishing pole and bait. But you know you can catch fish along the way and trade them for supplies. You also know that villagers will give you valuable advice. Check your condition on the Command Menu with the A Button.



**HP**

Health Points reflect your current physical strength. Points are added when you eat or rest at an inn. If your points dip down to zero, from fatigue or a predator's attack, you are sent to an inn to recover.

**G**

You sell your catch at the Fish Market for Gold, which you exchange for various goods and services. Bigger fish bring more Gold.

**EX**

You gain Experience by successfully fending off animal attacks. The greater the threat, the higher the yield. Earning more points increases your Health Points.



Act quickly. The longer you wait to hit a predator, the faster the first moves and the greater your chance of missing. Tip: If possible, aim for an animal's Weak Point.

**MEAL**

A healthy player performs best in battle. Keep your Health Points high by making sure you eat frequently. Different foods restore a set number of Health Points. Tip: Always keep at least a small snack on hand.

**ESCAPE**

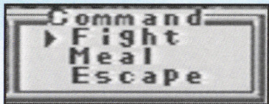
If a threat appears too menacing or if you are wounded, it might be wise to cut your losses and flee. However, clean getaways exist only in fiction. Predators may still injure you or steal your catch. Better to lick one's wounds and live to fish another day.



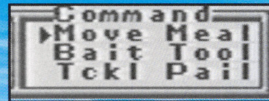
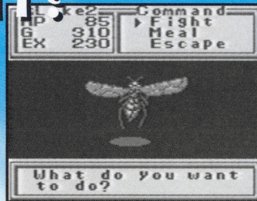
# FIGHT OR FLIGHT?

Dangerous animals live near the water. Some have a taste for fish, others are simply territorial. When attacked, you must decide whether to fight and defend your catch, eat to bolster your strength, or run away to fish another day. It's all a question of your courage, health, and wisdom.

## COMMAND



**FIGHT** If you decide to fight, it's bare fists against tooth, claw, or stinger. A fist icon randomly flashes over various parts of the predator's body; push the A Button when you want to land a blow. Tip: hits do the most damage when your Health Points are highest. If not defeated or stunned, predators will strike back. You and the predator take turns attacking each other.

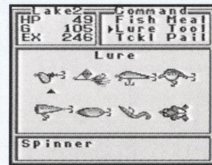
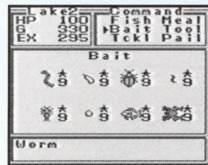


## MOVE

Choosing Move allows you to put away your tackle and walk to a new location. The Select button toggles between Move and Fish.

## BAIT, LURE or FLY

Depending on the type of rod your using, select either Bait, Lures, or Flies from the tackle box. Use Bait with the Float or Casting Rods. Choose a Lure for the Lure Rod. Dry and Wet Flies are used when Fly Fishing. Fish are often fickle, preferring just one type of presentation over all others. Therefore, if something doesn't seem to do the trick, try something else. Keep experimenting until you succeed.



## FISH

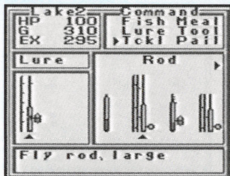
To start angling, choose the Fish option from the Command Menu. You get out your tackle and are ready to cast. You may start fishing if your in the right position.

## TCKL

Tackle refers to your whole fishing setup, including rod, float, sinker, and either bait, lure, or fly. As time goes on, the hero acquires more sophisticated tackle. Certain conditions call for a specific type of Tackle. To succeed, you must learn what that tackle is and how to use it.

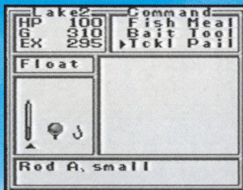
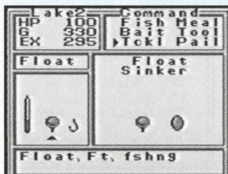
### FISHING RODS

Your fishing technique, including the distance you can cast, depends on the size and type of rod you use.



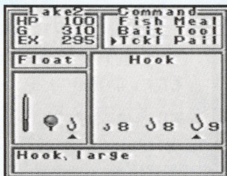
### FLOATS/SINKER

Floats are used when fishing near the surface. Sinkers send the hook down deep.



### HOOKS

The hook you use depends on the size of fish you're after. Pack a variety to be ready for anything.



- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| A Carp    | H W.Gdgon  |
| B Eel     | I Snkhead  |
| C T.Gdgon | J Catfish  |
| D Crucian | K N.Stklbk |
| E Klifish | L Shrimp   |
| F Perch   | M Loach    |
| G S.Gdgon | N G.Carp   |

## LAKE 2 (FOURTH STAGE)





## STREAM (THIRD STAGE)

A D. Chub



B Dace



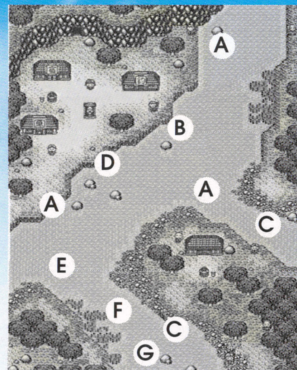
C Ayu



D Sculpin



E Rudd



F P.Chub



G R.Sclpin



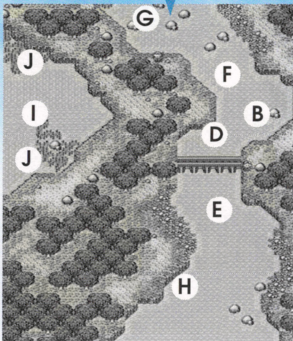
H Salmon



I C.Carp



J Bit'ling



## MEALS

You, like all of us, need to eat frequently. Meals replenish lost Health Points, making you stronger.

Lake2	Command
HP 111	Fish Meal
G 280	Lush Tool
EX 291	Tckl Pail
Meal	
Rice ball	

## TOOLS

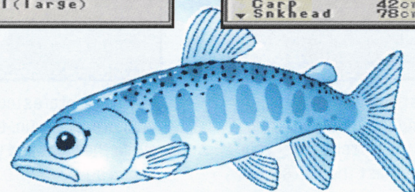
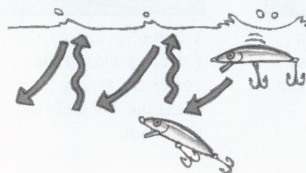
You can make use of a variety of other equipment. Much of it is available at the Tackle Shop.

Lake2	Command
HP 100	Fish Meal
G 180	Bait Tool
EX 295	Tckl Pail
Tool	
Pail (large)	

## PAIL

Your Pail displays the size and quantity of fish you have caught. The bottom list divides the catch by species.

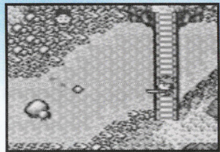
Lake2	Command
HP 86	Fish Meal
G 180	Fly Tool
EX 304	Tckl Pail
Size 16	
	0 1
0~10	0 41~60 3
11~20	0 61~ 3
21~40	0 Ttl 4
Carp 42cm	
Snkhead 78cm	



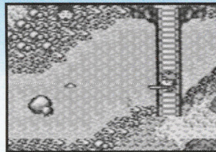
# CATCHING FISH

Depending on your equipment, the characteristics of the water, and the type of fish your after, you must use one of several different fishing techniques. To start, select a good spot, choose Fish from the Command Menu, and wet your line!

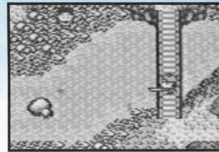
## BAIT FISHING



Cast out into the water by using the B Button. Then let the current carry your Float past the fish silhouettes.



If fish are interested in your presentation, they'll circle the Float and you'll hear a beep.



When a fish strikes, the Float dips and the beep becomes a steady tone. Press the A or B Button to reel him in.

Lake2	5	Size	16
HP	75	Total	0
G	430		
EX	304		

You caught Carp!

## LAKE 1 (SECOND STAGE)

A L.Trout



B G.Trout



C Smelt



D Minnow



E B.Bass



F B. Trout



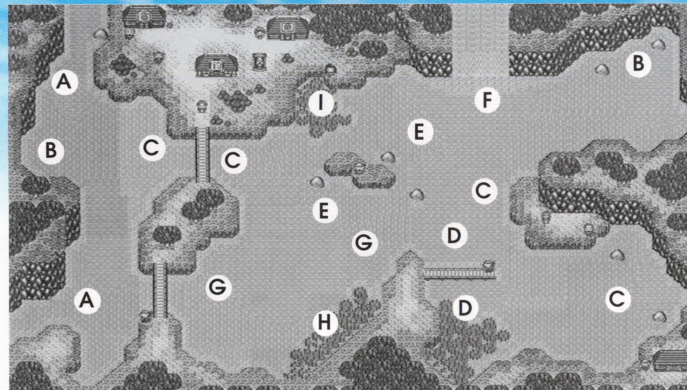
G B.Gill



H Darter



I T. Stklbk

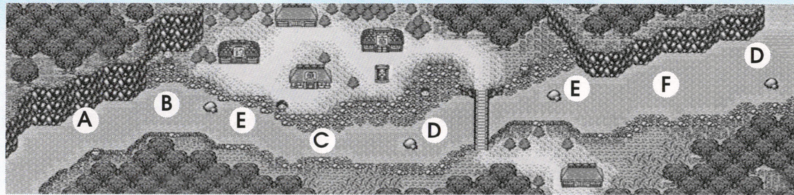




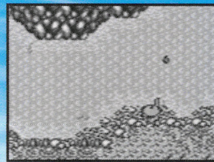
# FISHING GUIDE MAPS

Different species of fish tend to prefer a specific habitat. Often larger fish will gather in deeper water, while smaller ones will hide in shallow waters and grass. These maps should give you an idea of where to fish.

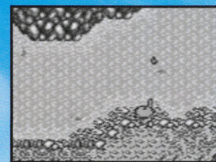
## TORRENT (FIRST STAGE)



## LURE FISHING

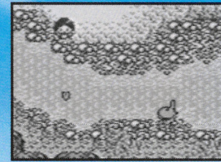


After casting a lure with the B Button, reel it in with the A or B Button to entice a fish to strike.



When a fish circles your lure, you know he's interested. Press the A or B Button to hook and reel him in.

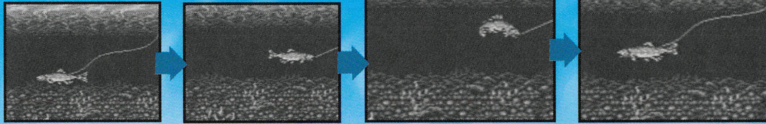
## FLY FISHING



Once you've cast your fly with the B Button, reel it in as you would in Bait Fishing.

**UNDERWATER VIEW** Hooking a fish is only half the work. Now you've got to land him. Pressing the A Button activates a screen that gives you an underwater perspective of your task. In Bait/Fly Fishing, you'll see the type of fish you've hooked, so that you can begin to reel him in successfully. Lure Fishing requires you to move the lure around to fool a fish into striking it.

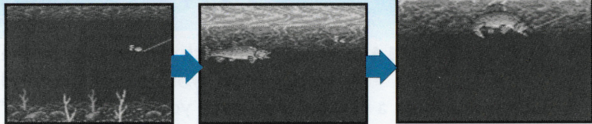
## BAIT/FLY FISHING



Wait for the fish to tire. Eventually it will slow down and stop. Press the A or B Button to begin reeling in your catch.

Stop reeling when the fish stops or tugs back at the line. If you don't use caution, it may break free.

## LURE FISHING



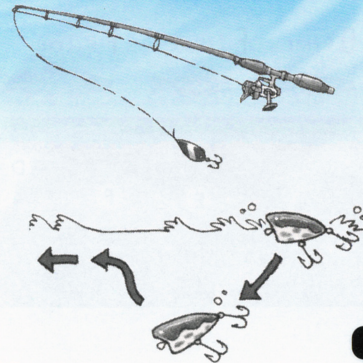
Use the A or B Button to make the lure move like the fish's natural prey. The fish will approach your lure from the left.

When the fish strikes, reel it in as you would in Bait/FlyFishing.



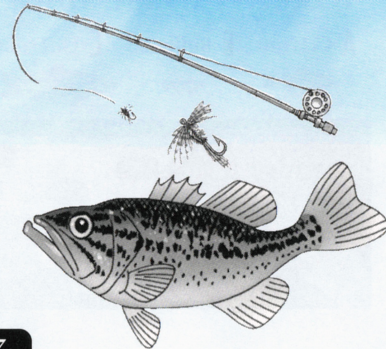
## LURE ROD SET

The Lure Rod is similar to the Casting Rod. But instead of live bait on a hook, it uses an artificial lure resembling a fish's natural prey. Use the A Button to give realistic movement to the lure.



## FLY ROD SET

The Fly Rod Set is for the advanced angler. A "fly" is an artificial insect that either floats on the surface (dry fly) or drifts underwater (wet fly). Fish mistake them for living insects and attack.



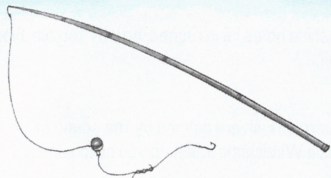


# TACKLE SETS

You begin your adventure with a simple Float Rod. But to catch lunker fish, you'll need to upgrade your tackle. Each type of tackle requires specific techniques that you must master.

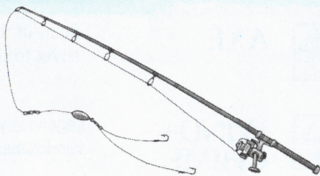
## FLOAT ROD SET

This consists of a line fixed to the end of a simple pole, with a float to help position the hook. While this set-up is effective for small- to medium-size fish, you need a reel to land larger ones.



## CASTING ROD SET

The Casting Rod is equipped with a reel to draw the line back in. A lead sinker allows you to get the hook down deep, regardless of the current. Use the B Button to reel the bait past your quarry.



# SEEKING HELP

In each village you travel through, the people who own fish markets, tackle shops, and inns can provide valuable services. Consult the owners for an options menu. Use the B Button to cancel.

## FISH MARKET



You can earn money for supplies by selling your catch at Fish Markets. The bigger the catch, the more money you'll get.

## TACKLE SHOP



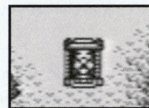
The Tackle Shop stocks most (but not all) of the gear you need, including rods, bait, and food.

## INN



Staying at a village Inn will increase your Health Points to their maximum level. Prices vary from town to town.

## SAVE POINT



When you want to save or quit a game in progress, or check on your virtual fish in Raise Mode, walk to this kiosk.

## SUPPLIES

Many of the Supplies you need are available at the Tackle Shop. You'll have to search or trade for some items.



### PAIL (SMALL)

Pails let you keep fish alive until they're sold. The Small Pail holds four fish. Larger pails are available.



### FISHING MEMO

This is a log of all of the fish you catch. It makes special note of record-breaking lunkers.



### RAFT

The Raft is used for fishing offshore, and to gain access to certain waters. Guard against exhaustion.



### NET

Investing in a Net saves money in the long run by letting you catch bait you'd otherwise have to pay for.



### CHUM- MING

Chum is fish meat thrown in the water, where its smell attracts gamefish to the fisherman.



### ORANGE

Nutrition is important to maintain health. Eating an Orange will restore ten Health Points.



### RICE BALL

A Rice Ball is a very healthy, hearty snack. When you eat one, you regain twenty Health Points.



### LUNCH

A good meal really hits the spot. You earn forty Health Points when you eat Lunch.



### CHARM

As you embark on your journey, your mother gives you a lucky Charm with unknown powers.



### AXE

Some of the best fishing holes lie in rugged, brushy terrain. Find an Ax to blaze a trail.



### WIND- CHIME

Legend says that Guardian Fish are calmed by the sound of windchimes. Perhaps a Windchime will help you catch one.