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A N D A P P R O V E D

Terry Brodsky, Field Test Coordinator
Ratings: 1-poor, 10-excellent

Total number of NAFC members who tested products for this issue

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To become a Field Tester... you must complete the free Field Test Profile form (available by calling the NAFC toll-free at: (800) 843-6232). The information you provide is used to match a fishing product to your location, species preferences and skill level. After testing, complete the product evaluation form and keep the product free of charge. At least 67 percent of Field Testers must approve a product before it can earn the exclusive NAFC Seal of Approval.

Pirarucu

The Pirarucu's (\$14.99) long, streamlined body creates a topwater swirl that calls in predators. Balanced for a fast, easy walk-the-dog presentation, the Pirarucu can also be cast long distances, making the lure ideal for covering a lot of water. Contact Vagabond USA: (818) 566-8887; www.vagabondusa.com.

FIELD TEST RATINGS

Ease Of Use	9.0
Quality	9.2
Fish Attraction	8.1
Action	8.5
Overall Rating	8.7
Favorite Feature	
Realistic action	

Ben Rockey, Poplar Grove, IL: "The Pirarucu brought largemouths up from deep structure with its walk-the-dog action and rattle. The sleek design makes for easier casting on windy days." **Ricky Johnson, Clinton, SC:** "The Pirarucu looks like a wounded fish floundering on the surface. This motion attracts big fish."



Fish N' Bone Knife

The Fish N' Bone Knife (\$14.95) has a flexible 5-inch 440-A stainless steel blade. The non-slip handle with Outdoor Edge's Trimono texture pattern is easy to grip—even when wet. The knife comes with a Cordura nylon belt sheath and clothing clip to carry inside a pocket. Contact Outdoor Edge Cutlery Corp. at: (800) 447-3343; www.outdooredge.com.

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Versatility	8.8
Ease Of Use	9.5
Design	9.0
Quality	9.1
Overall Rating	9.2
Favorite Feature	
Non-slip handle	

Russell Louis, Sabina, OH: "I really like the look and feel of the Fish N' Bone Knife. I can't lose it with the carrying case on my side, and after filleting several fish, the blade remains sharp." **Don Kruse, Longville, MN:** "The Fish N' Bone Knife's non-slip handle ensures a good grip, even when it's wet. The blade holds an edge well and sharpens easily."



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Quality	8.9
Ease Of Use	8.8
Sharpness	9.5
Design	8.5
Overall Rating	8.9
Favorite Feature	
Sharp point	

Black Nickel Sickle Hook

The Black Nickel Sickle Hook (\$2.59) from Matzuo has a chemically etched, ultra-sharp needle point that offers a high hooking percentage. The hook's unique bends boost strength, increase penetration and are ideal for presenting soft plastics. Contact Matzuo America at: (720) 941-9400; www.matzuo.com.

Christopher Kroboth, Woodbridge, VA: "The Black Nickel Sickle Hook has a sharp point and hooked fish well. Aside from added strength, I found the unique bends helped keep my rigs weedless and kept floating softbaits elevated." **Scott DeVries, Tavares, FL:** "I rigged these hooks for drop-shotting and for flippin'. The bend in the eye held my plastics better and the sharp point increased my hooking percentage."

