

# BERKLEY GULP MAGGOTS ARTIFICIAL VS. LIVE MAGGOTS

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## TACKLE TESTING Review & Results

### SCIENTIFIC QUESTION:

Gulp Maggots claim to outfish ALL other Baits 2 to 1. will these artificial baits outperform real maggots per the company's claim?

### HYPOTHESIS:

Artificial baits including this one lack movement and the ability to trigger strikes like good live bait. The artificial bait will NOT perform better than live bait under equal conditions.

### MATERIALS/APPARATUS:

Identical Pole, Bite Indicator, Hook, Line & Weights  
:30 min. time/alarm

\$24 in Gulp Maggots (no shipping)

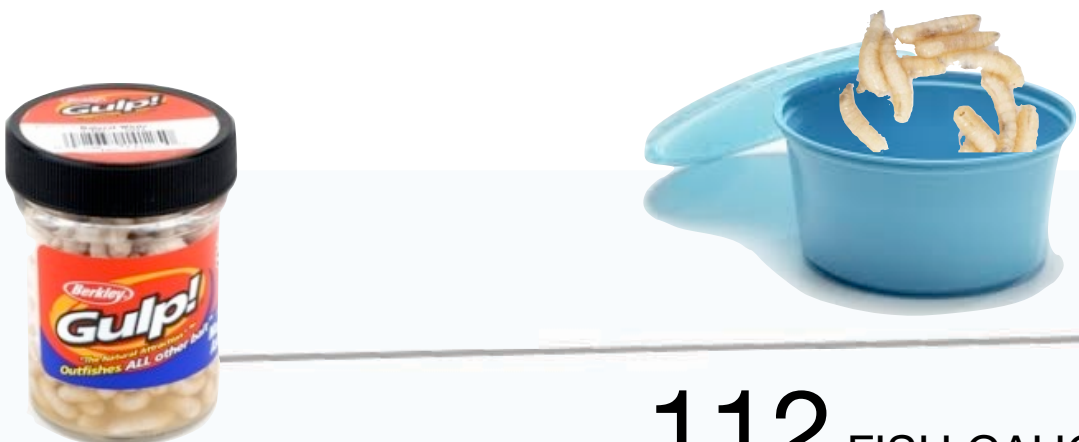
\$24 in Live Maggots (included some shipping)

### PROCEDURE:

Fish 3 x :30 minute sessions for each using the same fishing tackle, same hook, same rigs. Fish stationary, seated. All fish caught on Gulp go in Black Keep Bag. All fish caught on live maggots go in Blue Bag to confirm counts. Fishing will take place in two 1 foot squares in the same 10 foot area - Gulp to the right - Live Bait to the left.

### CONCLUSION:

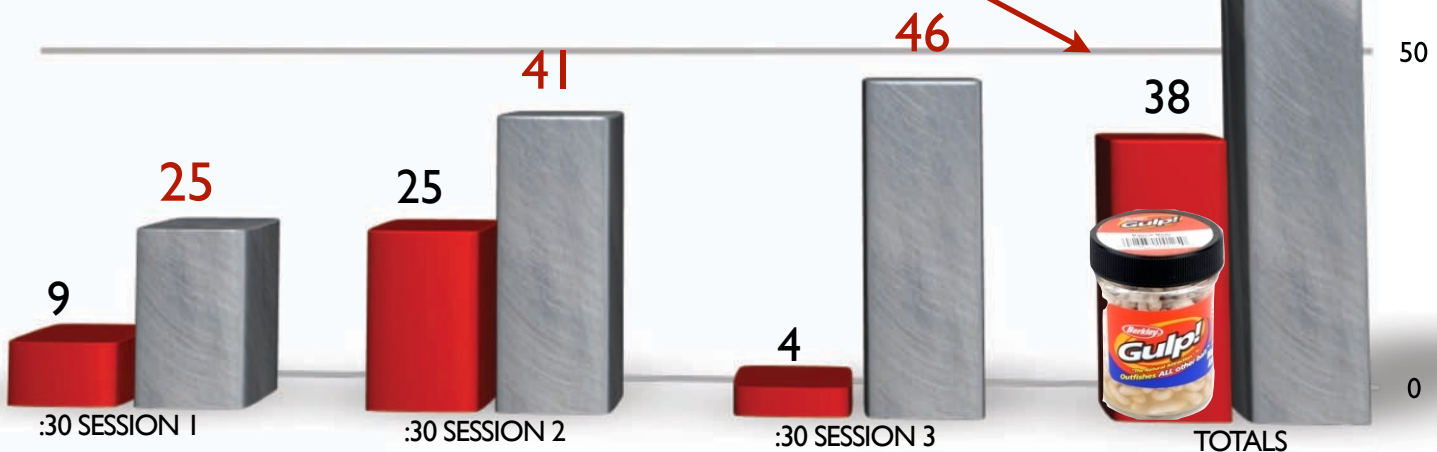
Fish prefer live bait vs. Gulp /Artificial bait. Artificial bait does NOT outfish live bait. Three Tests indicated that fish prefer live bait greater than 3:1 over artificial baits. While tests conditions were made to be equal the live bait was fished upwind from the artificial bait. Because of wind current carrying live bait scent upwind, the artificial Gulp results could have benefited from the live bait. Also fish activity created from the live bait (sounds, motion) could also have increased Gulp's catch results. yet STILL did not outperform the live maggots. The test was conclusive that live bait performs 6x better than Gulp "Claims" it should have on the jars. Gulp claims to outfish live bait 2-to-1 but lost in our tests 3:1 (38 fish to 112 fish).



38 FISH CAUGHT

112 FISH CAUGHT  
USING LIVE BAIT  
VadosBait.com- MAGGOTS

■ Gulp artificial MAGGOTS  
■ LIVE BAIT - MAGGOTS



FISH CAUGHT				
BAIT	:30 SESSION 1	:30 SESSION 2	:30 SESSION 3	TOTALS
GULP ARTIFICIAL MAGGOTS	9	25	4	38
LIVE BAIT - MAGGOTS	25	41	46	112

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## GULP ARTIFICIAL

BAIT	:30 - 1X	:30 - 2X	:30 - 3X
1	9.00	25.00	4.00
Average	9.00	17.00	12.67

## LIVE MAGGOTS

BAIT	:30 - 1X	:30 - 2X	:30 - 3X
2	25.00	41.00	46.00
Average	25.00	33.00	37.33