If you love the <u>great sport of fishing</u>, what better way to improve your skills than practising in the comfort of your living room, allowing you to escape the task of cleaning fish or the strong smell. Perfect for the freezing winter months, there are many different fishing games to play that will improve your chances of making the biggest catch of your life next time you take to the water.

Catering for all the different consoles, as well as being available online, fishing games are designed for all levels and skills with superb graphics and plenty of fun and relaxation along the way. They also teach you a great deal about the sport, from what type of bait to use, different types of fish, the best fishing weather and where to target certain species. Whether it's fresh water or deep sea fishing that float your boat, there are games out there perfect for any fishing enthusiast or anyone who wants to try out the sport for the first time.

Online Fishing Games There are many games available online, for free or a small fee, which can help you sharpen your skills. Bass fishing games are the favourite online, allowing you to compete against your friends or other players over the internet. They are great for getting you into the habit of noticing conditions and water type and offer valuable tips for your technique. You can even create your own scenario or keep practising at a difficult site. The graphics are fun and exciting, with splashing water bugs, jumping frogs and fish that fight back harder than ever!

Three of the Best Console Fishing Games:

- Sega Bass Fishing: A classic fishing game which was born as an arcade game in the 1990s, Sega Bass Fishing has recently been launched on the Wii. The Nintendo Wii is the perfect console for fishing, allowing the use of the handset as a rod to practice your cast in a more realistic way, or for diehard fishing enthusiasts you can purchase a Wii fishing rod. The game offers four different modes, including practice, arcade, tournament and nature trip, making this the perfect game for anyone new to the sport.
- Hooked! Also available on the Wii, Hooked allows the gamer to use the remote as a rod and the numchuck
 as a reel to catch the biggest fish. Settings are photo realistic, including a meteorite crater lake, with
 features that include fully interactive tutorials to turn you into a top fisherman.
- Rapala Pro Fishing: created by Activision, this is one of the best known fishing games available on many
 different consoles. With authentic Rapala fishing gear and guided fishing trips. The under water
 environments are incredibly realistic and fish have amazing special effects and graphics with an advanced
 depth of field.