Common questions regarding fishing from shore in Belize

Q. What fish can you catch from shore?

A. Mostly bonefish. We have mass schools of bonefish that feed in the turtle grass on our shores. In fact, walking either north or south along the beach with wading shoes will provide ample opportunities for casting to bonefish.

Q. Can I catch Permit?

A. There are a couple of select flats areas that are accessible from the shoreline. These areas are on the northern end of the island and will require you rent a Bicycle or Walk (Walking will take 2hr each way). The specific flats areas are known to hold permit that you can wade to and catch. It has been done but it's not as always guaranteed like the Bonefish.

Q. Any chance of Tarpon?

A. No! You may see a couple cruise by if you're out on the end of a boat dock, But they'll be motoring towards the feeding grounds and want nothing to do with you. And they'll probably be outside of your casting range anyways. Even if you did manage to hook one, he'd have you wrapped around a dock piling so fast your head would spin. And there goes your $70.00 Fly Line, $10.00 Bahama twist Leader, and

$5.00 fly.

Q. Can you fish from the beach?

A. Belize has a law called "Queen's Land" meaning, the first thirty feet of shoreline from the waters edge is owned by the Queen and is for public access. No one can say you're fishing on private property.

Q. Can I fish from boat docks?

A. Again, Belize law stipulates a Boat dock is of public use from six am (6:00 am) until six pm (6:00 pm). Boats may dock on any pier during these hours on the "windward side" (the side the wind is blowing into the dock - 99% of the time, on Ambergris caye that will be the north side of the dock/pier). Same applies to walking and fishing, you can legally use the dock from 6 am to 6 pm.