

Green Pumpkin



Available weights – 3/8 oz, 1/2 oz, 3/4 oz, 1 oz, 1 1/4 oz

Weighted Skirts (Punch Rigs)

Weighted Skirts score high points for their versatility and are the perfect combination for situations that call for the look of a jig and penetration capability. Vike Weighted Skirts are made from Tungsten which is denser than lead and equates to a smaller head and less bulk. Designed for punching through weed in shallow water, the Vike Weighted Skirts consist of a 52 strand skirt rigged to a durable tungsten head. The jig is typically rigged so the head slides freely on the leader just above the hook, enabling fishing to occur horizontally, as in cast and retrieve fishing, basically creating a jig that shields the bait or lure as it enters and exits thick vegetation without becoming snagged, and allowing the hook and weight to separate when fighting a fish.

Skirts can be allowed to sink to any depth before making a retrieve. When retrieving the lure you can opt for a steady wind, but it pays to break up this steady wind with some speed variation. Using a stop/start retrieve, with small pauses, enables the skirt to flutter and flare, presenting a larger, more enticing profile to larger fish. The trailing skirt becomes a target as inquisitive fish can't help themselves and instinctively strike in reaction to it. Contact with the bottom is necessary for success and the standard lift and drop technique for soft plastics is the required presentation for these lures (imitating the movement of squid and octopus on the move).

Using these lures in **salt/brackish estuaries** is also becoming more common with jewfish and flathead, bream, bass and estuary perch the main target species. Flathead have cavernous mouths and can engulf the whole lure, as is the case with other large mouthed species acting as a fish attractor in deep water.



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