

6" Reef Hawg Tuning

OEM 3 Hook Bait: Drill the hole about a 1/2 of an inch back from the front hook. I use screw inserts & screw in weights. Small reef hawgs take about 1/4 to 3/8 oz large 1/2 to 3/4 oz . All depends though; I love reef hawgs & have MANY. Each one has its own personality. But, need to be weighted. Also sometimes the hooks are not centered down the belly, so make sure your weight is... GOOD LUCK!!

JD Splasher 6" two hook: Reef Hawgs have been great baits for years. The problem is wood densities. I've modified many 6" reef hawgs for many guys. Modifications made are, weighting, screw eyes, painting, rattles, clear coat, hooks, ect. The hook hangers are balance points. Add a slight bit more weight to the back hole. After modifications, baits run deeper and have great swing.

Remove cotter pins and hooks. Weight the 2 holes. I make my own custom ingots for drill size, otherwise use worm bullet weights. A 1 1/4" screw eye is placed in the middle, maybe slightly up towards the front hole. I place a 5/0 there, 4/0 rear hook. Better side to side...not as erratic, unless you get more aggressive on taps. Also achieve better depths. I pour my own ingots to weight this bait. SO! I use a 1/4" bit, drill holes in my plaster Paris so ingots fit my holes in reef hawg. Experiment, every bait is different for adding lead. BUT! Key is to add more weight to rear, than front hole, that way you get the better swing from your reef hawg.

Rattle is drilled out just behind slot in reef hawg. See the top 6"er. Look closely just behind cut, and screw eye, you may be able to detect where rattle was placed. I am never concerned about getting a bad Reef Hawg again. I have a fix.

