

filled with a liquid scent mixture. Don't return used baits to the original container. If you want to keep one of these baits after you use it, the manufacturer suggests you remove some liquid from the container and put it into a separate zip-lock bag. Then put your used baits in that bag for storage. Other non-scented baits can also be immersed in the scented liquid to give them some added attraction. Scented baits can be fished like a normal lure either on the surface or below or fished on a jig head left to lay on the bottom. They have been shown to be equally effective inshore or offshore on a variety of different species. Scented soft plastic baits come in a variety of color. Locally *new penny*, *natural*, *pearl*, and *molting* are the popular Gulp colors.



Gulp soft plastic scented baits in a bulk container. This container sells for around \$20!



## FISHING PLYERS

Every fisherman must have a pair of pliers. From tweaking a lure, pulling a knot tight, cutting line or removing a hook from a fish's mouth pliers are invaluable.

Fishing pliers made of stainless steel are best because they won't rust, but style and quality even among stainless pliers still vary greatly. Many anglers keep their pliers on a lanyard since dropping your pliers into the water usually means they are lost forever.

Shown here are the top-of-the-line \$270 Van Staal titanium pliers on the left and a \$3.50 pair of 'Tiwaneese stainless' pliers on the right. Either one will work.