

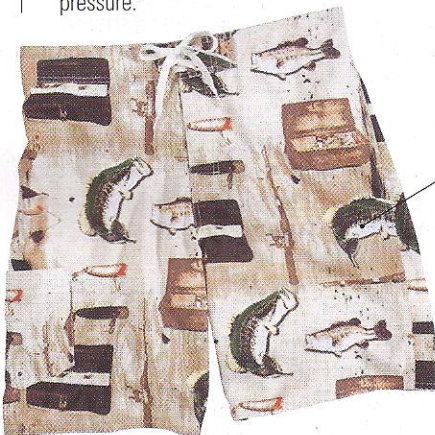
ALL STONE SHIRT (\$99)

Patagonia, www.patagonia.com
Key features: Gusseted underarm panels for full shoulder motion; drop-tail hem ensures shirt stays tucked in; western-style snaps and cuffs; 100 per cent organic cotton. **The promise:** "Stays cool and breathable under pressure."



KANEKTOK WOOL PRO HALF-ZIP (\$125)

Sage, www.sageflyfish.com
Key features: Polartec Power Dry fabric blends wool and polyester for insulation and moisture wicking; articulated sleeves for active comfort; comes in Aztec gold (pictured), black and offshore blue. **The promise:** "Wool goes high-tech."



GRANDFATHER BOX SWIM TRUNKS (\$27.99)

Bass Pro Shops, www.basspro.com
Key features: Detailed, all-over print; two mesh side pockets, plus hook-and-loop cargo pocket with drain hole; sewn-in mesh underwear. **The promise:** "Grab attention on the beach or lake."

APPAREL POINTERS

Sure, it looks good, but is that flashy new apparel practical for a day of fishing? Consider the following when planning your on-the-water wardrobe.

LAYERING Layering can often be the key to comfort. Choose layers according to your level of activity and the prevailing weather conditions. Keep in mind that different layers offer different degrees of breathability.

WICKING Moisture-wicking fabric draws sweat away from the skin and into the next layers of clothing. It's not very warm, but it doesn't lose warmth when damp. And since the material doesn't absorb moisture itself, it dries quickly.

FIT Base layers should be snug without binding. Shirts, hoodies and fleeces should offer mobility and freedom of movement, particularly around the shoulders, but without excess fabric that will snag on gear. When ordering apparel, know your measurements and consult each company's size chart, as sizing can vary widely.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

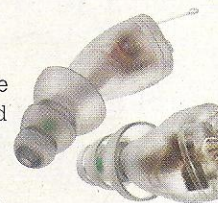
NIGHT LIGHT

A simple way to mark trails, treestands or any other spot you need to find after dark, the LED Safety Flasher (\$7.49) can also attach to your clothing or pack to signal your presence to others. The water-resistant light has an 80 times/second flash rate and runs for 50 hours. Energizer, 1-800-383-7323; www.energizer.com



SOUND SYSTEM

GunSport Pro electronic earplugs (\$449 to \$499) are designed to let hunters and shooters hear each other, yet protect their ears from gun blasts. Great for the field or the range, the form-fitting earplugs can be set for either natural sound levels or for enhanced hearing. Etymotic Research Inc., 1-888-389-6684; www.etymotic.com



MEAT PACKER

Complete with a water-resistant carrying case and DC car adapter (along with a standard AC power supply), the OlisoPro VS97A Vacuum Sealer (U.S.\$189.99) is designed for heavy-duty use both at home and in the field. The unit seals moist or dry foods in resealable, reusable bags. Oliso, 1-800-899-5157; www.oliso.com



SOAKER STOPPERS

Featuring a much lower profile than the original Bogs Classic boot, the completely waterproof Classic Short (U.S.\$84) is ideal fishing footwear for wet terrain on cool spring mornings. Features include a contoured removable insole and 7mm Neo-Tech insulation. Bogs Footwear, 1-877-321-2647; www.bogsfootwear.com



POLE PAL

Anglers who traverse tricky terrain into backcountry lakes should appreciate the Fikkes Fly Hiker (U.S.\$150 to \$500), a carbon-fibre trekking pole that quickly converts into a three-piece, eight-foot fly rod (3- and 6-weight versions are available). Fikkes Outdoor Innovations, (360) 513-3581; www.fikkes.com **OC**



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