Quadruple Barbed Gang Hooks for Plugs

Can I use four barbed hooks on my lures?

Insufficient Photography For an IGFA Slam Application

I'm missing one photo to complete an IGFA Slam and I want the Slam certificate for my office.

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Question:
Each winter, after catching summer stripers and bluefish on my swimming plugs and surface poppers I usually change out the damaged treble hooks on my lures. When at the store buying new hooks, I saw these quadruple barbed hooks. I was wondering if they are legal by IGFA rules?

Answer:
The quick answer is no – three is your maximum. IGFA rules state that gang hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (single, double, or treble, or a combination of the three).

Question:
Last month I went on an offshore fishing trip, and was lucky enough to land a blue marlin, a white marlin, and a sailfish over the course of the day. I would love to commemorate this special day on the water by applying for an IGFA Offshore Grand Slam, but I am worried that I don't have the proper documentation, even though all the catches were made by IGFA rules. I have photos of myself with the blue marlin and the sailfish, but I couldn't get a good picture with the white.

Answer:
Even though you do not have photos of all your catches, you can still apply for your Slam as long as you include a written testimony from someone on board that can verify the species, and that all IGFA rules were followed. For catches going toward an IGFA Grand or Royal Slam made after January of 2012, applicants are required to provide photos with their catches and/or the contact information of the captain, guide, or witness on board. This requirement, however, does not apply to catches made before the rule was announced.