

Commercially Made Descending Devices

Below are examples of commercially made descending devices that meet regulatory requirements in the South Atlantic region. Use the following links or check with your local tackle shop to purchase these devices.

Note: This list is not exhaustive and there may be other devices available that meet regulatory requirements.

SeaQualizer's Descending Device

- This device allows you to set the depth you want to release your fish. When the device hits the set depth, it automatically opens to release the fish.
- Comes in two versions: Standard Release (50ft, 100ft, 150ft) or Deep Release (100ft, 200ft, 300ft)
- Buy <u>HERE</u>



SeaQualizer's SeaYaLater

- An inverted hook with a sliding swivel to keep fish on hook until at the appropriate release depth.
- To release fish, snap up on the line allowing the fish to swim free.
- Buy <u>HERE</u>



Shelton Fish Descender

- An S-shaped inverted hook designed to hold fish securely until line is snapped up and the fish can swim away freely.
- Can attach to standard fishing rig or a separate rod.
- Buy <u>HERE</u>



Captain Roy's Fish Saver

- An elongated inverted hook. Send the fish to appropriate release depth and snap up on the line to free the fish.
- Buy <u>HERE</u>



Fish Saver Pro

- A small, but effective inverted hook. Snap up on the line when fish is at appropriate release depth.
- Learn more <u>HERE</u>
- Buy <u>HERE</u>



Important Notes

- Make sure to know the signs of barotrauma (stomach protrusion, anal prolapse, bulging eyes, bubbling scales, bloated stomach). If a fish is not showing any of these signs, you do not need to use a descending device. The goal is to get the fish back in the water ASAP!
- Try to insert the inverted hook designs into the hole of the original hook. Otherwise, find the thin skin under the fish's jaw and insert it here. Be careful to avoid the stomach that may be protruding out of the mouth.
- While you must have a minimum of 16 oz of weight attached to these devices, it is recommended to have 1 pound of lead weight per 5 pounds of fish weight.
- It is possible to attach multiple devices on a single line to release more than one fish at a time.
- Depending on the size of your fish, you may be able to attach 2-3 fish on a single device.