



OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS



CONSERVATION – dehooker

Federal and Gulf state regulations were adopted in 2008 which require the use of a “dehooker” for certain fish that are to be released. These regulations do not apply to fishing in southern California but this type of device can certainly be used effectively for certain types of fish that we wish to release.

A typical dehooker device is illustrated below with the web site for more information. This type of device will permit anglers to safely remove hooks from fish that are deeply hooked or lip hooked. The hooks can be removed without touching or removing the fish from the water.

A photograph of an Arc Dehooker device, which is a long, thin metal rod with a curved hook at the top and a small circular loop at the bottom.	<p>Arc Dehooker Website: http://www.dehooker4arc.com/index.cfm</p>
<p>Meets the requirements of Amendment 27/14 in the Gulf of Mexico. Recommended Hook size; up to 4/0. Great for smaller fresh and salt-water fish hook removal.</p>	

Note that this device is not intended for use for rockfish that are suffering from barotrauma. The Shelton Fish Descender or equivalent device should be used for saving rockfish with extended stomachs.

A dehooker will be useful for safely releasing the small yellowtail, barracuda, kelpbass and other fish that we do not wish to keep. We should consider adding a dehooker to our fishing arsenal.

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