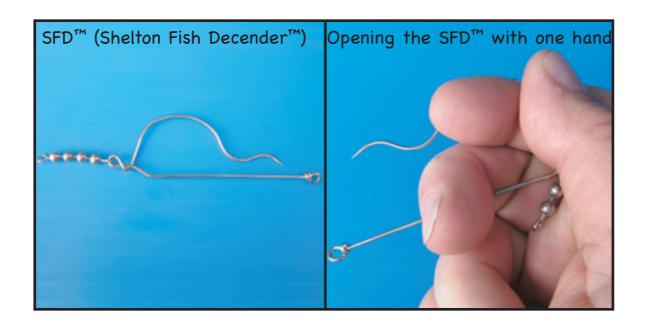
A fish that is unable to remain upright and struggles on the surface is severely oxygen starved and/or has an over-inflated gas bladder. This fish stands a poor chance of surviving. Releasing fish to die or be picked off by birds and sea lions is very hard on our fishery. It is difficult for them to swim down far enough to de-compress. The angler must make their decision to keep or release a fish as soon at it is landed. There are many species required by law to be released.



Shelton Fish Descender™ SFD™

Goals in designing the SFD™

Keep fish in upright swim position for proper orientation.

Keep fish mouth slightly open which allows forward movement to flush.

water over gills to allow fish to breath for quick recovery.

Allows controlled descent to counter up and down movement caused by ocean swells.

Doesn't release fish until you are ready to release it.