How to make a rockfish descending device out of The Fish Grip™

Plastic fish grippers, originally designed as a safer way for anglers to land fish

With just a couple of tools and a few minutes, The Fish Grip™ can easily be converted into a rockfish descending device

**Items Needed:**
- The Fish Grip™ (purchase info below)
- Drill
- Scissors or knife
- 2 15-18 inch lengths of line
- 1 large rubber band

**Step 1:** Cut bungee strap off of The Fish Grip™

**Step 2:** Drill a hole into the handle that doesn’t already have one

**Step 3:** Cut two 15-18 inch sections of line

Fish Grips™ can be purchased at local tackle shops, or online directly from the manufacturer at https://www.thefishgrip.net/ or through amazon.com
Step 4: Insert line through hole in one of the handles, and tie a knot.

Step 5: Tie a loop in other end of the line.

Then repeat steps 4 and 5 on the other handle.

Step 6: Put rubber band around handles to help keep closed. Leave it on during use.

*Rubber bands will need to be replaced regularly*

Step 7: Attach weight to line from the handle that has “The Fish Grip” written on it. (Fish Grip will be upside down”. ) Attach the line from the other handle to an extra fishing pole or hand line.

To descend a fish:
clamp the device onto the lower jaw, lower the fish to depth of capture, or at least 100 feet, then give the line a sharp tug, the device will open and the fish will swim away. Retrieve the device, and it’s ready to use again

For additional information on rockfish recompression and descending devices along with videos on how to use this and other descending devices please visit:  [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/recompression/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/recompression/index.asp)