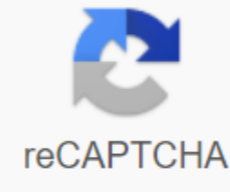




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## Ghost shrimp pump gun

The Ghost Shrimp can be found in many places along the Southern California coast. The adult ghost shrimp grows to about 4 1/2 in length and males tend to have one claw that is extremely larger than the other. The color of a Ghost Shrimp will range from being pure white to a deep, rich orange color or even a combined blend of both colors at times. The Ghost Shrimp lives in sandy and muddy inertia zones, bays and estuaries. They dig deep burrows that are often shared with other fish and invertebrates. They eat debris that is small pieces of organic waste and plankton. As for the locations, look for beaches and bays that have exposed mud flats during low tides. I've found that low tide is a must to find ghost shrimp in quantity. A negative low tide is better, but not absolutely critical. You will know a good location by the number of burrows. Take a look at the photo below to see a good example of what these burrows look like and what you'll be looking for: The best collection burrows are in wet areas of any mud flat. The mud should still be saturated with water, as this will also make it much easier to pump. Ghost Shrimp makes fantastic bait for fishing on the beaches of Southern California! All kinds of fish from surf species like Corbina, Perch, Halibut, Sargo, Spot Fin and Yellow Fin Croaker can be caught using this easily obtained surf fishing candy bait! While some coastal tackle shops occasionally offer fresh ghost shrimp or LIVE for sale, you'll soon find that it's not always the case and that most of the time if they have some Ghost Shrimp in stock, they're frozen. There's nothing worse than getting to the beach on one of those special days when the bite is hot and finding out that live ghost shrimp is the preferred bait of the day. You make a quick run to the local store and the sign says enough ghost shrimp, or worse yet, they don't even carry Ghost Shrimp! Instead of being disappointed, why not take yours? The most preferred way to do this is with a Ghost Shrimp Bomb also known as Slurp Gun. Basically, this gun is nothing more than a suction device that produces a vacuum when the handle is pulled. When the bottom of the Ghost Shrimp Bomb is placed over the ghost shrimp hole and the handle is pulled up, all the sand is sucked up and I hope the Ghost Shrimp is sucked up too! When the contents of the Ghost Shrimp Bomb are expelled, the fisherman searches through the mud or sand discarded for the Ghost Shrimp. It's that simple! Place your Ghost Shrimp Bomb over the center of the burrow and pull the handle. This will cause the pump to dig into the mud while pulling the contents of the burrow into the In a quick motion pull the pump out, point it to the ground and push the handle down. This will expel the mud and water and a Ghost Shrimp! Repeat a few times in the same hole if necessary. Most Ghost Shrimp burrows have multiple entrances and exits. If you don't have the shrimp out on three or four bombs, move on. Make sure you have some kind of small container to keep your Ghost Shrimp alive and put your Ghost Shrimp in it with some mud and salt water. Be sure to go back and check the holes you pumped a few minutes later, as sometimes the Ghost Shrimp is easily lost in the mud, and occasionally comes to the surface if your lair has collapsed. Remember that these little faces are a vital part of the ecosystem, so don't end up with every burrow in a small area and never take more than you need for that day. Try to space your collection over a large area. I recommend you return any female swarmed of eggs back to the hole you came from! Ghost shrimp can be notoriously delicate on the hook, resulting in many missed blows and missed bait. One of the best tips I found on the web is to attach a thin copper wire or orange/red wire to the hook eye. After baiting the hook wrap the yarn around the shrimp body. You will find that your shrimp gets on the hook much better. Kids love collecting Ghost Shrimp, so don't be afraid to let them try it! Just keep a safe eye on them all the time and remember that some Ghost Shrimps have big claws and can pinch hard (by their size). I believe the current California law specifies that the ghost shrimp catch limit is 50, but always make sure to check the current DFG regulations to get any updated information just to be on the safe side. Ghost Shrimp Bombs are very easy and inexpensive to make and most of those who can follow these simple directions should be able to build one in very little time and save some money! Here's the list of parts you'll need to make one like what I did shown above: I bought all this at Home Depot for about \$12.00 (except the cement I already had) 1- 2 x 36 PVC piece 1- 3/4 x 36 PVC 1- 3 X 1/2 PIECE PVC 2- 1 1/2 PIECES 3/4 PVC parts 1-1- 1 PVC cover of 2 (unthreaded) 3-3/4 PVC caps (unthreaded) 1- 3/4 PVC cap (unthreaded) 1- 2 rubber test cap (for PVC) 1- 11/11/4 rubber test cap (unthreaded) 1- 2 rubber test cap (for PVC) 1- 11/11/1 2 metal washer with a hole of 3/8 1- 2 X 5/32 screw machine & nut 1- PVC cement (used Weld-On PVC 2700 Clear) Note : The test plug should come with plug, screw, washer and fork as shown here: Be sure to examine your test plug. It must be rubber type, not plastic. Some of them come with a washer on top that is greater than 2. 1.5 in diameter and has a 3/8 orifice and has the same thickness. Very small washer and the sshesing action of the test plug will not work as well. You can also just grind or cut the original washer to a diameter of 1.5 (as I checked) if you prefer. Step #1: (Handle mounting) 1. Apply PVC PVC glue approximately half of one of the 3/4 PVC 1 1/2 pieces and insert the glued part midway on one side of the 3/4 tee. 2. Now apply PVC glue to the other half of the inserted part and slide one of the 3/4 caps over that part. 3. Repeat the same process on the other side of the tee handle. 4. Drill a 3/16 hole in the center of the 3/4 5 tee. Take the 1/2 PVC 3 piece and glue it inside the top of the 3/4 PVC 36 piece. Make sure it is aligned with the top of the 3/4 part when inserted. (Note: I added the 1/2 insert to give extra support to where I'll later attach the handle) Once the covers have been attached to the 3/4 tee, the handle should appear as it does below: Note: You can make this pump WITHOUT the covers and WITHOUT the screw and WITHOUT the 1/2 reinforcement.... (just paste the t handle on the top of the 36 PIECE OF PVC of 3/4) I added the caps as a way to make the handle a little wider for better grip. Instead of just fastening the handle with glue, I chose to use a machine screw to make the handle removable so that the gun could be easily cleaned. I added the 1/2 PVC reinforcement inside the 3/4 piece as a way to make the top of the neck where the strap attaches more resistant. Step #2: (Drill and fix the cover 2) 1. Take the cap of 2 and find and mark the dead center of the cap. 2. Drill an 11/6 inch hole in the dead center of the cover. The cover should appear as shown below when you finish: (I used the tool shown here, but you can also drill a 3/4 hole and then archive it to 11/16) IMPORTANT: Be careful to make and drill this hole in the dead center. 2. Once the hole is drilled properly, apply PVC cement to the inside of the 2 cover and attach it to the 36 piece of PVC of 2. 3. Now slide the tee handle 3/4 into your 3/4 PVC piece. Using the hole you've drilled into the tee handle as a guide, drill a 3/16 hole through all the pieces. 4. Insert a 2 X 5/32 machine screw and connect the handle. Now you must have two pieces assembled, again similar to the ones shown below: Step #3: Pump Piston set: 1. Take the remaining 3/4 cover and drill a dead center 3/8 hole. 2. The test plug comes with a square shoulder screw. Remove the 3/8 hole so that the square shoulder screw fits perfectly once installed from the inside of the 3/4 cover. (Yes, you'll be making a round hole square. LOL!) 3. Install the square shoulder screw by pushing the screw through the cover inside the cover. STILL DO NOT MOUNT ALL PLUG 4. Now glue the 36-piece PVC (with the handle attached) to the inside of the 3/4 cover. 5. Now insert the 3/4 piece through the 2 cap and push down all the way 6. Now connect the rest hardware plug. (once mounted, it should appear as shown below) 7. Use the wingnut to adjust the plug so that it makes a good seal, but allows the handle and rod to be with good suction. You're finished! Note: There are certainly better ways and easier ways to make a slurp gun..... it turns out that's how I made mine. There are all kinds of people on the web selling slurp guns, even selling plans on how to build a slurp gun... but if you do a little research, all the information on how to build one can be found for free on the web..... That's how I learned to build mine! This article is intended to help you make your own. Feel free to add, delete, or change certain features. If you have any questions, or see corrections I should make, please feel free to pm me! Dana Fisherman 57 You can get all the necessary parts at your local hardware store. If you have to buy a full length of PVC, then your cost per gun will go up, then make two for yourself and a friend and consider it money saved. PVC parts required: 2 x 30 long cover 3/4 x 33 long 3/4 cover 3/4 elbow 2 PVC test plug 1 washer with 3/8 hole, approximately 1.5 diameter PVC cement Cut your PVC 2 and drill a hole of 1 in the cover of 2. Assemble without cement. Then examine your test plug. Ours came with a washer on top that was greater than 2, so we replaced it with a smaller one. The washer with its replacement should be around 1.5. Very small and the action of scinging from the test plug will not work either. After scaling and ensuring that the washer is good, disassemble the plug. Drill a hole in the 3/4 sized cover for the plug screw. The screw is a transport screw, and if the hole is well sized, the end of the wagon will have enough material to hold the cover. If it is drilled too large, the assembly can rotate without tightening the plug. Mount the cover and plug as shown here, then make sure you have to work. Then cut your PVC from 3/4 to the length you feel is the most comfortable. We suggest 33, but it's up to you. Using PVC cement, assemble the 3/4 tube for plug assembly. Slide this into tube 2 and make sure it is comfortable. You will pull the handle up too high, make sure this is comfortable as well. When you are satisfied with the length of the 3/4, add the elbow for better grip. You can also add more tube on the other side to a larger handle if desired. More information How to use the pump, ghost shrimp information now offered for sale BUY a SLURP GUN also known as GHOST SHRIMP PUMP aka YABBIE PUMP! If you want to save the hassle, buy a bomb from us that is ready to use for only \$39.99. It will ship worldwide, please send an email first for the rates. Shipping to the U.S. is \$10. Once you buy your You can call it a yabby bomb, slurp gun, or sand shrimp pistol, or even mud shrimp pump - whatever you like! No extra charge! You can even say it's a multi-purpose tool! & Click to buy a bomb now! Nwo! Nwo!