

# Scale of Stinky Fish



It was while he was working as a deckhand aboard a commercial fishing boat in the Florida Keys that Earl Dinklaker established the Scale of Stinky Fish. Freshly caught fish that emitted no unpleasant odor he graded "1." To those that had been left in the boat's unrefrigerated hold for a day he generally gave a "3." Here we see Earl after two weeks at sea holding both his breath and fish that he ranked "10" before he had to drop them and reach for his oxygen mask.