

Buck's Online

The Watermen: Fish Scaler

Founded in 1930s Brooklyn, Jeros Tackle sold and continues to sell popular types of fishing tackle. The brand Scotchline was a subset of Jeros Tackle that began in the 1960s and continued to rise in popularity; these fish scalers come from Scotchline. Today, Jeros Tackle items are sold on tackle websites but not on the company's website (17).

Fish scalers are used to pull the scales and outer skin off of fish before they are sold on the market. Fish scalers can range from handheld to large, commercial machines. This fish scaler is handheld and was obviously imported to be sold at Buck's. Guinea watermen and related family, including Edla Smith used tools such as this to scale their fish before selling them to canneries or shipping them to market (18). Fish scalers bridge the connection between the fishing process and the marketing process.

Link to "Talking Fish Scalers with Dave Berry" by the Guinea Heritage Association:
https://youtu.be/V6uTirRI_lg