

"shifting light" might collocate -

doesn't work...  
perhaps "cigarette intercells"  
with the shifting light  
of... " "

past perfect /  
2 actions  
in the past.

The complaints of Willie Matrinez were strenghtened by the fact, that this wasn't his first incident with his unhealthy passion. This long time [chain-smoker] <sup>had</sup> actually moved to NY only six years ago from a small town in south Florida with a fish oriented economy. Because of that it's no surprise to find out that Willie used to be a local fisherman. As others were certainly not welcoming him by the coast; he has even faced some [threats] for showing up, he would usually escape to a lonely small pool hidden deep in a nearby valley. Here he was safe, [savoring] the silent mornings, watching the still float as the light of his cigarette would slowly exchange shifts with the rising sun. A subtle [haze] would form over the water, sink in forcing the fish to float up not for the bait, but to seek oxygen near the surface. Then the fisherman could just [drag] them out of the water without much effort and celebrate his catch. However, this [wispy] poison <sup>struck</sup> back at him. The rescue team found him [choked] down there, so they dragged him out just like his prey.

sink in (?)  
maybe "sink to the surface" ??

doesn't collocate -

Nice story.  
Comments on mostly  
usage: collocation, idiomatic phrases -  
things you just have to practice  
to get right.  
offered some possible replacements;  
These are not only possibilities, just suggestions.

Thanks, P -