

While Fishing, Help Save Sea turtles, Sawfish, and Dolphins



Cast with Care! Never cast in the direction of a sea turtle, sawfish, or dolphin.

**Report injured, hooked, entangled, or stranded
dolphins and sea turtles to the 24-hour hotline**

1-877-942-5343

If you hook a sea turtle, call the above hotline immediately!

While you wait for the response team:

- Do not lift the turtle by the hook or pull on the line. Use a net to support the turtle's body weight while lifting the turtle to the pier. If the turtle is too large, try to walk it to the beach, keeping a gentle, consistent tension on the line.
- Safety First: Keep hands away from turtle's mouth and flippers.
- Do not remove the hook. Removing it could cause harm.
- Keep the turtle in the shade and cover the shell with a damp towel. Do not turn the turtle on its back.

If you cannot reach the response team and are unable to bring the turtle to shore, cut the line as short as possible and release the turtle.

If you hook a sawfish, follow these tips to avoid injuring the fish:

- Do NOT remove the fish from the water.
- Cut the line close to the hook.
- Release it as quickly as possible.
- Report it to **1-941-255-7403**.