



It's OK to Help!



Know what to do if you accidentally catch a sea turtle while fishing in Hawaii

SAFETY FIRST
If safe to help

- CALL HOTLINE** for technical guidance
- REEL-IN** turtle with care
- HOLD** turtle by its shell
- CUT LINE** close to hook (leave hook)
- RELEASE** with no line attached

For more information and tips on how to prevent or reduce the potential for interactions, visit the **FISHING AROUND SEALS AND TURTLES** program.



Tip: Use barbless circle hooks to help reduce sea turtle and monk seal injuries.



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FISHING AROUND SEA TURTLES

For Fishermen Who Accidentally Catch a Turtle

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PREVENT an interaction. For tips visit:
www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pacific-islands

Marine Animal Response Hotline:
(888) 256-9840

Get this informative and **FREE** reflective sticker at fishing events and tournaments.



Take a photo to link to the webpage.

Questions?

Contact: RespectWildlife@noaa.gov

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