

Our Turtle Populations are in Decline,

IF YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE HOOKED A TURTLE WHILE ANGLING:

- 1) Reel it in slow and gentle to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
- 2) Never cut your line. A hook left embedded in a turtle could lead to its death.
- 3) Use a net or hold the back end of the turtle's shell to lift it out of the water (Don't lift by the line)



- 4) Be cautious. Turtles may bite to protect themselves, especially when feeling pain from being hooked. Be extra careful with snapping turtles, they can swing their heads back and have a powerful bite.



- 5) Identify how the hook is embedded. If it can be removed easily, then do so and release the turtle.
- 6) If the hook is difficult to remove, caught in the mouth, or swallowed, medical care is required. **Call the Atlantic Wildlife Institute at (506) 364-1902**, they will provide medical care at no charge and have volunteers to assist with transport.

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