

Diamondback Terrapins are a Threatened Species on the SouthCoast
IF YOU HAVE HOOKED A TERRAPIN WHILE FISHING:

1. Reel it in slowly and gently to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
2. **DON'T** cut your line. A hook left in the 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 it by the line/rod.
4. Be careful. Turtles may bite to protect themselves, especially when in pain
5. **LOOK** at how the hook is embedded. If it can be removed easily, then do so. You may have to cut the barb to slide the hook out of the mouth. Release the turtle back into the water.
7. If the hook cannot be removed easily, call the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) at **508-566-0009**. They will provide assistance and will transport the turtle to a rehabilitation facility if needed and for free.



For more information visit:
www.necwa.org/stp.html

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