

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HOOK A **TURTLE**

British Columbia's turtles are in decline and need all the help they can get!

IF YOU HAVE HOOKED A TURTLE WHILE ANGLING:

- 1** Reel it in slowly and gently to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
- 2** Never cut your line. A hook left embedded in a turtle can lead to its death.
- 3** Use a net or grab the back of the turtle's shell to lift it out of the water. To prevent further injury, don't lift the turtle by the fishing line or tail.
- 4** Be cautious as turtles may bite or scratch to protect themselves.
- 5** Place the turtle in a ventilated and secure container and identify the nearest wildlife rehabilitation centre (see below).



Report it to:



Bring the hooked turtle to the nearest wildlife rehabilitation centre. They will provide medical care at no charge. Call ahead to make sure they are open.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre
250.337.2021
1331 Williams Beach Road, Merville

BC SPCA Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre (Wild ARC)
1.855.622.7722 (Animal Helpline)
1020 Malloch Road, Victoria

LOWER MAINLAND

Wildlife Rescue Association
604.526.7275
5216 Glencarin Drive, Burnaby

INTERIOR

BC Wildlife Park
250.573.3242 ext 230
9077 Kamloops Drive, Kamloops

For more information: HelpTheTurtles.ca or CanadianHerpetology.ca