

Sea Turtle Release Gear Required for Vessels with Commercial and/or For-Hire Hook and Line Fisheries and Freeboard Height of Greater than 4 ft

Required Item	Example Model(s) Meeting Current Design Standards
Long-handled line cutter (6 ft or 150 percent of freeboard height)	NOAA/LaForce Line Cutter or NOAA/Arceneaux Line Clipper
Long-handled ¹ (6 ft or 150 percent of freeboard height) dehooker for ingested hooks ²	ARC Pole Big Game Dehooker Models BP04, BP08, BP11, P610 and BPIN
Long-handled (6 ft or 150 percent of freeboard height) dehooker for external hooks ¹	ARC Pole Big Game Dehooker Models BP04, BP08, BP11, P610 and BPIN; Long-handled J-Style Dehooker or “Flip Stick” (ARC Model LJ6P); or Long-handled Roby Dehooker
Long-handled device to pull an “inverted V” (6 ft (1.83 m) or 150 percent of freeboard height)	Long-handled J-Style Dehooker or “Flip Stick” (ARC Model LJ6P); Any standard boat hook (e.g., Davis Telescoping Boat Hook to 96” Model 85002A); or Any standard fishing gaff (e.g., West Marine # F6H5 Hook and # F6-006 Handle)
Dipnet (handle length must be 6 ft or 150 percent of freeboard height)	ARC 12’ Breakdown Lightweight Dip Net Model DN6P (6’), DN08 (8’) or DN14 (12’) or ARC Net Assembly (hoop, net, coupling-DNIN) and handle; Lindgren-Pitman, Inc. Model NMFS-Turtle Net; Bluewater Tackle; or Howell Tackle
Cushioned Support Device	A standard automobile tire; boat cushion; or large turtle hoist
Short-Handled Dehooker for Ingested Hooks	17-in Bite Block Deep-Hooked (Sea Turtle) ARC Dehooker Model ST08 or NOAA/Bergmann Dehooker
Short-Handled Dehooker for External Hooks	17-in Bite Block Deep-Hooked (Sea Turtle) ARC Dehooker Model ST08; NOAA/Bergmann Dehooker; Short-handled J-Style Dehooker; Scotty’s Dehooker; or Short-handled Roby Dehooker
Long-nose or Needle-nose Pliers	12-in S.S. NuMark Model #030 281 109 871, Offshore Angler® Stainless Longreach Pliers Model #38-481-759-00, or Pittsburgh® 15-in Long Nose Locking Pliers
Bolt Cutter	H.K. Porter Model 1490 AC
Monofilament Line Cutter	Jinkai Model MC-T
At least Two (2) Types of the following Mouth Openers and Mouth Gags	
Block of Hard Wood	Any block of hard wood or long-handled wire brush (e.g., Olympia Tools Model 974174)
Set of (3) Canine Mouth Gags	Jorvet Model 4160, 4162, and 4164
Set of (2) Sturdy Dog Chew Bones	Nylabone®, Gumabone®, or Galileo® (trademarks owned by T. F. H. Publications, Inc)
Set of (2) Rope Loops Covered with Hose	Any set of (2) rope loops covered with hose meeting design standards
Hank of Rope	Any size soft braided nylon rope is acceptable, provided it creates a hank of rope approximately 2–4 in thickness
Set of (4) PVC Splice Couplings	A set of (4) Standard Schedule 40 PVC splice couplings (1 in, 1.25 in, 1.5 in, and 2 in)
Large Avian Oral Speculum	Model # 85408 from Webster Vet Supply; VSP # 216-08 from Veterinary Specialty Products; Jorvet Model J-51z; and Krusse Model 273117.

Disclaimer: This table is meant to help fishermen comply with sea turtle release measures contained in regulations published in the *Federal Register* [76 FR 82183] on December 30, 2011 for the South Atlantic, and 71 FR 45428 published on August 9, 2006, for the Gulf of Mexico. All sea turtle release gear must meet the specific requirements in Appendix F to Part 622.

¹ A short-handled dehooker with an appropriate length handle extender will also fulfill this requirement.

² Until you have received training on the proper use of internal dehookers and internal dehooking techniques, an external dehooker is recommended. For those with proper training, an internal and external dehooker or one that does both, is recommended.