HOW TO RELEASE A SAWFISH

with ID GUIDE

CAUGHT A SAWFISH?
STAY SAFE & RELEASE IT IMMEDIATELY

STRIKE ZONE

KEEP CLEAR

KEEP THE SAWFISH SUBMERGED IN WATER, ESPECIALLY THE GILLS, IF SAFE TO DO SO.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SAW

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1. SECURE NET TO SIDE OF BOAT.
2. USE A LONG TOOL TO CUT NET FROM BODY, THEN FROM SAW.

1. HOLD TAIL, BASE OF SAW, & NET.
2. TURN SAWFISH UPSIDE DOWN.
3. USE TOOL TO CUT OR FREE NET STARTING AT BASE OF SAW.

IF CAUGHT IN A NET

LARGE SAWFISH
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IF CAUGHT ON A LINE

CUT THE LINE AS CLOSE TO THE HOOK AS POSSIBLE.

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1. **Gills on the Underside**
   - **Largetooth Sawfish**: Pristis pristis
   - **Narrow Sawfish**: Anoxypristis cuspidata
   - **Dwarf Sawfish**: Pristis clavata
   - **Green Sawfish**: Pristis zijsron

2. **Teeth on the Saw**
   - **Largetooth Sawfish**: 14-24 teeth per side of saw
   - **Narrow Sawfish**: 16-33 teeth per side of saw
   - **Dwarf Sawfish**: 18-27 teeth per side of saw
   - **Green Sawfish**: 23-37 teeth per side of saw

3. **Size**
   - **Largetooth Sawfish**: Up to 7 m / 23 ft +
   - **Narrow Sawfish**: Up to 4.5 m / 15 ft +
   - **Dwarf Sawfish**: Up to 3 m / 10 ft +
   - **Green Sawfish**: Up to 6 m / 20 ft +