Dolphin rescued from entanglement in Cocoa Beach

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Wildlife agencies teamed up Wednesday to free a baby dolphin from some fishing line in Cocoa Beach.

Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservartion Commission said the calf was entangled with the fishing line through its mouth and around its body. The dolphin had been spotted before Wednesday, but Hubbs-Sea World said in a statement on Facebook that a rescue was delayed because of weather.

"The rescue team removed the rope and set" the calf free, said Michelle Kerr, FWC public information specialist.

Hubbs-Sea World officials said people can prevent wildlife entanglements by properly disposing of fishing gear. Officials at Hubbs-Sea World could not be reached for further comment Thursday.



This was the fishing line that entangled a dolphin calf before rescuers removed it Wednesday.

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