The One That Didn’t Get Away

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He realizes that whenever he's given her line
she's taken all of it he could let out.
As he gets older this amount
becomes smaller and
she swims away
more slowly.
He now knows
that she
will always,
eventually,
ask him to
reel her back in.
She is so close to him today
that he could reach into the water
and rub his hand the wrong way against her scales.