

Marine Mammal / Sea Turtle Sightings and Interactions

Complete one form for each sighting or interaction with one or more animals of same species

Observer code		Vessel code		Trip ID	
Sightings					
Date(dd/mm/yy)	Time (24-hr)	Haul/Set #	Sighting #	Assoc.Sight. #	Sighting Condition: (Circle one)
					Excellent Fair Good Poor
Latitude		°		•	N S
Longitude		°		•	E W
Species:		Confidence: (circle one)		Sure Likely Unsure	
Species Code:					
Body Length: (circle one)	<3 m (<10')	3-8 m (10-25')	8-16 m (25-50')	16-26 m (50-80')	>26 m (>80')
Photos:	Frame #	Video? Y N			
Closest Approach	Initial Sight Distance	Number Sighted (Best)	Number (Min)	Number (Max)	
Initial sighting cue: *Splashes/blow *Birds *Tuna *FAD *Other		Initial sighting by: *Aircraft *Crew *Observer		Vessel activity (circle one): *Transit/searching *Drifting *Deploying fishing gear *Other *Retrieving fishing gear	
Notes & Identifying Characteristics Include description and drawing of body features, tags, markings, coloration and associated organisms			Behaviors Circle behaviors observed below & describe in "Notes" box		
			Small Cetaceans *Bow riding *Leaping entirely out of water *Porpoising *Slow rolling		Pinnipeds *Jug handle *Porpoising *Rafting *Spooked from haulout *Vocalizing
			Large Cetaceans *Blow visible at distance *Spy-hopping *Flipper slapping *Group feeding		*Lob-tailing *Breaching *Tail raised on dive *Side wake riding *Stern wake riding
			Sea Turtles *Still *Feeding		*Dead *Swimming *Other/Unknown
Fishing Interactions (check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding on catch	<input type="checkbox"/> Off hooks or from net	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish from outside net (trawl)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discards		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deterrence used	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal bomb (or other explosive)	<input type="checkbox"/> Acoustic device (pingers)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yelling		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Towed on gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other types of noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Skiff	<input type="checkbox"/> Pole gaff	
	<input type="checkbox"/> TED	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Boarded vessel					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel collision	<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by hull	<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by propeller	<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by hull & propeller		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chased by speedboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Deployed PS around MM	<input type="checkbox"/> Deployed PS within 100m			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entangled/ captured in gear	If yes, fill out Sea Turtle or Marine Mammal Capture Form				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Capture #			