

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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	N S	Wind Speed (kn):	<input type="text"/>	Wave Ht (m):	<input type="text"/>
Longitude	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	E W	Water Temp:	<input type="text"/>	°C	
Species:					Confidence: (circle one) Sure Likely Unsure			
Species Code:								
Body Length: (circle one)					<input type="checkbox"/> <3 m (<10') <input type="checkbox"/> 3-8 m (10-25') <input type="checkbox"/> 8-16 m (25-50') <input type="checkbox"/> 16-26 m (50-80') <input type="checkbox"/> >26 m (>80')			
Photos: Frame #					Video? Y N			
Closest Approach		Initial Sight Distance		Number Sighted (Best)		Number (Min)		Number (Max)
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
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 *Lob-tailing *Spy-hopping *Breaching *Flipper slapping *Tail raised on dive *Group feeding *Side wake riding *Stern wake riding			
					Sea Turtles *Still *Feeding		*Dead *Swimming *Other/Unknown	
Fishing Interactions (check all that apply)								
Feeding on catch		<input type="checkbox"/> Off hooks or from net		<input type="checkbox"/> Fish from outside net (trawl)		<input type="checkbox"/> Discards		
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: _____				
Boarded vessel								
Vessel collision		<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by hull	<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by propeller	<input type="checkbox"/> Hit by hull & propeller				
Chased by speedboat		<input type="checkbox"/> Deployed PS around MM		<input type="checkbox"/> Deployed PS within 100m				
Entangled/ captured in gear		If yes, fill out Sea Turtle or Marine Mammal Capture Form						
		<input type="text"/>		Capture #				