

Observer Evaluation Questions

Vessel Name: _____ Date of interview: _____

Captain Name: _____ Observer: _____

- Conduct this interview away from the observer.
- Give the completed interview forms to the Training Coordinator.

Questions for captains and crew:

1. Where was observer positioned during the haul back?
2. How did the observer get the fishing positions?
3. Did the observer tell you how to fish or dictate fishing procedures?
4. Did the observer help with house keeping? If no, was the observer asked?
5. Did the observer maintain reasonable hygiene?
6. Would you have this observer again?
7. Did the observer unnecessarily interfere with fishing operations? If so, how often?
Please describe.
8. Was the observer courteous and polite?
9. Was the observer respectful towards the crew?
10. Did the observer monitor all the sets for the first hour, and all the haul backs?

11. Please list any additional comments you have about this observer or the observer program.

12. Did the observer ask to take home any fish? If yes, did the observer pay you for the fish?

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