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## **FISHERMEN'S COMMENT CARD**

# **NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**

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4) Did the observer explain their sampling requirements and protocols?

Yes No 

5) Did the observer record the positions (latitude/longitude or lorans) of all of the hauls?

Yes No 

6) Did the observer weigh and take length measurements of fish caught during trip?

Yes No 

7) Did the observer collect the catch information from the work deck of the vessel?

Yes No 

8) Did the observer identify fish species correctly?

Yes No 

9) Did the observer review the safety checklist with you?

Yes No 

10) Did the observer inform you of measuring the gear characteristics?

Yes No 

11) Did the observer ask you for the trip-level and tow-level target species?

Yes No 

12) Did you have any other concerns regarding the observer or observing procedures, or safety issues during the trip? If so, please explain in comments section below.

Yes No **SECTION II OF II**

Would you like more information from the observer program?

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