



1 SEA TURTLE ENTANGLEMENT REPORT FORM

OMB Control No. 0648-0496; Exp Date: XX/XX/XXXX

FIELD #: _____

Shaded area for NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) use only

NMFS #: _____ EVENT CONFIRMATION: Confirmed Probable Not confirmed Reasoning: _____

INITIAL OBSERVATION: Observer name: _____ Phone: _____

Observer address / affiliation: _____

Observation date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time: _____ am pm

Turtle condition: Alive Fresh dead Moderately decomposed Severely decomposed Dried carcass Skeleton Unknown

EXAMINATION / RESPONSE: Responder name: _____ Phone: _____

Responder address / affiliation: _____

Response date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time responder arrived on scene: _____ am pm

Turtle condition: Alive Fresh dead Moderately decomposed Severely decomposed Dried carcass Skeleton Unknown

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION: Photos / video taken: Yes No If Yes, disposition: Initial observer STDN member NMFS

Documentation of: Turtle in gear Injuries / entanglement site Buoy colors, numbers and any other identifiable feature(s)

LOCATION: State: _____ County: _____ Nearest port / town: _____

Locality details: _____ Stranded ashore: Yes No

Latitude: _____ N Longitude: _____ W

TURTLE DATA: Species or description: _____

Straight carapace length:** _____ cm in actual est. Sex: Male Female Not examined CBD

Curved carapace length:** _____ cm in actual est. Does tail extend beyond carapace? Yes No

**Carapace length is measured from nuchal notch to posterior tip (see diagram on back) If Yes, how far? _____ cm in actual est.

Weight: _____ kg lb actual est. Sex determined by: Necropsy Tail length (adults only) N/A

Was turtle: Anchored Free-swimming Unknown

Describe behavior in gear: _____

GEAR TYPE: Indicate the primary (in contact with turtle) entangling gear with a "P" and secondary gear with an "S". Fill out all applicable details.

____ **Vertical Line with Surface Buoy**

Gear anchored / weighted: Yes No If Yes, anchored by: Pot(s) Net Unknown Other: ____ -

Length of line between turtle and surface buoy: _____ cm in actual est.

____ **Line Only (no buoy)**

Type: Monofilament Multifilament (e.g. nylon or poly rope) Unknown

Hook(s) present: Yes No If Yes, where attached to turtle: Not attached Mouth Ingested (past mouth) Soft tissue (not mouth)

Gear anchored / weighted: Yes No If Yes, anchored by: Pot(s) Net Unknown Other: ____ -

____ **Net**

Type: Monofilament Multifilament (e.g. nylon) Unknown

Estimated stretched mesh size: _____ cm in Net ID number(s): _____

____ **Fish Trap (pound net / weir)**

Location: Free-swimming in trap Entangled in leader Entangled in trap Other (describe in Additional Remarks)

____ **Other** Describe: _____

GEAR DETAILS:

Number of pots: _____ Pot ID Number(s): _____

Number of buoys: _____

Buoy ID number(s): Buoy 1: _____ Buoy 2: _____ Buoy 3: _____

Buoy color(s): Buoy 1: _____ Buoy 2: _____ Buoy 3: _____

Line color(s): Line 1: _____ Line 2: _____ Line 3: _____

Biofouling present on gear: Yes No If Yes, % of visible gear covered by biofouling: _____ % (describe type of biofouling in Additional Remarks)

Gear retrieved: Yes- all Yes- partially No If Yes, disposition: Initial observer STDN member State agency NMFS Gear Team

DISENTANGLEMENT OUTCOME: (Check one)

