



# SEA TURTLE ENTANGLEMENT REPORT FORM

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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)

Disentangled and released  Entangled / no action taken  Relocated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Partially disentangled and released  Entangled / not relocated  Euthanized

Release behavior: \_\_\_\_\_  Lost during disentanglement  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Collected for treatment at: \_\_\_\_\_  Died during disentanglement

**CARCASS / SAMPLE DISPOSITION:** (Check all that apply)

Left at site  Necropsied  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Towed ashore  Scientific collection  Unknown

Buried off beach  Educational collection

Buried on beach  Biopsied

