

# CAPTAIN INTERVIEW FORM

Observer ID \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Trip/s \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Date Sail \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Date Land \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Number \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Conducted In Person? \_\_\_\_\_

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Was the Observer on time? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer clearly explain his/her duties to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer give you the Observer Duties Sheet? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer explain their duties in regards to incidental takes of  
protected species (marine mammals, seabirds, and turtles)? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a marine mammal, marine turtle or seabird caught during this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer measure the gear (i.e., codend if this is a trawl trip)? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer weigh the catch? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the observer take lengths (or shell heights) and biological samples from  
the catch? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the observer wear their PFD (life vest) while on deck? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer hinder your operations in any way? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer get along well with you and your crew? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Observer welcome on your vessel again? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer offer the captain a copy of the data? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Observer offer the captain a comment card? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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