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**FISHERMEN’S COMMENT CARD**

**NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**

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**FISHERMEN’S COMMENT CARD**

**NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**

*Have you had an observer on your boat?* Observers are asked to leave a copy of this comment card with the vessel after the completion of a trip. Help develop a program that will work better for you. Please provide us with some feedback or request more information about the observer program by calling, emailing, or sending this form back to: **Amy Van Atten, NOAA Fisheries, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NEFOP, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543; 508-495-2266; Amy.Van.Atten@noaa.gov**

Landing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Port (Town, State)

Vessel Name

Hull Number

Your Name

Your Status: Owner □ Captain □ Other □ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Trip ID

**SECTION I of II**

1) Were the logistics in setting up the trip acceptable?

 Yes □ No □

2) Was the observer on time and prepared for the trip?

 Yes □ No □

3) Was the observer courteous and polite and did they get along with the crew?

 Yes □ No □

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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?

 □ Copy of this trips logs (**If so, signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**)

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□ Booklet with a detailed description of the observer program

 □ Data Release Policy with a Data Release Form

 □ Observer Program Vessel Safety Checklist

 □ Federal Register with List of Fisheries (Categorization of Fisheries, MMPA)

 □ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you requested information, please include your mailing address?

 □ Phone Number -

 □ Email Email address

□ Mail Address

City State

 Zip Code

Additional space for comments below:

***Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.***