OMB Control No. 0648-0703

Expiration Date:

**NOTIFICATION OF REPORTABLE PATHOGEN EPISODE GULF OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS**

**Permittees must notify NOAA Fisheries via web form (website TBD) within 24 hours of all findings or suspected findings of any OIE- reportable pathogen episodes or reportable pathogens identified in the National Aquatic Animal Health Plan (NAAHP).**

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| Date Received |  |
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| Reviewer Initials and Date |  |

**Part 1 – Contact Person Information**

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME Suffix (Sr., II, etc.) MAILING ADDRESS Apt/Suite #

CITY STATE COUNTY ZIP CODE

WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER GULF AQUACULTURE PERMIT NUMBER

NAME OF AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH EXPERT AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH EXPERT PHONE NUMBER

**Part 2 – Episode Information**

 DATE OF EPISODE (MM/DD/YYYY) TIME OF EPISODE

 : AM / PM

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Provide latitude and longitude coordinates for the location where the episode occurred. Report coordinates as Degree Minutes to at least the third decimal place (e.g., DD MM.MMM).

 LATITUDE (DEGREE MINUTES TO THIRD DECIMAL PLACE) LONGITUDE (DEGREE MINUTES TO THIRD DECIMAL PLACE)

Explain the findings of the aquatic animal health expert, including the cause of the outbreak (if known).

List the number, size, and percent of cultured fish by species that were impacted by this pathogen episode. Provide information regarding whether the outbreak is isolated to specific areas/cages of the facility.

What action(s) are being taken to address the pathogen episode and prevent future episodes? Include plans for submission of specimens for confirmatory testing.

Permittees must submit a copy of the report from the aquatic animal health expert as well as the result of any tests must be submitted to NOAA Fisheries, when they become available.

NOAA Fisheries, in cooperation with USDA’s APHIS, may order movement restrictions and/or the removal of all cultured animals from an allowable aquaculture system upon confirmation by a USDA’s APHIS reference laboratory that an OIE-reportable pathogen, or additional pathogens identified as reportable pathogens in the NAAHP exists and USDA’s APHIS and NOAA Fisheries determine the pathogen poses a significant threat to the health of wild or cultured aquatic organisms.

**Part 3 – Signature**

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct (28 U.S.C. section 1746; 18 U.S.C. section 1621; 18 U.S.C. section 1001).

PERMIT OWNER SIGNATURE DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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PRINTED NAME POSITION IN COMPANY (if applicable)

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