

## Sea Turtle Hook & Line Incidental Capture Intake Form

(To be filled out by the responding STSSN participant)

STSSN ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Where was angler fishing?** S) Shore B) Boat U) Unknown P) Pier, not specific  
 F) Pier: First 1/3, near land M) Pier: Middle 1/3 E) Pier: End 1/3, over water
- 2) What was angler fishing for?** (select up to 2, if >2 choose: A) Anything) **(Regionally specific species)**  
 A) Anything B) Catfish C) Croaker D) Drum (Red/Redfish/Black) E) Flounder  
 F) Ground mullet/Whiting G) Mackerel (King/Spanish) H) Trout I) Shark  
 O) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ U) Unknown
- 3) Bait used:** DS) Dead shrimp LS) Live shrimp S) Squid C) Crab A) Artificial  
 W) Whole fish: \_\_\_\_\_ CB) Cut bait/fish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 O) Other \_\_\_\_\_ U) Unknown
- 4) Hook Type:** J) J-hook C) Circle K) Kahle G) Jig T) Treble **(Regionally specific)**  
 O) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ U) Unknown  
**4a) Select best answer:** O) Offset N) Non-offset D) Does not apply
- 5) Hook Size:** (Measure length as top of the hook to the bottom)  
 S) < 40 mm - Small M) 40-55 mm - Medium L) >55 mm - Large U) Unknown/Damaged
- 6) If the hook is a circle hook gap, what is the gap?** (Gap is measured as the tip of the point to the inside of the shaft)  
 S) ≤ 10 mm - small L) > 10 mm – large N) N/A U) Unknown/Damaged
- 7) Interaction type:**  
 H) Hooked E) Entangled HE) Hooked & entangled U) Unknown  
 O) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Hook/Gear Location:**  
 a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head  
 External location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible  
 B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue/muscle  
 G) Esophagus M) Mouth (use if no longer hooked & exact location unknown)  
 c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)  
 Internal location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known
- 9) If turtle was released by the angler, was the hook and all line removed?** YES NO NA  
**9a)** If no, amount of line remaining on turtle (inches) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Were any other hooks observed (either on radiograph or visually)?** YES NO Unknown  
 If yes, answer questions on next page for each additional hook.

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If possible, please take photos of the gear interaction before removing the gear, collect the fishing gear and**

**contact your State Coordinator for instructions on disposition of gear. Submit this form along with your STSSN form to your State Coordinator.**

### Sea Turtle Hook & Line Incidental Capture Intake Form Additional Hooks

STSSN ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ State ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hook #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**11) Hook Type:** J) J-hook C) Circle K) Kahle G) Jig T) Treble  
O) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ U) Unknown

**12) Hook Size:** (Measure length as top of the hook to the bottom)  
S) < 40 mm - Small M) 40-55 mm - Medium L) >55 mm - Large U) Unknown/Damaged

**13) If the hook is a circle hook gap, what is the gap?** (Gap is measured as the tip of the point to the inside of the shaft)  
S) ≤ 10 mm - small L) > 10 mm – large N) N/A U) Unknown/Damaged

**14) Hook/Gear Location:**  
a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head  
External location: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible  
B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue/muscle  
G) Esophagus M) Mouth (use if no longer hooked & exact location unknown)  
c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)  
Internal location: \_\_\_\_\_  
d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known

**Hook #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**15) Hook Type:** J) J-hook C) Circle K) Kahle G) Jig T) Treble  
O) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ U) Unknown

**16) Hook Size:** (Measure length as top of the hook to the bottom)  
S) < 40 mm - Small M) 40-55 mm - Medium L) >55 mm - Large U) Unknown/Damaged

**17) If the hook is a circle hook gap, what is the gap?** (Gap is measured as the tip of the point to the inside of the shaft)  
S) ≤ 10 mm - small L) > 10 mm – large N) N/A U) Unknown/Damaged

**18) Hook/Gear Location:**  
a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head  
External location: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible  
B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue/muscle  
G) Esophagus M) Mouth (use if no longer hooked & exact location unknown)  
c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)  
Internal location: \_\_\_\_\_  
d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_



**PRA STATEMENT**  
**Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions**  
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-XXXX**

**A. SURVEY JUSTIFICATION**

Collection of these data on sea turtle interactions in the pier-based recreational fishing sector is necessary to fulfill statutory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) Section 7 analyses, and will provide necessary data for the conservation and recovery of endangered and threatened sea turtle populations.

**B. SURVEY PURPOSE**

The sea turtle interaction data that will be collected via this survey collection will be used by NOAA Fisheries protected species managers to evaluate the impacts of recreational fishing on sea turtle populations. Analysis of data collected from this survey will be used in agency documents, such as ESA Section 7 Biological Opinions and other regulatory documents. These documents are disseminated to the public, but the raw survey results will not be disseminated to the public. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information.

**C. PUBLIC BURDEN**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Sara Wissmann, NOAA Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, [sara.wissmann@noaa.gov](mailto:sara.wissmann@noaa.gov).

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Participation in this survey is voluntary. The information collected will be protected and kept anonymous if released. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.