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PIER NAME _____ ABBREVIATION _____ DATE VISITED _____

**Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions
Fishing Site Characterization**

(To be filled out once at each pier or shore-based structure, unless conditions change)

Data collector: _____

Location/Pier Name: _____

Street address: _____

City/State: _____ County: _____

1. GPS Coordinates:

1a. Beginning (near land): _____

1b. End (near water): _____

1c. Other notable point GPS: _____

1d. Description of other: _____

1e. Other notable point GPS: _____

1f. Description of other: _____

2. Ownership information (if available): _____

3. Posted or known permits: _____

4. Hours of operation: _____

5. Description of pier: _____

6. Is there a pier use fee? YES NO If YES, describe: _____

7. Is the pier staffed? YES NO If staffed, hours staff are present: _____

8. Water depth at deepest location: High tide _____(ft) Low tide _____(ft)

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9. Are bait stations and/or fish cleaning stations present? YES NO

9a. If YES, describe and photograph, including waste disposal and any signage:

10. Is the pier open at night? YES NO

10a. If YES, is night fishing permitted? YES NO

10b. If YES, are there any specific rules for night fishing?

11. Is the pier lighted? YES NO

11a. If lighted, describe location, type, and number of lights:

12. Are there any posted regulations that may be relevant? YES NO

12a. If YES, photograph and describe:

13. Is there any signage regarding protected species (i.e. sea turtles, dolphins, etc.)? YES NO

13a. If YES, photograph and describe:

14. Are there receptacles for monofilament recycling or disposal of fishing gear? YES NO

14a. If YES, how many? _____

14b. How far apart are they (ft)? _____

14c. Photograph and describe:

15. Photo Log (signage, pier, stations, lighting): Start # _____ End # _____

16. Notes and diagram of pier:

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 10 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.

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.