

Protected Species Permit Report Form

The following questions will appear in your reports in APPS at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

Part I: Take Table.

Enter the actual number of animals taken during this annual reporting period.

Take tables appear here with a column to be filled for “Actual number of animals taken.”

If you conducted activities or took protected species which you were not authorized, you must enter those takes on separate lines of the table. Explain what happened in Part II, #4 below.

Part II: Narrative.

Review Section E of your permit to ensure you address any specific questions related to your activities.

Provide complete answers to the best of your ability. If a question is not applicable, explain why. We acknowledge that monitoring during and after certain activities is often opportunistic.

1. What progress did you make toward **meeting your objectives** this year? Summarize what you did and if and how you met your objectives. Include details of repeated sampling that occurred (e.g. how many animals did you intentionally take multiple times during this reporting period to meet your objectives). List citations for any reports, publications, and presentations from this reporting period. We may request electronic copies. *(10,000 characters maximum)*
2. Summarize **how animals reacted** to specific procedures. Include normal and abnormal responses of target and non-target animals. Where possible, provide quantitative data and estimate the proportion of animals (%) that had those reactions. *(64,000 characters maximum)*
3. Explain your efforts to conduct **follow-up monitoring**. Report your findings. Photographs are useful to document things like wound healing. *(64,000 characters maximum)*

We are especially interested in:

- animal responses to new/novel procedures
- time it takes to resume normal in-water behavior after harassment
- time it takes to re-populate rookeries or haul outs after harassment
- condition of animals when resighted or recaptured
- recovery from sedation and handling and post-release behavior
- healing at site of intrusive sampling (e.g., biopsy)
- healing at site of intrusive tag deployment (e.g., surgical tag implants requiring sutures, remotely deployed dart/barb, fully implantable, medial ridge, and pygal tags)
- tag retention and tag breakage

4. Answer and discuss the following:

- Did **serious injuries or mortalities occur**?
- Did you **take a protected species you were not permitted**?
- Did you **exceed the number of takes** authorized in any row of the take table?

If so, and you already submitted an incident report, please briefly describe the event here and refer to the incident report. *(10,000 characters maximum)*

If such an incident occurred and you have not yet reported it, provide a full description of the incident (date and location of event; species and circumstances of how the take occurred; photographs; necropsy and histopathology reports, or other information to confirm cause of death or extent of injuries; etc.). Also, include steps that were or will be taken to reduce the possibility of it happening again. *(10,000 characters maximum)*

5. Describe **any other problems** encountered during this reporting period and steps taken or proposed to resolve them. Examples include equipment failure, weather delays, safety issues, and unanticipated effects to habitats or other species. *(10,000 characters maximum)*

6. What efforts did you make to **coordinate** with the applicable NMFS Regional Office(s) and **collaborate** with other researchers? How did you collaborate (for example, avoiding field work at the same time or working together on the same animals, sharing vessels, sharing data)? *(10,000 characters maximum)*

ONLY FOR THE FINAL REPORT: In addition to the questions above:

7. Did you meet your objectives for the permit? What did you learn? *(10,000 characters maximum)*

8. If you did not meet your objectives, explain why. For example, if you did not tag or mark as many animals as needed to meet your sample size, explain why and how that impacted your ability to meet the goals of your study. *(10,000 characters maximum)*

9. For ESA-listed or MMPA-depleted target species: Explain how the results of your permitted work benefitted or promoted their conservation or recovery. **How** did your research contribute to fulfilling Recovery or Conservation Plan objectives (as applicable)? *(10,000 characters maximum)*

10. Did you identify any additional or improved mitigation measures? *(10,000 characters maximum)*

Feedback (optional)

11. We appreciate any feedback on APPS and your permit. For example, did you have problems using APPS? Were any permit conditions difficult to comply with or unclear? Were your permitted take numbers appropriate? *(10,000 characters maximum)*