



Regional Purse-Seine Logsheet (RPL): Supplemental Instructions

Whale Shark Encirclement Reporting

Pursuant to regulations implementing decisions of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, in the event that one or more whale sharks are encircled by purse seine fishing operations, the following information must be recorded on the Regional Purse-Seine Logsheet (RPL) (see 50 CFR 300.218). This information must be recorded for *each set* in which an encirclement occurs:

1. The number of whale sharks encircled in the set:
 - Enter the information regarding the set in which the whale shark interaction occurred as you would for any other set
 - In the fields for DISCARDS, enter “whale shark” or “RHN” under “Name” and enter the number of individuals that were encircled under “Number”

2. A brief description of any conditions or circumstances that might have led to the encirclement:
 - On the blank line(s) directly below the line of information for that set, enter a brief description of any conditions or circumstances
 - *E-Log*: Add a comment for the set and enter the description

3. A brief description of the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s):
 - On the same line(s) used for the information in element 2, enter the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s)
 - *For E-Log*: Enter the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s) in the same comments section used for the information in element 2

4. Whether each of the animals was alive or dead upon release, to the best of your knowledge:
 - On the same line(s) used for the information in elements 2 and 3, enter an indication of whether the animal was alive or dead upon release
 - *For E-Log*: Enter the indication in the same comments section used for elements 2



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Sample Whale Shark Encirclement Report



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SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL PURSE-SEINE LOGSHEET

NAME OF VESSEL FISHING VESSEL		FISHING PERMIT OR LICENCE NUMBER(S) PERMIT NUMBER 2		YEAR
NAME OF FISHING COMPANY FISHA		FFA REGIONAL REGISTER NUMBER ###	NAME OF AGENT IN PORT OF UNLOADING AGENT	PORT OF DEPARTURE PORT
COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION		FFA TYPE APPROVED ALC (Y/N) ? Y	NUMBER OF FADS USED	TENDER VESSELS USED? (Y/N)
REGISTRATION NUMBER IN COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION		INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALL SIGN ###	DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE DATE/TIME	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL DATES AND TIMES MUST BE UTC / GMT • ALL WEIGHTS MUST BE METRIC TONNES 		DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE #

MONTH	DAY	ACTIVITY CODE	01:00 UTC OR SET POSITION			SCHOOL ASSOC CODE	SET START TIME	RETAINED CATCH				WELL NUMBERS	DISCARDS			
			LATITUDE DDMM.MMM	N S	LONGITUDE DDDMM.MMM			E W	SKIPJACK WEIGHT	YELLOWFIN WEIGHT	BIGEYE WEIGHT		OTHER SPECIES NAME WEIGHT	TUNA SPECIES NAME WEIGHT CODE	NAME	
1	9	3	LAT	N	LONG	E										
1	10	2	LAT	N	LONG	E										
1	11	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	1 0:00	32	18							
- whale shark not detected prior to set/ left on his own power/ released																
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2 0:00	39	5	1						
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2 0:00	100								
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2 0:00	0	0	0						
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2 0:00	315								
1	14	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2 0:00	175								
- unintentional set on whale shark/ released alive																

ACTIVITY CODES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECORD ALL SETS • IF NO FISHING SET MADE IN A DAY, RECORD THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THAT DAY. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 FISHING SET 2 SEARCHING 3 TRANSIT 4 NO FISHING - BREAKDOWN 5 NO FISHING - BAD WEATHER 6 IN PORT - PLEASE SPECIFY 7 NET CLEANING SET 10 DEPLOYING OR RETREIVING RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO 	SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CODES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 UNASSOCIATED 2 FEEDING ON BAITFISH 3 DRIFTING LOG, DEBRIS OR DEAD ANIMAL 4 DRIFTING RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO 5 ANCHORED RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO 6 LIVE WHALE 7 LIVE WHALE SHARK 8 OTHER TUNA DISCARD CODES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 FISH TOO SMALL 2 FISH DAMAGED 3 VESSEL FULLY LOADED 4 OTHER REASON
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PAGE TOTAL																
TRIP TOTAL																
UNLOADINGS TO CANNERY, COLD STORAGE, CARRIER OR OTHER VESSEL																
START DATE	END DATE	CANNERY—OR—VESSEL AND DESTINATION				INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALL SIGN	SKIPJACK	YELLOWFIN								
NAME OF CAPTAIN										SIGNATURE OF CAPTAIN						

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).

Purpose: In order to fulfill obligations under the WCPFCIA, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the submission of information for NMFS to monitor daily catch and effort information of the U.S. purse seine vessels fishing for highly migratory species in the Commission's area of competence for compliance-related and scientific purposes.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to collect information on U.S. purse seine daily catch and effort information. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the

Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [COMMERCE/NOAA-6](#), Fishermen's Statistical Data.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is mandatory.