

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES IDENTIFICATION FORM

OBSERVER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SPECIES COMMON NAME: _____ TRIP #: _____

DEPTH OR DEPTH RANGE: _____ (ftms) HAUL #: _____

FORK LENGTH/TOTAL LENGTH (SHARKS): _____ (cm) DIGITAL IMAGE NUMBER(S) (if taken) _____

CONFIDENCE IN YOUR IDENTIFICATION: SURE LIKELY UNSURE (COLLECT SPECIMEN)

FISH (Circle ALL that apply)

BARBELS:	Absent	On Lower Jaw	Around mouth opening	
GILL OPENING:	1 Rigid	Soft cover (circle number): 1 5 6 7 Other _____		
DORSAL FIN:	No Spines	Has spines	Separate from caudal fin	Continuous with caudal fin (eel-like tail)
DORSAL FINS:	1 2	3	1 Dorsal + adipose fin	
PELVIC FINS:	Absent	Abdominal	Thoracic Jugular	Modified into sucker disk or cone
ANAL FINS:	Absent	1	2	
BODY:	Elongate	Rounded	Dorsally compressed	Laterally compressed
CAUDAL FIN:	Forked	Flat	Rounded	
SCALES:	Absent	Adherent	Deciduous	Body encased in bony plates
SCALE SIZE:	N/A	Small	Moderate	Large
PHOTOPHORES:	Absent	Present		
HEAD:	No special features	Spines on head	Large white pores	Fishing Lure Cirri
LATERAL LINES:	Absent	Single	Multiple	
VENTRAL FEATURES:	Anal spine(s)	Scutes	Pelvic axillary process	

CRAB (Circle ALL that apply)

PAIRS OF WALKING LEGS:	3	4
ANTENNAE:	All between eyes	All not between eyes
ROSTRAL SPINES:	N/A Shallow fork	Deeply forked Number _____
CARAPACE SPINES:	Long spine(s) on margin	Long Spines on carapace Serrated Margin
	Short spine(s) on margin	Short Spines on carapace No Spines

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Describe in detail the color, markings, and characteristics of the fish or invertebrate you have keyed here. Include any additional distinguishing features not already circled on the front page. ***Required even if photo present.***

Draw your fish or invertebrate here or ATTACH PHOTO. Indicate on the drawing the mouth size relative to the orbit, the body shape, fin numbers, locations and configuration relative to each other, color and markings, and any specific characters that helped in keying the specimen.

DO NOT copy the drawing from the identification manual! If your identification is incorrect, your drawing could help NMFS staff determine the correct identification.