

Observer Evaluation

The SEFSC Galveston Laboratory will be placing an observer aboard your vessel for observer coverage. In an attempt to monitor the quality of observers we send on commercial vessels, we would appreciate it if once the trip is completed you would take the time to fill out this questionnaire. We wish to ensure that the observers conduct themselves professionally and safely during deployment. Please fill in the information below and return to: **NOAA/NMFS, Reef and Shrimp Observer Program, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, Texas 77551**. Your information is important in helping us improve the observer program. If you are the owner and were not present during the trip, please consult with your captain.

Vessel name: _____ **Vessel Doc. #:** _____

Your name: _____ **Observer name:** _____

Your status (check one): Owner _____ Captain _____ Other _____

Please provide responses by checking yes or no in the space provided. Space has been provided on the back of the form if you wish to include detailed comments about the observer.

1. Was the observer on time and prepared for the trip? Yes ___ No ___
2. Did you and the observer discuss vessel safety procedures prior to departure? Yes ___ No ___
3. Did the observer explain their sampling requirements and duties prior to departure? Yes ___ No ___
4. Was the observer professional, courteous and polite? Yes ___ No ___
5. Did the observer appear to conduct the duties they were responsible for during the trip?
Yes ___ No ___
6. Was sampling conducted in a timely manner as to not substantially impact your normal operations?
Yes ___ No ___
7. Did observer help maintain cleanliness standards in accordance with the vessels normal policy in the following areas? **Work** (Yes ___ No ___); **Bunk** (Yes ___ No ___); **Galley** (Yes ___ No ___)

If you have any other concerns regarding, safety, the observer, or observer procedures during the trip please explain in the additional comment section provided on the back of form.

Additional comments: _____

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