

Sea Turtle Hook & Line Incidental Capture Intake Form

(To be filled out by the responding STSSN participant)

STSSN ID #: _____ Capture Location: _____ DATE: _____

1) Where was angler fishing? S) Shore B) Boat P) Pier U) Unknown

2) What was angler fishing for? (select up to 2, if >2 choose: A) Anything (Regionally specific species)
A) Anything B) Catfish C) Croaker D) Drum (Red/Redfish/Black) E) Flounder
F) Ground mullet/Whiting G) Mackerel (King/Spanish) H) Trout I) Shark
O) Other: _____ U) Unknown

3) Bait used: DS) Dead shrimp LS) Live shrimp S) Squid C) Crab A) Artificial
WL) Whole live fish: _____ WD) Whole dead fish: _____
CB) Cut bait/fish: _____ O) Other: _____ U) Unknown

4) Hook Type: C) Circle T) Treble J) J K) Kahle U) Undetermined
5) Select best answer: O) Offset I) Inline U) Undetermined N) NA

6) Is the hook barbless? N) No Y) Yes

7) What is the hook Total Length (mm)? (Measure length from top of hook to bottom) _____ mm

8) What is the Gape (mm)? (Measure gape from tip of the point to the inside of the shank) _____ mm

9) Interaction type:
H) Hooked E) Entangled HE) Hooked & entangled U) Unknown
O) Other: _____

10) Hook/Gear Location:
a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head
External location: _____
b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible
B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue E) Esophagus
c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)
Internal location: _____
d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known

11) If turtle was released by the angler, was the hook and all line removed? YES NO NA

12) If no, estimated amount of line remaining on turtle (inches) _____

13) How was the hook removed? A) Angler removed I) Instrument _____
S) Surgery required M) Not removed, monitored for passage N) Not removed before release

14) Were any other hooks observed (either on radiograph or visually)? YES NO Unknown
If yes, answer questions on next page for each additional hook.

Additional Comments: _____

***If possible, please take photos of the gear interaction before removing the gear, collect the fishing gear and contact your State Coordinator for instructions on disposition of gear. Submit this form along with your STSSN form to your State Coordinator.**

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STSSN ID #: _____

Hook #: _____

15) Hook Type: C) Circle T) Treble J) J K) Kahle U) Undetermined
16) Select best answer: O) Offset I) Inline U) Undetermined N) NA

17) Is the hook barbless? N) No Y) Yes

18) What is the hook Total Length (mm)? (Measure length from top of hook to bottom) _____ mm

19) What is the Gape (mm)? (Measure gape from tip of the point to the inside of the shaft) _____ mm

20) Hook/Gear Location:

- a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head
External location: _____
- b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible
B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue E) Esophagus
- c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)
Internal location: _____
- d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known

Hook #: _____

21) Hook Type: C) Circle T) Treble J) J K) Kahle U) Undetermined
22) Select best answer: O) Offset I) Inline U) Undetermined N) NA

23) Is the hook barbless? N) No Y) Yes

24) What is the hook Total Length (mm)? (Measure length from top of hook to bottom) _____ mm

25) What is the Gape (mm)? (Measure gape from tip of the point to the inside of the shaft) _____ mm

26) Hook/Gear Location:

- a) External – E) Hooked anywhere on the body, flippers or head
External location: _____
- b) Inside mouth – Hook still visible
B) Beak T) Tongue G) Glottis R) Roof of mouth O) Other mouth tissue E) Esophagus
- c) Swallowed – S) Hook is NOT visible; (note internal location, if known)
Internal location: _____
- d) Unknown - U) Hook location is not known

Additional Comments: _____

PRA STATEMENT
Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions
OMB Control Number: 0648-0774
Expiration Date: 12/31/2021

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 5 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 Wendy Piniak, NOAA Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, wendy.piniak@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.