



SEA TURTLE ENTANGLEMENT REPORT FORM

OMB Control No. 0648-0496; Exp Date: XX/XX/20XX

FIELD #: _____

Shaded area for NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) use only **EVENT CONFIRMATION:** Confirmed Probable Not confirmed

INITIAL OBSERVATION: Observer name: _____ Phone: _____

Observer affiliation: _____

Observation date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time: _____ am pm

Turtle condition: Alive Fresh dead Moderately decomposed Severely decomposed Dried carcass Skeleton Unknown

EXAMINATION / RESPONSE: Responder name: _____ Phone: _____

Responder affiliation: _____

Response date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time responder arrived on scene: _____ am pm

Turtle condition: Alive Fresh dead Moderately decomposed Severely decomposed Dried carcass Skeleton Unknown

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION: Photos taken: Yes No Video taken: Yes No

Documentation of: Turtle in gear Injuries / entanglement site Buoy colors, numbers and any other identifiable feature(s)

LOCATION: State: _____ County: _____ Nearest port / town: _____

Locality details: _____ Stranded ashore: Yes No

Latitude: _____ N Longitude: _____ W

TURTLE DATA: Species or description: _____

Straight carapace length:** _____ cm in actual est.

Sex: Male Female Not examined CBD

Curved carapace length:** _____ cm in actual est.

Does tail extend beyond carapace? Yes No

**Carapace length is measured from nuchal notch to posterior tip (see diagram in instructions)

If Yes, how far? _____ cm in actual est.

Weight: _____ kg lb actual est.

Sex determined by: Necropsy Tail length (adults only) N/A

GEAR TYPE: Indicate the primary (in contact with turtle) entangling gear with a "P" and secondary gear with an "S". Fill out all applicable details.

____ **Vertical Line with Surface Buoy**

Line attached to bottom gear: Yes No If Yes, bottom gear: Pot(s) Net Unknown Other: _____

Length of line between turtle and surface buoy: _____ cm in actual est.

____ **Line Only (no buoy)**

Type: Monofilament Multifilament (e.g. nylon or poly rope) Unknown

Hook(s) present: Yes No If Yes, where attached to turtle: Not attached Mouth Ingested (past mouth) Soft tissue (not mouth)

Line attached to bottom gear : Yes No If Yes, bottom gear: Pot(s) Net Unknown Other: _____

____ **Net**

Type: Monofilament Multifilament (e.g. nylon) Unknown

____ **Fish Trap (pound net / weir)**

Location: Free-swimming in trap Entangled in leader Entangled in trap Other (describe in Additional Remarks)

____ **Other** Describe: _____

GEAR DETAILS:

Net Estimated stretched mesh size: _____ cm in ID number(s): _____

Pot(s) Number of pots: _____ ID Number(s): _____ Pot description: _____

Buoy(s) Number of buoys: _____

| | Buoy 1 | Buoy 2 | Buoy 3 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Type | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Color/Pattern | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ID Number(s) / Letter(s) | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Line(s)

Number of lines: _____ Color 1: _____ Color 2: _____ Color 3: _____

Biofouling present on gear: Yes No If Yes, % of visible gear covered by biofouling: _____ % (describe type of biofouling in Additional Remarks)

Gear retrieved: Yes- all Yes- partially No If Yes, disposition: Initial observer STDN member State agency NMFS Gear Team

DISENTANGLEMENT OUTCOME (LIVE animals): (Check one)

Disentangled & released Entangled / no action taken Relocated to: _____

Partially disentangled & released. Gear left: _____ Entangled / not relocated Euthanized

Collected for treatment at: _____ Lost during disentanglement Other: _____

CARCASS / SAMPLE DISPOSITION (DEAD animals): (Check all that apply)

Left at site Necropsied Biopsied

Towed ashore Scientific collection Other: _____

Buried Off beach On beach Educational collection Unknown

TAG / MARK DATA: Checked for flipper tags: Yes No Scanned for PIT tags: Yes No

| Tag / mark type | Numbers | Location on animal | Applied | Present |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ENTANGLEMENT / WOUND DESCRIPTION: Use table below to describe the entanglement configuration and any wounds associated with the entanglement site. Check all that apply. Note the specific location, # wraps, partial or complete circumference, tight vs. loose, if gear left at that location, etc.).

| Body area involved | Movement impaired | Indentation | Skin abraded | Muscle exposed | Bone exposed | Swelling | Discoloration | Tissue necrotic/sloughing |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head / neck Description: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front flippers Description: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carapace / plastron Description: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear flippers Description: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS

Response to Approach and Handling: Check one.

Vigorous movement Movement slow, sluggish, or weak Unconscious / Unresponsive Could not evaluate

Response Upon Release: Check one from each row below.

Vigorous movement Movement slow, sluggish, or weak Movements abnormal (e.g. uncoordinated, circling, listing) Could not evaluate

Dives and/or swims away within 1 minute Remains at surface and/or does not swim deliberately away within 1 minute

Describe Behavior:

EVENT SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

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