

THIS IS A VOLUNTARY SURVEY

Date ____/____/____

Survey ID:_____

Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions Survey Cover Sheet

(To be filled out for each site location)

Site Name:_____ Town:_____ State:_____

Start time (use 24 hr time): _____ End Time (use 24 hr time): _____

Weekday: Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat Sun

Environmental Conditions (start of survey): Air Temperature (°C) _____

Wave height (ft): 0 0.1-0.5 0.5-1.0 1.0-1.5 1.5-2.0 >2.0

Cloud cover: A) 0% B) <30% C) 30-60% D) 60-90% E) >90%

Precipitation: A) none B) light rain C) moderate rain D) heavy rain

Leader/Interviewer(s) Name(s):_____

Number of Anglers:_____ **Total Count:**_____

Number of Lines in the Water:_____ **Total Count:**_____

Number of Surveys completed: _____ **Total Count:**_____

Total Number of anglers **Not Participating:** _____ **Total Count:**_____

Anglers **Declining** to Participate: _____ Count:_____

Zip codes of declining anglers: _____

Anglers who have **Already Taken Survey:** _____ Count:_____

The sum of these 2 must equal total above

Completed surveying the entire location? NO YES

All anglers & lines counted? NO YES

NOAA Fisheries Fishing Angler Survey Intent Statement: “Hi, I’m _____, working with NOAA Fisheries. We are doing a survey to look at angler fishing practices. Would you be willing to give your opinion and answer some questions for our survey? This survey should take about 10 minutes, is completely voluntary and your answers will be confidential. No responses can be traced back to you. The information collected will be combined with responses from other recreational anglers and used only for scientific research, statistical and publication purposes. This study is conducted in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974. You are not required to answer any question that you consider an invasion of privacy. If you get a bite, just let me know and I can wait or come back later.”

Comments:_____

**Report captured, injured or entangled dolphins & sea turtles to
local stranding #**

PRA STATEMENT
Recreational Angler Survey of Sea Turtle Interactions
OMB Control Number: XXX-XXXX
Expiration Date: 12/31/2026

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 analysis, 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 Sara Wissmann, NOAA Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, sara.wissmann@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.