MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING REPORT - LEVEL A DATA

FIELD #: _____ **NMFS REGIONAL #:** _____ (NMFS USE) **NATIONAL DATABASE#:** _____ (NMFS USE)

COMMON NAME: _____ **GENUS:** _____ **SPECIES:** _____

EXAMINER Letterholder: _____

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

LOCATION OF INITIAL OBSERVATION

State:_____ County:_____
City: _____
Body of Water: _____
Locality Details: _____
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Latitude: _____ N ☐ actual
Longitude: _____ W ☐ estimated
How lat/long determined (Check ONE):
☐ GPS
☐ Map
☐ Internet/Software

OCCURRENCE DETAILS ☐ Restrand GE#: _____ (NMFS USE)

Group Event: ☐ YES ☐ NO
If Yes, Type: ☐ Cow/Calf Pair ☐ Mass Stranding # Animals: _____ ☐ actual ☐ estimated

Findings of Human Interaction: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Could not Be Determined (CBD)
If Yes, Check one or more: ☐ 1. Boat Collision ☐ 2. Shot ☐ 3. Fishery Interaction
☐ 4. Other Human Interaction: _____
Describe How Determined:_____
Gear Collected? ☐ YES ☐ NO Gear Disposition: _____

Other Findings upon Level A: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ CBD
If Yes, Check one or more: ☐ 1. Illness ☐ 2. Injury
☐ 3. Other Findings: _____
Describe How Determined:_____

INITIAL OBSERVATION

Date: Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____
First Observed: ☐ Beach or Land ☐ Floating ☐ Swimming

CONDITION AT INITIAL OBSERVATION (Check ONE)
☐ 1. Alive
☐ 2. Fresh dead
☐ 3. Moderate decomposition
☐ 4. Advanced decomposition
☐ 5. Mummified/Skeletal
☐ 6. Unknown

LEVEL A EXAMINATION ☐ Not Able to Examine

Date: Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

CONDITION AT EXAMINATION (Check ONE)
☐ 1. Alive
☐ 2. Fresh dead
☐ 3. Moderate decomposition
☐ 4. Advanced decomposition
☐ 5. Mummified/Skeletal

INITIAL LIVE ANIMAL DISPOSITION (Check one or more)
☐ 1. Left at Site
☐ 2. Immediate Release at Site
☐ 3. Relocated
☐ 4. Disentangled
☐ 5. Died at Site
☐ 6. Euthanized at Site
☐ 7. Transferred to Rehabilitiation:
Date: _____ Facility:_____
_____
☐ 8. Died during Transport
☐ 9. Euthanized during Transport
☐ 10. Other: _____

CONDITION/DETERMINATION (Check one or more)
☐ 1. Sick ☐ 4. Deemed Healthy 7. Location Hazardous:
☐ 2. Injured ☐ 5. Abandoned/Orphaned ☐ a. To animal
☐ 3. Out of Habitat ☐ 6. Inaccessible ☐ b. To public
☐ 8. Unknown/CBD ☐ 9. Other: _____
Comments:_____
_____

MORPHOLOGICAL DATA

SEX (Check ONE)
☐ 1. Male
☐ 2. Female
☐ 3. Unknown

AGE CLASS (Check ONE)
☐ 1. Adult
☐ 2. Subadult
☐ 3. Yearling
☐ 4. Pup/Calf
☐ 5. Unknown

Straight Length:_____ ☐ cm ☐ in ☐ actual ☐ estimated
Weight:_____ ☐ kg ☐ lb ☐ actual ☐ estimated

PHOTOS/VIDEOS TAKEN: ☐ YES ☐ NO
Photo/Video Disposition:_____
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TAG DATA

Tags Were:
Present at Time of Stranding (pre-existing): ☐ YES ☐ NO
Applied during Stranding Response: ☐ YES ☐ NO

ID #	Color	Type	Placement * (Circle ONE)	Applied	Present
_____			D DF L LF LR RF RR	☐	☐
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* D = Dorsal; DF= Dorsal Fin; L = Lateral Body
LF=Left Front; LR = Left Rear; RF = Right Front; RR = Right Rear

WHOLE CARCASS STATUS (Check one or more)
☐ 1. Left at site
☐ 2. Buried
☐ 3. Rendered
☐ 4. Towed: Lat _____ Long _____
☐ 5. Sunk: Lat _____ Long _____
☐ 6. Frozen for Later Examination
☐ 7. Landfill
☐ 8. Unknown
☐ 9. Other:____
_____

SPECIMEN DISPOSITION (Check one or more)
☐ 1. Scientific collection
☐ 2. Educational collection
☐ 3. Other: _____
Comments:_____
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NECROPSIED ☐ YES ☐ NO Date:_____
NECROPSIED BY: _____

PLEASE USE THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL REMARKS

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIER: _____ (If animal is restranded, please indicate any previous field numbers here)

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