NOAA Pacific Islands Regional Office, Observer Program

Marine Debris Encounter Report

This information is being used to help determine the economic cost of marine debris impacts to fisheries. These questions are not to be asked of any captain or crew. Data should be collected by observation only. This form is not PRA-approved.

Trip Number:_____________

Position of encounter with debris (includes vessel, gear, and animals) or noteworthy sighting:

Latitude: _____°_____' N / S Longitude: _____°_____' E / W (positions to nearest whole minute)
Date:____________________ Time:______________

Incident Type:

□ Gear Interaction
□ Vessel Interaction
□ Entangled Species Caught (e.g. swordfish entangled in debris)

□ Noteworthy or Unusual Debris Sightings (e.g., large collection of debris items, large debris objects, unusual debris)

□ Other (includes recovered ingested debris items): ______________

Debris Type:

□ Net
□ Rope
□ Monofilament line
□ Lumber/building material (must be manmade)
□ Metal (describe): _______________________
□ Other (describe): _______________________________________________________________________

□ Cloth
□ Plastic sheeting
□ Floats
□ FAD (Fish Aggregating Device)
□ Natural debris (e.g., logs/tree trunks)

Biota Type (on or living in net) – List species names if known:

□ Fish _______________________________________________________________________
□ Crustaceans ________________________________________________________________
□ Encrusting organisms _________________________________________________________
□ NO biota/organisms present _________________________________________________
□ Other (describe): _______________________________________________________________________

Description of incident type or noteworthy sighting and debris object/material (describe the type of incident in more detail, why you think the sighting is noteworthy, diameter or width, length, colors and biota living on the debris):

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Weight: (est.) _______lbs Photos: Y / N Debris brought on board? Y / N

Length of downtime: __________hrs

Description of downtime and cost (describe what was done during downtime (e.g. propeller disentangled by divers) and details of cost if known):

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