

BSC – Marine Wildlife Sighting Sheet

Date: (mm/dd/yy): _____ Day: _____ Naturalist: _____ Data Collector: _____
 Trip Time (start/end): _____ / _____ (24 hr.) Captain: _____ Vessel: _____
 General Trip Location: _____ Photo Info: _____
 Weather: clear : haze : rain : fog : other _____ Visibility (miles): _____ Cloud Cover (?/10): _____
 Wind Condition (circle one): incr. : decr. : consistent Wind Speed: _____ kts Wind Dir: _____ deg
 Sea Height (circle one): glass : catpaws : 3" - 1 1/2' : 1 1/2' - 3' : 3' - 6' : 6' + Swell Height / Dir.: _____ ft / _____ deg
 Comments: _____

Overview	Mn	Bp	Ba	Eg	La	Pp	Pv	Gm	Cm	Mm	other _____
Low #											
High #											

SI Letter	Prev. SI	Birds ?	spp	# lo/hi	Time (start / end)	Loran	GPS	Behavior codes	Photo Info. Comments Names
						13 ---- - - - 44 ---- - - -	Lat / Long		
A									
B									
C									
D									
E									
F									
G									
H									
I									
J									

Comments: NP = no photos taken **Not Assoc.** = animals are not associated, but in same general area
Photo Shorthand: dfl = dorsal fluke vfl = ventral fluke ldf = left dorsal fin rdf = right dorsal fin

Species Codes:**Whale:**

Baleen: Mn(1) = humpback; Bp(2) = finback; Eg(3) = right whale; Ba(4) = Minke; Bm(5) = blue whale; Bb(6) = sei whale

Toothed: La(7) = white-sided dolphin; Pp(8) = harbor porpoise; Gm(9) = pilot whale; Dd(10) = common dolphin;

Gg(11) = Rissos dolphin; La2(12) = white-beaked dolphin; Dl(13) = beluga;

UD(14) = unid dolphin or porpoise

Unidentified: UB(15) = unid large whale; UX(16) = unid small whale

Fish: Cm(17) = basking shark; Pg(18) = blue shark; Sa(19) = spiny dogfish (sand shark); Mm(20) = ocean sunfish;

Cc2(21) = great white, UF(22) = unid fish

Seal: Hg(23) = gray seal; Pv(24) = harbor seal; Cc(25) = hooded seal; Pg(26) = harp seal; US(27) = unidentified seal

Turtle: Dc(28) = leatherback; Cc3(29) = loggerhead; Cm2(30) = green; Lk(31) = ridley; Ei(32) = hawksbill; UT(33) = unid turtle

General Behaviors: BR – breach

CA – close approach

DE – defecate

UK – unknown

WW – white water

Whale**diving:**

FO – fluke out dive

Specific Behaviors:

NF – no fluke dive

other:

BU – back up

HS – head stand

NR – nursing

OP – object play

RO – roll

SH – spy hop

SN – snaking

TS – tail slash

swimming:

TR – traveling (direction not specified)

TRc – traveling in circles

TRf – traveling fast (charging)

TRo – traveling other pattern

TRs – traveling straight

resting:

LOG – logging horizontal

SR = slow swim resting

SSL = subsurface logging

social behaviors:

SAG – surface active group (Eg)

TO - touching

feeding:

CKF – chin-kick feeding

KF – kick feeding

LF – surface feeding (Bp, Mn, Ba)

LFs – surface feeding on side (Bp)

MI – milling (dolphins)

SF – skim feeding (Eg, Bb)

SSF – sub-surface feeding

ST – straining (if LF)

bubble structures:

BC – bubble clouds

BN – bubble net

BS – bubble string

BW – bubble wall

active:

FS – flipper slap

ILT – inverted lobtail

LT – lobtail

TL – tail slap (dolphins)

breaching:

CB – chin breach

PB – pull breach

SB – spinning head br.

TB – tail breach

sounds:

FB – fluttering blow

OS – other at surface

SS – social sounds

TP – trumpet

Basking**single basking shark:**

FD = feeding (mouth open)

Shark and Ocean

NO = not feeding (mouth closed)

Sunfish

SW = swimming pattern relatively straight

Behaviors:

SC = swimming patten is circlular

SU = subsurface swim

TT = tail thrashing

multiple basking sharks

EC - echelon behavior

FW - following (nose to tail)

PS - parallel swimming

PG - pectoral fin grabbing

NG - nudging

OT - one animal on top of the other

GS = group circling

ocean sunfish

SW – swimming at surface

SK – skulling w/dorsal fin

BAR – basking w/right side up

BAI – basking w/left side up

Seal Specific Behaviors: SW = swimming at surface

RS = resting at surface

FD = feeding

RB = resting vertically at surface (buoy-like)

HO = hauled out on rocks

Sea Turtle Specific Behaviors: SW = swimming at surface

FD = feeding

RS = resting at surface

Seabird Checklist:

___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel

___ Leach's Storm-Petrel

___ storm-petrel species?

___ Greater Shearwater

___ Sooty Shearwater

___ Cory's Shearwater

___ Manx Shearwater

___ shearwater species?

___ Northern Gannet

___ Northern Fulmar

___ Red-necked Phalarope

___ Red Phalarope

___ phalarope species?

___ Parasitic Jaeger

___ Pomarine Jaeger

___ jaeger species?

___ Black-legged Kittiwake

___ Laughing Gull

___ Sabine's Gull

___ Roseate Tern

___ Common Tern

___ Black Tern

___ tern species?

___ Common Murre

___ Razorbill

___ Atlantic Puffin

___ alcid species?

___ Common Loon

___ Red-throated Loon

___ Common Eider

___ Surf Scoter

___ White-winged Scoter

___ Black Scoter

___ scoter species?

___ Long-tailed Duck

___ Red-breasted Merganser

___ Double-crested Cormorant

___ Great Cormorant

other: