

Wildlife Observation Form Return form(s) to Supervisor, Wildlife Branch, or wildlife agency representative			Incident Name:		Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	INV (OLE Use Only):
ICS Position (Group, Task Force, Strike Team, or other name if no ICS Position):			Lead Observer Name & Employer (Phone & Email if no ICS Position): Training/Experience:			
Other Observer(s) Names & Employers:						
General Location:		GPS Datum: WGS84 (preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> ; NAD83 <input type="checkbox"/> ; NAD27 <input type="checkbox"/> ; Other: _____			Camera & SD Card ID #: GPS & SD Card ID #:	
For surveys, GPS Trackline File Name: _____ Total distance surveyed: _____ mi <input type="checkbox"/> or km <input type="checkbox"/>						
OBSERVATION INFORMATION						
Platform: On foot <input type="checkbox"/> Truck/4-wheeler <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Platform Description:			
Cloud Cover (%) _____		Wind Speed _____ mph <input type="checkbox"/> knots <input type="checkbox"/> OR Beaufort Wind Scale (1-6): _____			Direction wind is blowing from: _____	
Precipitation: None <input type="checkbox"/> Fog/Mist <input type="checkbox"/> Light Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/>					Visibility: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	
Time	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Species/ Species Group	ID Certainty	# of Animals	Details
<i>EXAMPLE</i> 0805	57.70818 N	-52.32819 W	seabirds	certain	18	<i>Mixed seabird flock incl 10 least auklets; feeding, not traveling, 2 km from oil, no visible oiling, WP 33</i>
						START SURVEY (write time, location)

Time	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Species/ Species Group	ID Certainty	# of Animals	Details
						END SURVEY (write time, location)

INSTRUCTIONS: Wildlife Observation Form (or follow incident-specific protocols if available)

Incident Name and Date: Fill out.		ICS Position: ICS Position of Wildlife Observer(s), if applicable. Record other identifier if no ICS position.		Lead Observer: Record information for lead Wildlife Observer (person with the most training/experience). Training/Experience: May include but not be limited to applicable degree, employer training, USFWS/NMFS training, etc.	
Other Observer(s): Record information for other Wildlife Observers.		General Location: General location of observations, from navigational charts or maps (<i>Ex: Growler Bay</i>).		GPS Datum: Check one (found in GPS settings). WGS84 is preferred.	
Camera/GPS & SD Card IDs: Write ID numbers of assigned camera and GPS unit and SD cards (memory cards).		GPS Trackline File Name: For incident-specific protocols, record trackline file saved in your GPS. Total Distance Surveyed: record with units.			
Platform: Check one.	Platform Description: Record type, name, and identifying numbers/letters of vessel/vehicle/aircraft. If Other, provide details in description.			Cloud Cover: Estimate percentage.	
Wind Speed: Record with units OR Beaufort Wind Scale: 0: 0-1 mph, calm, flat seas 1: 1-3 mph, ripples 2: 4-7 mph, light breeze, wavelets 3: 8-12 mph, gentle breeze, large wavelets, some breaking crests 4: 13-18 mph, moderate breeze, small waves, many whitecaps 5: 19-24 mph, fresh breeze, 6-9 ft waves, some spray 6: 25-31 mph, strong breeze, large waves with spray >6: 32+ mph				Direction wind is blowing from: Record direction. Precipitation: Check one. Visibility: Check one. Excellent = unlimited; poor = <100 m	
Time: 24-hour format.	Latitude and Longitude: Decimal Degrees preferred. Regardless of format used, include any decimals and symbols for degrees/minutes/seconds. If no GPS unit is available, describe observation location as detailed as possible.			Species: Record the species as precisely as you can. For example, you might ID a gull as "short-billed gull" (to species), or as "unidentified gull" or "bird."	
ID Certainty: CERTAIN: You are quite sure of the species or species type. MAYBE: You have some question about the species or species type. UNCERTAIN: You do not know the species or species type.		# of Animals: Record the number of individuals of the same species or species group. Large numbers can be a range; for example, "40-50 short-billed gulls."		Details: Note any additional details, including: GPS waypoint (WP); size, age, or sex of animals; behavior (feeding, preening, loafing, or other); distance to oil; photo numbers; record degree of oiling; any other info you think important. Degree of oiling codes: NO =no obvious oil on body. LT =light spots of oil. MOD =moderate patches over body. HV =heavily oiled all over. UNK =unknown.	