

Figure 9-4: Carcass Collection Form (two pages; full-page version available on the ADEC [Area Plan References and Tools webpage](#)).

Carcass Collection Form Use one form for each batch of carcasses		Incident Name:		Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy):		INV (OLE Use Only):	
ICS Position (Group, Task Force, Strike Team, or other name if no ICS Position assigned):				Carcass Collector Name & Employer (Phone & Email, if no ICS Position assigned):			
Data Recorder Name & Employer (Phone & Email, if no ICS position):				Have carcass collection permits & authorizations been obtained? YES <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If not, Do Not Collect Carcasses</i>			
Camera & SD Card ID #:		GPS & SD Card ID #:		GPS Datum: (WGS84 preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> NAD83 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
General Location or Shoreline Segment:				<i>If applicable, fill out Shoreline Search Information on reverse.</i>			
INDIVIDUAL CARCASS LOG							
Carcass ID #	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Species	Condition FRESH, DEG, MUM	Oiling NO, LT, MOD, HV, UNK	Photo #	Comments
01							
02							
03							
04							
05							
06							
07							
08							
09							
10							
For this batch, record white Carcass Chain of Custody Tag pre-printed Batch Tag No.: _____ and Total number of carcasses: _____ Fold completed form and put inside a resealable waterproof storage bag (e.g., Ziploc®), then place inside the large plastic carcass batch bag.							

Carcass Collection Form – WPG Version 2020.2 (front page)

INSTRUCTIONS: Carcass Collection Form (or follow incident-specific protocols if available)

Incident Name and Date: Fill out.	ICS Position: ICS position of Carcass Collection Team, if applicable. Record other identifier if no ICS position.	Carcass Collector: Record information for designated Carcass Collector, who serves as Collection Team Leader.
Data Recorder: Record information for the person filling out this form.	Permits and Authorizations: Ask your supervisor. If permits have not been obtained, you are not authorized to collect carcasses, although you can take photos and document their location.	
Camera/GPS & SD Card IDs: Write ID numbers of assigned camera and GPS unit and the SD (memory cards). PERSONAL PHONE OR CAMERA USE IS NOT RECOMMENDED.		GPS Datum: Check one (found in GPS settings). WGS84 is preferred.
Location: Name of general location as shown on navigational charts or maps, and (if applicable) name or number of assigned shoreline segment.		
Carcass ID #: When filling out yellow Individual Carcass ID Tag, this is the number (1-10) to record for "Carcass ID #".	Latitude and Longitude: Decimal Degrees preferred. Regardless of format, include any decimals or symbols for degrees/minutes/seconds. If no GPS unit is available, describe the location where carcass was found.	Species: Record the species as precisely as you can. For example, you might ID a gull as "mew gull" (to species), or as "unidentified gull" or "bird."
Condition: 'FRESH' = freshly dead. Eyeballs are plump and intact, body is whole with no evidence of insect/crustacean intrusion or other scavenging. 'DEG' = degraded body condition, with one or more of the following: eyeballs sunken or gone; body decomposing or being eaten by insects/crustaceans/other animals; exposed flesh does not appear completely dried out; or some body parts are missing. 'MUM' = mummified. Only skin, bones, or feathers remain, or exposed flesh appears completely dried out.		Oiling: NO = no obvious oil on body. LT = light spots of oil. MOD = patches over more of the body than LT. HV = heavily oiled, over most of the body. UNK = unknown.
Photo #: Digital photo # from SD card, or # written on whiteboard and photographed with carcass. A large number of similar carcasses can be photographed as a group.		Comments: Please note any additional information that you think might be useful.
Carcass Chain of Custody (CoC) Batch Tag No: Write pre-printed Batch Tag No. from white Carcass CoC Tag, & total number of carcasses for this batch (1-10).		

SHORELINE SEARCH INFORMATION (complete this section only if following protocol for SHORELINE SEARCHES)

Date:	Location and Shoreline Segment:	Carcass Collector Name:
Start / Stop Times: /	Start / Stop GPS Coordinates (decimal degrees): /	
Wind is Toward: Water <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Along Beach <input type="checkbox"/> No wind <input type="checkbox"/>	Search Platform: Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dominant Shoreline Type: Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Pebble <input type="checkbox"/> Cobble <input type="checkbox"/> Boulder <input type="checkbox"/> Bedrock <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Cliff <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh <input type="checkbox"/> Sand/Mud Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Beach Width Searched (feet): _____ Search Path: Single Path <input type="checkbox"/> Out-and-back <input type="checkbox"/>		
Comments:		

Carcass Collection Form – WPG Version 2020.2 (back page)