

Figure 9-2: Wildlife Observation Form (two pages; full-page version available on the ADEC [Area Plan References and Tools](#) webpage).

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| 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 | |
| EXAMPLE 0805 | 57.70818 N | -52.32819 W | seabirds | certain | 18 | Mixed seabird flock incl 10 least auklets; feeding, not traveling, 2 km from oil, no visible oiling, WP 33 | |
| | | | | | | START SURVEY (write time, location) | |
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Lead Observer Name: _____

Date: _____

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

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

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| 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. | |

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