

STRANDED BIRD ENCOUNTERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECORDING INFORMATION ON STRANDED BIRD ENCOUNTERS

- Vessel/Platform:** Give the name of the vessel or platform on which you are working.
Recorder's Name: Indicate the person(s) recording information.
- Date:** Give the date that the birds were encountered.
Wind direction: the direction from which the wind is blowing.
Beaufort Sea state: the wind force measured on Beaufort scale.
Visibility: indicate whether it is a clear night (can see stars), overcast, or foggy.
Species: the species of bird encountered.
Number: the number of birds encountered at that particular time.
Condition: the condition of the bird when encountered (wet, dry, oiled, dead, etc.)

Beaufort Sea State
0 = calm (glassy) 0 knots
1 = light (ripples) 1 - 3 knots
2 = breeze (wavelets) 4 - 6 knots
3 = gentle breeze (large wavelets) 7 - 10 knots
4 = moderate breeze (whitecaps) 11 - 16 knots
5 = fresh breeze (spray, waves) 17 - 21 knots
6 = strong breeze (wave crests) 22 - 27 knots
7 = near gale (streaks, foam) 28 - 33 knots
8 = whole gale (moderate waves) 34 - 40 knots
9 = strong gale (high waves) 41 - 47 knots
10 = storm (breaking seas) 48 - 55 knots
11 = Hurricane - > 60 knots