

# STRANDED BIRD ENCOUNTERS

*When you find a bird on deck at night, please provide the following information (instructions are on back)*

Vessel/Platform Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Wind direction	Beaufort Sea state	Visibility (clear, overcast, fog)	Species*	Number	Bird condition when found (oiled, wet, dry, dead)	Comments

\* Note: If you do not know the species, please try to indicate whether it is a gull, petrel, songbird, gannet, etc.

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## 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