

Beach Number: _____ Beach Segment Name: _____

Oil/Tarball Information

Oil/Tarball Found _____

Oil/Tarball Collected (3 max) _____

Size Range (cm) of Oil/Tarball Found (min-max) _____

Oiled Dead Speciman Samples Collected _____

Estimate total amount of oil covering the entire beach, up to the dune vegetation or cliff face _____%.

Oil Descriptors

Describe the amount, type and consistency of the oil within the strip or band.

Oil Distribution for the Oil Found on Beach

C	Continuous	91 - 100%
B	Broken	51 - 90%
P	Patchy	11 - 50%
S	Sporadic	≥1 - 10%
T	Trace	<1%

Surface Oiling Descriptors – Thickness (circle as many as apply)

PO	Pooled Oil (fresh oil or mousse > 1 cm thick)
CV	Cover (oil or mousse from > 0.1 cm to < 1 cm on any surface)
CT	Coat (visible oil < 0.1 cm which can be scrapped off with fingernail)
ST	Stain (visible oil, which cannot be scrapped of with fingernail)
FL	Film (transparent or iridescent sheen or oily film)

Surface Oiling Descriptors – Type (circle as many as apply)

FR	Fresh oil (unweathered, liquid oil)
MS	Mousse (emulsified oil occurring over broad areas)
TB	Tarballs (discrete accumulations of oil < 10 cm in diameter)
PT	Patties (discrete accumulations of oil > 10 cm in diameter)
TC	Tar (highly weathered oil, of tarry, nearly solid consistency)
AP	Asphalt Pavements (cohesive, heavily oiled surface sediments)

Degree of Oil Category

H	Heavy	> 10 feet wide continuous band
M	Medium	>3 to ≤ 10 feet continuous or broken band
L	Light	> 1 foot to ≤ 3 feet of any type; multiple oil swash lines
VL	Very Light	≤ Sporadic tarballs

Oil Bands

If there are more than 3 tarballs on the beach complete the following information about the band or strip of oil.

Max. Width of Oil Band _____ in meters Check Box if Multiple Bands Present

Max. Length of Oil Band _____ in meters

Take several photographs of the oil, to photo-document the density and distribution of the patches of oil.
Record the photos on your photo documentation log.

0.5 meters away _____ 5 meters away _____ 10 meters away _____