

Notes about Discard Datasheets

These datasheets were developed to be utilized on sea sampling trips. They will be used to catalog exploratory indicators for each species. It is the first step towards cataloging species indicators that may help determine discard mortality on a species by species basis.

Please record the species, gear type, region fishing occurred, and date of sampling on both sheets.

On datasheet 1, there is a survivability scale, please record the condition of the fish when brought on deck.

On datasheet 2, please note physical damage to the species. In addition, we would like to catalog condition indicators (aka Fish Condition Behaviors) for each species. Record behavior noticed about each fish that may help determine the condition of the fish and possibly the future mortality of the fish. Conditions to be recorded may include tail flapping or flexing of the body, movement of the gills, opening and closing of the mouth - possibly when something is inserted in the mouth, eye response when touching the eye, dorsal fin response, or any other behaviors specific to that species.

Any questions or comments regarding the datasheets, please email Laura at lskrobe@uri.edu.

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We will create a database from the datasheets received which will be included on the Gear Conservation Engineering website.

Discard Mortality Datasheet 2

SPECIES	Gear type	Region	Date	Physical Damage	Fish Condition Behaviors (i.e., tail flapping/body flex, gill cover closure, mouth closure, eye response, dorsal fin erection, etc.)
Soft lobster	Bottom trawl	Southern New England	6/5/2006	missing claws, rupture of shell, antennae broken	none
Hard lobster	Bottom trawl	Southern New England	6/5/2006	rostrum broken	tail flapping, claw drooping, eye response (withdrawal), defensive claw movement