

Dolphin Stranding Report A

Stranding Date: 9/2

Time: 5:30 AM

Weather: Hot and muggy

Stranding Location: Bulls Bay
State: SC **City:** McClellanville

Location Description: low swell, calm water

Activity: Busy with local fisherman and heavy boat traffic

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: ___ Yes No

If Yes, Type: ___ Mom/Calf

___ Mass

___ UME

Number of Animals: 1

Sex: (check one)

___ Undetermined

___ Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

___ Alive

Dead

___ Decomposed

___ Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? ___ Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? Yes ___ No

Brand # 877

Morphological Information:

Length: 244cm

Weight: 250 lbs

Estimate Age Class: Adult

Dorsal Fin Markings: Notches from old tag on lower third of trailing edge

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: Blood Blubber ___ Organ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: Yes ___ No ___ Can't be determined

Notes: Rope around fluke (tail) and peduncle (base of tail) with skin abrasions.
Samples taken of the wounds

Examiner Name: B. Thill

Dolphin Stranding Report B

Stranding Date: 6/4

Time: 6:15 pm

Weather: warm, light rain

Stranding Location: Castle Pinckney

State: SC **City:** Charleston

Location Description: Dusk, low tide

Activity: quiet, few boaters or cargo ships

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: Yes No

If Yes, Type: Mom/Calf

Mass

UME

Number of Animals: 5

Sex: (check one)

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? Yes No

Brand # _____

Morphological Information:

Length: 130 cm

Weight: estimated 60 lbs

Estimate Age Class: calf

Dorsal Fin Markings: Rounded fin, no markings

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: Blood Blubber Organ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: Yes No Can't be determined

Notes: Large algal bloom in the area. Additional organ samples and swabs of blow hole taken for further analysis. 4 other dolphins were stranded in the same area.

Examiner Name: J. Thom

Dolphin Stranding Report C

Stranding Date: 5/23

Time: 10:05 am

Weather: Cloudy and warm

Stranding Location: Folly Beach County Park

State: SC **City:** Folly Beach

Location Description: High tide, close to fishing pier

Activity: Large amount of people on the beach and in the water

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: ___ Yes No

If Yes, Type: ___ Mom/Calf

___ Mass

___ UME

Number of Animals: 1

Sex: (check one)

___ Undetermined

Male

___ Female

Condition: (check one)

___ Alive

Dead

___ Decomposed

___ Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? ___ Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? ___ Yes No

Brand # _____

Morphological Information:

Length: 203cm

Weight: unknown

Estimate Age Class: Juvenile

Dorsal Fin Markings: 3 nicks on leading edge

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: Blood ___ Blubber ___ Organ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: ___ Yes No ___ Can't be determined

Notes: Stingray barb seen projecting from the dolphin's chest

Examiner Name: C. Felton

Dolphin Stranding Report D

Stranding Date: 7/16

Time: 11:30 am

Weather: Hot and partly cloudy

Stranding Location: Calibogue Sound

State: SC **City:** Hilton Head

Location Description: Calm water, falling tide

Activity: Heavy boat traffic and many fisherman

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: ___ Yes No

If Yes, Type: ___ Mom/Calf

___ Mass

___ UME

Number of Animals: 1

Sex: (check one)

___ Undetermined

Male

___ Female

Condition: (check one)

___ Alive

Dead

___ Decomposed

___ Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? ___ Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? ___ Yes No

Brand # _____

Morphological Information:

Length: 300 cm

Weight: healthy adult +300 lbs

Estimate Age Class: Adult

Dorsal Fin Markings: Healed cut from boat propeller

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: ___ Blood ___ Blubber ___ Organ ___ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: Yes ___ No ___ Can't be determined

Notes: Several deep cuts to the back and front right flipper

Examiner Name: L. Christensen

Dolphin Stranding Report E

Stranding Date: 3/15

Time: 2:20 pm

Weather: mostly sunny,
cooler temperatures

Stranding Location: Kiawah

State: SC **City:** Kiawah

Location Description: High tide, by beachwalker
county park

Activity: Few beachgoers, many large ships seen
further out

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: ___ Yes No

If Yes, Type: ___ Mom/Calf

___ Mass

___ UME

Number of Animals: 1

Sex: (check one)

___ Undetermined

___ Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

___ Alive

Dead

___ Decomposed

___ Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? ___ Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? ___ Yes No

Brand # _____

Morphological Information:

Length: 180cm

Weight: 150 lbs

Estimate Age Class: Juvenile

Dorsal Fin Markings: rake marks on upper third

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: Blood Blubber Organ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: ___ Yes ___ No Can't be determined

Notes: Looks healthy, additional organ samples were taken for further examination.
Organ samples looked as though they contained small air bubbles .

Examiner Name: D. Heyward

Dolphin Stranding Report F

Stranding Date: 11/10

Time: 4:57 pm

Weather: Raining, cool air
and water temperatures

Stranding Location: Windy Hill

State: SC **City:** North Myrtle Beach

Location Description: low tide, between 45th and
46th Ave

Activity: Relatively empty beach a good amount of
trash washing up

Occurrence Details

Species: Bottlenose Dolphin

Group Event: ___ Yes No

If Yes, Type: ___ Mom/Calf

___ Mass

___ UME

Number of Animals: 1

Sex: (check one)

Undetermined

___ Male

___ Female

Condition: (check one)

___ Alive

Dead

___ Decomposed

___ Skeleton

Tags:

Dorsal Fin Tags? ___ Yes No

Tag # _____

Freeze Brand? ___ Yes No

Brand # _____

Morphological Information:

Length: 272 cm

Weight: seems extremely underweight

Estimate Age Class: Adult

Dorsal Fin Markings: Curved with notches on
middle third of trailing edge

Necropsy Report:

Samples Taken: Blood Blubber ___ Organ Other

Evidence of Human Interaction: Yes ___ No

Notes: Severely underweight. Many samples were taken for further analysis and
animal transported for full necropsy.

Examiner Name: J. Wong