

# June 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report-revised

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of June, 2004: 123 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 5 Drift Sink Gillnet, 14 Drift Floating Gillnet, 83 Bottom Otter Trawl, 18 Scallop Dredge, 3 Pot and Trap, 4 Midwater Otter Trawl, 12 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 3 Purse Seine, 2 Hydraulic Clam Dredge and 6 Closed Area Scallop. There were 2 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
ASG 100	A03021C	06/14/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
SD 132	C55014-	06/20/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, injured
BOT 050	C70019-	06/26/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, seen by captain/crew only
ASG 100	C71026L	06/29/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, condition unknown
DFG 116	C89023L	06/28/2004	1	turtle, nk	alive, condition unknown
SD 132	D14007-	06/25/2004	1	loggerhead turtle	alive, not injured
ASG 100	C94013C	06/08/2004	1	gray seal	dead, moderately decomposed

\*"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, SD= Scallop Dredge, BOT=Bottom Otter Trawl, DFG=Drift Floating Gillnet

Errata for May: One Anchored Floating Gillnet trip and 46 (not 47) Anchored Sink Gillnet trips were observed.

Erratum for June: Comments from trip D14007- confirmed a loggerhead take.