

WORKSHEET: SMALL MANATEE OBSERVED ALONE IN THE WILD

Initial Report

Initial reporter: Name _____
 Date/Time _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____

Location of animal: Water Body _____
 Municipality _____
 Private/commercial _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____

Description of event from First observed; Date/Time _____
initial reporter: Time observed; Days/Hours _____
 Estimated Animal length _____
 Trauma _____
 Activity _____
 Submerge _____
 Other animals present _____
 Additional information _____

Visual or Field Assessment From Biologist

Animal's condition: Biologist Name _____
 Length estimate _____
 Weight estimate _____
 Respiratory rate (breaths/5min) _____
 Body condition average _____ thin _____ emaciated _____
 Trauma no _____ yes _____
 If yes, describe _____

Animal's behavior: Active _____ Swimming _____ Searching _____ Inactive _____ Stationary _____ Reactive _____ Buoyant _____

Environmental factors: Air temperature _____ Water temperature _____
 Wind/wave (L,M,H) _____ Protected/exposed area _____

Human factors (yes/no): Watercraft activity present _____ Flood control structure present _____

Local manatee factors (yes/no): Nursery/calving area _____ Other animals present _____

Consult (yes/no)? _____

Name of consultants: _____

Decision/Plan: _____

Physical or Individual Assessment:

Manatee ID number: _____

Examination:

Objective

Body temperature_____

Length_____

Heart rate_____

Respiratory rate_____

Subjective

Behavior: alert/active lethargic/listless

Suckle reflex: absent present

Umbilicus: open closed

Wound status: absent present

Diagnostics:

Blood glucose (skin prick) _____

Consult & advise:

Facility veterinarian _____

Treatment options _____

Field treatment:

DO NOT PROVIDE TREATMENT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULT WITH VET

Hypoglycemia – oral Pedialyte

Hypothermia – thermal blanket

Hyperthermia – water, shade, ice

Umbilicus or wound care – povidone-iodine prep pad

Transport & monitor:

Reassess and treat as needed

Field supplies:

Worksheet

Stethoscope

Watch

Tape measure

Digital thermometer

Thermal blanket

Povidone-iodine prep pads

Pedialyte

Accucheck test kit

Tarp for shade

Recepticle with water/ice for manatee