

IFAW Marine Mammal Rescue Field Seal Health Assessment

***Perform Examinations from a distance. Contact IFAW staff as soon as possible with findings on the Hotline: (508) 743-9548.**

Examiner: _____ Date: _____

Beach Location: _____ Town: _____

Weather Conditions: _____ Tide: Incoming / Outgoing

Location of Animal in Relation to high tide Line: _____

Human Onlookers: Yes/No Approx How Many: _____

Species Identification (circle): Harbor Harp Hooded Gray Ringed Unk

Age Class (circle): Pup Juvenile Adult Length _____

Sex: Male Female Unk Tags?: Color _____ Number _____ Location: _____

Circle all that apply or describe findings:

Behavior	Aggressive Alert Responsive Waving Flippers Shivering "Playing possum" Lethargic Non-responsive Other:
Vocalizing	Yes No
Posture	On One side On Back On Stomach In Crescent Shape Lifting head Head down Flippers Flat out to sides Describe if necessary:
Body Condition	Robust Slightly Thin Thin Emaciated
External Wounds	None Head Flippers Back Stomach Describe size, depth, appearance, number, and location:
Hair Loss	Yes No Describe Extent:
Ambulation	Normal Slow Rolling Not using _____ flipper Cannot Assess Describe:

Mouth	Salivation/Discharge: Yes No Describe: Jaw: Normal Mal-aligned Abnormalities/Wounds (describe):
Nose	Normal Discharge (describe color, amt, consistency) Wounds (describe):
Eyes	Left: Wet Dry Discharge (describe): Right: Wet Dry Discharge (describe): Describe wounds or abnormalities:
Ears	Left: Normal Discharge (describe): Right: Normal Discharge (describe): Describe wounds/abnormalities:
Respirations	Rate per minute: Character: Normal Shallow Labored Deep Coughing Noisy Open mouth breathing Describe if needed:
Umbilicus (newborn pups only)	Cord present: Red Pink Brown Dried No cord: Flat Swollen Open Healed Discharge (describe):
Feces	None Fresh Bloody Parasites Describe color, amt, consistency:
Urine	None Describe color and amt:
Evidence of Human Interaction	<u>Call IFAW Immediately and photograph the animal</u> Netting Rope Fishing Line Hooks Plastic debris Propellar wounds Other: Describe as much as possible:
Eating sand or rocks	Yes No If yes, describe how much, size of rocks etc:
Action	Do not take any action without explicit direction from an IFAW Staff Member 24 Hour watch Leave on beach Relocation Collect for CCSN CCSN staff to collect Transport to Rehab Other: