

DRAFT FORM FOR COLLECTION OF DATA ON FISH-AGGREGATING DEVICES

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS:

INVENTORY OF LOCATING BUOYS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP:

Make an inventory of the buoys aboard the vessel at the start of the trip, and record the information on the first two sheets of the form. Record information of additional buoys that were recovered during the trip, including buoys that were redeployed during the trip. If malfunctioning buoys are recovered, describe the details in the Comments section.

Buoy number: Indicate the number used by vessel personnel to identify the buoy.

Location method: Indicate how the buoy was found: Satellite? Directional finder? Visual? Other?

Sonar? Temp? Other?: Mark the applicable cell(s) that apply to the additional information that the buoy is capable of sending, including the position if applicable. For example, a buoy which can only be located visually, likely does not electronically send any type of information, so the cells should be blank.

Make and Model: Record the buoy make and model.

Comments: Record any additional comments related to the buoy. Examples: Non-functioning, repaired during the trip. Experimental model being tested. Etc.

DEPLOYMENT, SETS AND RETRIEVAL OF BUOYS

Buoy number: Record the number used by vessel personnel to identify the buoy.

Event: Use the following codes when deploying (**DEPLO**), making a set (**SET**), or recovering (**RECOV**) a buoy. If more than one event applies, such as recovery of a buoy after a set, record a separate line for each relevant event.

Set number: When recording a SET, record the consecutive set number of the sets made during the trip. If the buoy is deployed or recovered, leave the cell blank, unless a set is made at the time the buoy is deployed or after recovering the buoy.

Date – local time: Record the data in format YYYYMMDD (year month day), and the local vessel time in format HHMM (hour minute).

Geographic position: Record the vessel position along with N for north or S for south latitude, east (E) or west (W) longitude.

Comments:

