

# U.S. Albacore Tuna Harvester Foreign Fishing Vessel Observation Report Form

This form is intended to provide guidance relative to reporting on-scene concerns or suspected violations of regulations associated with U.S./Canada Tuna Treaty participants. However, the below information may also be relevant to any observation of alleged illegal foreign fishing activity in the U.S. EEZ.

***\*\*It is encouraged that you attempt to document the information listed below without engaging or pursuing the vessel being reported or taking any other actions that may present safety concerns to your vessel or the vessel being reported\*\****

Contact Information: **USCG District Thirteen Command Center: 206-220-7001; [d13.cc@uscg.mil](mailto:d13.cc@uscg.mil)**

Elements of Report (in order of priority):

1) Origin and Time of Report:

- What is your name and the name of your vessel?
- How may you be contacted following this call?
- Is this a report of a current observation; if not, what was the date/time of the observation?

2) Nature of Report:

- Is your vessel or the vessel being reported in immediate danger?
- What suspected violation or concern is being reported?

3) Location:

- What is the position of the vessel being reported?
- What is your vessel's position?
- What is the proximity of the reported vessel to your vessel?
- How was the above information determined (i.e. GPS, RADAR, visual, etc)?
- What is the vessel's course and speed and what is your course and speed?

4) Observed Vessel Identification:

- Vessel name & registration number
- Vessel nationality (how was this determined?)
- Vessel hull / superstructure color(s) and estimated length
- Is it possible to take any pictures or video of the vessel?

5) Activity of Vessel:

- Is the vessel engaged in fishing (how was this determined and what type of gear is being used)?
- What radio communications, if any, have you heard or engaged in with the vessel?