Sea Turtle Necropsy Data Sheet

Necropsy Date: __________ Data Recorder: ____________________________

Necropsy Technician(s): ________________________________

Sea Turtle Stranding Date: __________ Location: _______________________

Turtle Identification #: ________________________________

Sea Turtle Species:

- [ ] Loggerhead
- [ ] Leatherback
- [ ] Kemp’s Ridley
- [ ] Olive Ridley

Scientific name: ________________________________

Carapace Length: ________________

Estimated Age based on Carapace Length:

- [ ] Hatchling (<5cm)
- [ ] Post-hatchling (5-10cm)
- [ ] Juvenile (10-60cm)
- [ ] Sub-adult (60-90cm)
- [ ] Adult (>90cm)

External Examination:

- Barnacles present?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Slicing wounds?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Bite wound?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

- Tumors present?
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No

Entangling materials attached?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Entangling material:

- [ ] Fishing line
- [ ] Fishing hook
- [ ] Plastic
- [ ] Other, describe:

Other external observations, describe:
### Internal Examination:

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<tr>
<th>System</th>
<th>Findings</th>
<th>Trauma, Describe</th>
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<td><strong>Muscles</strong></td>
<td>□ strong/big muscles</td>
<td>□ some/small muscle</td>
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<td><strong>Heart</strong></td>
<td>□ no findings</td>
<td>□ trauma, describe: ___________________________</td>
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<td><strong>Liver</strong></td>
<td>□ no findings</td>
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<td><strong>Digestive System</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fat</strong></td>
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### Cause of death:

How does trash get into the ocean? Can trash in your neighborhood make its way to the sea?

How can we can stop marine debris from killing other sea turtles and animals in the ocean?

1. 
2. 
3.

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