

**Attachment 2**  
**Bottlenose Dolphin Incident**



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Carrie Hubard  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Office of Protected Resources  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Subject: *Tursiops truncatus* take, Aransas Pass, TX

Dear Ms. Hubard,

We regret to inform you that on 29 June 2003 at 1456 hrs our relocation trawling vessel the *Jana Lin* working in Port Aransas, Texas captured a Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*). The coordinates of the tow in which the dolphin was captured were between: N27°48.921 W97°00.372 and N27°48.545 W96°54.866. The tow was only 23 minutes long.

The dolphin was captured near the tail bag of the net. It was placed on deck and was immediately transported to the Texas Marine Science Institute (Tony Amos) located nearby. The onboard observer, Bonnie Brown, unsuccessfully attempted resuscitation by blowing into the blowhole. The dolphin was not responsive and was pronounced dead on arrival. It was then transported to the NMFS Galveston lab for necropsy. The dolphin did not appear to have any injuries.

Remsa is currently researching for guidelines on marine mammal resuscitation. It should be noted that the population of Bottlenose dolphins off the Texas/Louisiana coast is significant and notably more aggressive than most. Remsa's observers have witnessed on several occasions these particular dolphins untying the tail bags with their teeth and releasing bycatch as well as pulling on the lazy line, etc.

We will forward copies of the necropsy report as soon as it becomes available. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Trish Bargo  
Marine Endangered Species Observer  
Program Director



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**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Sir:

Yesterday between 14:55 and 14:56 one of our relocation trawlers, the "Jana Lin", caught a bottlenose dolphin in her nets. The dolphin was transported to the Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, TX where it was pronounced to be DOA. It was transported to a freezer for further study.

Theo Scheffertie  
 Project Manager



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TOW #: 360

Channel: Aransas Pass Vessel: JANA LYN Captain: DANNARDY  
 Crew: Jose S Steen

Date: 29 June 03  
 Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shot: 360  
 Dredge Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Tow Time: \_\_\_\_\_ min.

Survey: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relocation: /  
 Pre-Dredge: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSTRATE**  
 Mud: /  
 Sand: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rocks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Low Tide Time: 1829  
 High Tide Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ebb: \_\_\_\_\_ Flood: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Slack Ebb: \_\_\_\_\_ Slack Flood: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Temp: 29C  
 Wave Height: 2-5 ft  
 Air Temperature: 28°C  
 Wind Speed/Direction: 20 South  
 Barometric Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 1433  
 Depth: 49.6  
 Speed Mid-Tow: ~ 7.0 knots  
 Latitude: 27° 48.921  
 Longitude: 97° 00.372  
 Trawl: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Station/Buoys: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 1456  
 Depth: 47.6 ft  
 Total Tow Distance: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
 Latitude: 27° 48.545  
 Longitude: 96° 57.66  
 Trawl: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Station/Buoys: \_\_\_\_\_

Port Net: 0

Starboard Net: 9

Logger: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kemp: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Green: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Logger: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kemp: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Green: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

BY CATCH/COMMENTS

*Arkansas Dolphin*