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3/30/11

Field # LA 495/MCT-20110329-
LA001

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 In 70% Isopropyl alcohol
 Representative sample from each species and each location
 External
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 (see stomach instructions page 2)
 In DMSO or frozen:
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Uia copy
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Oiled Marine Mammal

Gross Necropsy Report

Spill Name: BP Deepwater Horizon
 Animal Log # MCT20110321-LA001 / LA 495
 Level A Field # _____ Tag # _____
 Species: *Tursiops truncatus*
 Sex: M Age: adult
 Weight: _____ kg. (estimate/actual)
 SON: emaciated 1 2 (3) 4 5 6 7 obese
 Measurements: Blubber depth (bw) mm
 SL ^{cm} ^{cm} ^{cm} AG cm UG cm XG cm

Form completed by: Cara Field Date: 3/30/11
 Enforcement Officer: _____
 Strand/Capture location: _____
 Collectors Name: _____
 Intake date: _____ Euthanasia
 Death date: unknown Time: _____ yes
 Post mortem date: 3/30/11 Time: _____ no
 Carcass Classification: Frozen: yes no
 2- fresh, 3-fair (organs intact) 4-poor 5- mummified
 Photographs:
 Radiographs: no

Clinical signs/diagnosis
 Antibiotics given
 Pertinent lab results

GROSS NECROPSY ABNORMALITIES: Blubber depth
 Dorsal: 16 mm Tateral: 15 mm Ventral: 13 mm

External: Penis erected, skin has multiple large bubbles underneath (separation of dermis), and is peeling off of dorsal fin, flukes + other areas. Carcass extremely bloated. Tongue severely bloated + black/green. Numerous rake and other assorted scratches over dorsum.

Teeth: all present and appear to be in good shape (little wear)

Eyes protruding + dried.

Internal: All tissues severely autolyzed. Large # gas released when incision made into cranial abdomen (explosive w/ intestinal protrusion).

collected minimal samples for Code 4 (viral + life hx) + partial histo.

HYDROCARBON ANALYSIS SAMPLES		MICROBIOLOGY		SWABS: other	
bile	kidney	Lung	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
blood	muscle	Liver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
urine	long	other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
liver	intestine				

HISTOLOGY SAMPLES				LYMPH NODES:	
lung	thyroid	ileum	kidney	muscle	gastric
trachea	tonsil	colon	ureter	gonad	hepatic
heart	tongue	pancreas	urinary bladder	prostate	mediastinal
aorta	esophagus	spleen	urethra	uterus	submandibular
pulmonary artery	stomach	liver	blubber	vagina	axillary
thymus	duodenum	gall bladder	bone marrow	cervix	mesenteric
salivary gland	jejunum	brain	spinal cord	penis	tracheobronchial
other:					

Cause of death (preliminary diagnosis): open
 Examiner: Cara Field Examiner's signature: *C. Field* Date: 3/30/11