

GROSS NECROPSY REPORT

SPECIES *Tt* **FIELD NUMBER** SDD-20110404-LA001/LA500 **DATE** July 18, 2011
LOCATION Grand Isle, LA **LAT/LONG** 29.21034/-90.02850
SEX M **TL** 97 cm **COND** 4 **WEIGHT** N/E



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A 97 cm total length, perinatal male *Tursiops truncatus* is presented dead July 18, 2011 in very poor post mortem (code 4) and moderate body condition. The animal is moderately fleshed. The stomach is empty, the mucosa of the duodenal ampulla is bile stained. There is no meconium within the colon. Rostral follicles are evident and the dorsal fin is folded to the left. The ductus arteriosus and foramen ovale are patent and representative portions of lung sink in formation. There are no teeth in the right upper arcade.

CONCLUSIONS

Gross evaluation of this animal was hampered by marked post mortem decomposition. There were no apparent lesions within the carcass which may account for the loss of this porpoise. On external examination, the carcass was code 4, however, internal inspection disclosed a code 3 carcass.



Patent ductus arteriosis

GROSS FINDINGS

1). Carcass: Open-post mortem decomposition

TISSUE DISPOSITION

Skin and mandible, life history

Spleen, liver, adrenal gland, and lung, virology

Lung, histology

Feces and liver, biotoxins

Carcass remains, archived

Gross photos

Representative tissues, histopathology

Blubber, liver and kidney, PAH/Chemistry

Head, radiographs