Changes to the Purse Seine Observer Forms determined by

11th Tuna Fishery Data Collection Committee (DCC11), 2018.

Purse Seine Observer Forms

<u>GEN</u> 5

Change observer instructions on the GEN-5 form to put a priority on recording the dFAD serial number on the GEN-5 buoy number field rather than other markings, e.g., changing the instructions to have observers record the serial number and, only if not possible, to record any other identifying information in as much detail as possible

FAD/PAYAO and FLOATING OBJECTS INFORMATION RECORD Form GEN-5																			
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Old Field: 'Buoy Number'

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Observers are recording any script that is painted on buoy as identification. This frequently has no association with the registration of the buoy.

Buoy number recoded by observers had no connection on the FAD register to the serial number.

Change made

Change the field to **Buoy Serial Number** and instructions to clarify this.

Old Field: FAD/Payao No. and or markings

Issue

To accommodate observers current practice of recording marking on the buoy as **buoy number** and due to the change of **Buoy number** to **Buoy Serial Number**

It was suggested that FAD/Payao No. and or markings be modified to add Beacon to be Beacon or FAD ID Marking (indicate)

Change Made:

Modify field to Beacon / FAD ID markings

Old Field: FAD Lifted

Issue

As beacons may be changed as a part of servicing or removed and replaced by competing purse seiners, there needs to be a way to capture when a beacon was replaced.

Changing the FAD lifted to **Beacon/FAD Lifted**.

With instructions to indicate which or both by circling? Instructions would also ask observers to provide buoy type in the **Comments.**