



Please complete the form for each billfish released. The information from this form will be used to inform fishery management agencies about the billfish fishery in NC. This information will help NC anglers continue to enjoy the off-shore fisheries in NC. Release data is needed regardless of the size of the fish or the gear used by the angler. Please be truthful with your answers.

J-Hooks may be used with entirely artificial lures only. Circle hooks MUST be used on any natural bait or natural-artificial bait combination.

NC Governor's Cup Billfishing Conservation Series Release Form

Please Return to the Weigh Station

Please complete all information on this form – Incomplete forms may disqualify release

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| Boat Name _____ Date _____ Release Time _____ NC Gov. Cup Participant? (circle one) Yes No | <p style="text-align: center;">Species (circle one)</p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Blue Marlin</td> <td>White Marlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sailfish</td> <td>Spearfish</td> </tr> </table> Size (estimated) _____ lbs Fight Time _____ | Blue Marlin | White Marlin | Sailfish | Spearfish | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Marlin | White Marlin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sailfish | Spearfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hook Type (circle one) Circle Hook J-Hook Hook Size _____ No. Hooks on Bait _____ Hook Removed? (circle one) Yes No Hook Location (circle one) <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Jaw</td> <td>Corner of Jaw</td> <td>Bill</td> <td>Mouth Cavity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gills</td> <td>Deep (Gut)</td> <td>Foul</td> <td>Unknown</td> </tr> </table> | Jaw | Corner of Jaw | Bill | Mouth Cavity | Gills | Deep (Gut) | Foul | Unknown | Was the fish bleeding? (circle one) Yes No What was the condition of the fish? _____ _____ _____ _____ | | | | |
| Jaw | Corner of Jaw | Bill | Mouth Cavity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gills | Deep (Gut) | Foul | Unknown | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bait Species (natural bait only circle one) <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Ballyhoo</td> <td>Spanish Mackerel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Squid</td> <td>Mullet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> Rig Information <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Natural Dead</td> <td>Natural Live</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natural/Artificial Combination</td> <td>Artificial (Lure)</td> </tr> </table> | Ballyhoo | Spanish Mackerel | Squid | Mullet | Other | _____ | Natural Dead | Natural Live | Natural/Artificial Combination | Artificial (Lure) | Leader Type (circle one) <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Monofilament</td> <td>Wire</td> </tr> </table> Main Line Size _____ lbs. Leader Size _____ lbs. | Monofilament | Wire |
| Ballyhoo | Spanish Mackerel | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Squid | Mullet | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural Dead | Natural Live | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural/Artificial Combination | Artificial (Lure) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monofilament | Wire | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>All Must Sign</u> Angler _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 10%;"> Name (printed) Signature Date </div> Captain _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 10%;"> Name (printed) Signature Date </div> Mate _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%; margin-left: 10%;"> Name (printed) Signature Date </div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Please circle if applies</u> Lady angler *Jr. Boy *Jr. Girl *Age _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |