GRNMS Wildlife Sighting Report

Whether you are out in the sanctuary for a day of fishing, diving or pleasure boating, we’d like to know what you see in addition to the fish you may be looking for. We need as many eyes on the water as possible to better understand how the marine life is using Gray’s Reef. So, if you see a sea turtle, marine mammal or sea bird, or non-target fish species (such as a mola) please tell us about it.

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Phone Number ___________________________ Email ___________________________
Address ___________________________

What did you see? and Where did you see it?
Please be as specific as possible in telling us the name of the bird, type of marine mammal or sea turtle, non-target fish and its location. ____________________________________________________________

Date and Time Seen _______________________________________________________
Location Coordinates ____________________________________________________

What Was the Animal Doing?
(Was it feeding, resting, swimming, etc?)

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If you saw the animal underwater while diving, what type of habitat was it in?
(Put an X on the appropriate line.)

___ In the water column at depths of 20 feet or less
___ In the water column at depths of more than 20 feet
___ On the reef
___ Hiding in a crevice of the reef
___ Immediately over the top of the reef
___ On the rippled sand
___ On the smooth sand
___ Other – Please specify

_________ Water Depth
_________ Bottom Temperature
_________ Duration of Dive (in minutes)

If you saw the animal on or above the surface, describe what the animal was doing.

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Is there a photo or video available? _____ Yes _____ No
   If there is a photo or video available, please email it to amy.rath@noaa.gov

Other Notes:

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Did you notify anyone else about your sighting? (REEF or GA DNR) _____ Yes _____ No
   If Yes, who?

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Thank You for Keeping Your Eyes Open While Visiting Gray’s Reef
We Need and Appreciate Your Information

Please return completed form to Amy Rath – amy.rath@noaa.gov