

If you took any photos of the animal, please attach them to the inside of this form. Please staple any additional details/drawings on a separate sheet, to the inside of this form. Thank you for taking the time and effort to complete our sighting form.

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Water temperature (°C)

Water depth (m)

Visibility Estimated distance to horizon  <1km  1-5km  6-10km  11-15km  16-20km

Glare Amount of view obscured by glare e.g. 20°

Swell  Light = 0-1m  Moderate = 1-2m  Heavy = 2m+

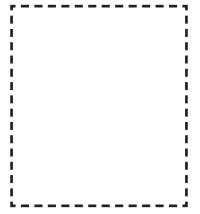
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flat as a mirror	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ripples like fish scales. No foam crests	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small wavelets. Crests - not breaking	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large wavelets, Crests begin to break. Some whitecaps	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small waves getting longer. Some whitecaps	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate, longer waves. Many whitecaps. Some spray	5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Larger waves. Whitecaps everywhere. More spray	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sea mounting. Breaking waves. Foam blowing in streaks	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately high, longer waves. Edges break into spindrift	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	High waves. Seas roll. Dense foam streaks. Spray reduces view	9

B.F.No. Description

Sea State (tick box):

Environmental Factors / Weather

Section 3



The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group  
 Cetacean Sighting Scheme  
 Merchant's Quay  
 Kilrush  
 Co. Clare  
 Ireland

### Section 1

Sighting Code No: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Sighting: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Species seen: \_\_\_\_\_

Definite  Probable  Possible

Number seen: \_\_\_\_\_

min./max./best estimate

#### Shape of Dorsal Fin



No definite fin

#### Shape of Head



Position of Dorsal Fin: 1/2 way along back:

2/3 way along back:

Estimated length (tick box):

<6ft

6-9ft

9-12ft

12-30ft

30-60ft

60ft+

<1.8m

1.8-2.7m

2.7-3.6m

3.6-9m

9-18m

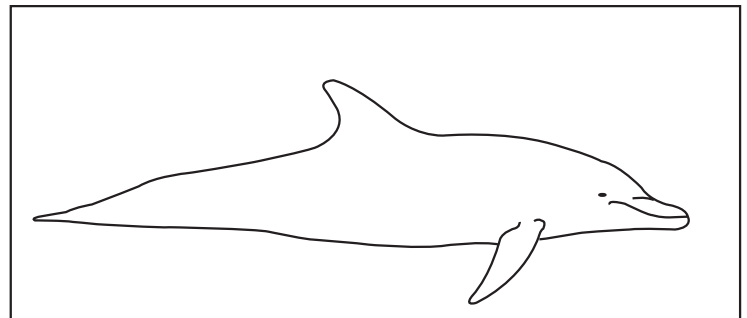
18m+

### Section 2

#### Type of blow seen:



No Blow observed



On the sketch above, please draw any distinguishing marks seen, even if the sketch doesn't look like the animal you saw

#### Behaviour:

Behaviour type: Feeding  Fish species? \_\_\_\_\_ Milling  Travelling  Direction? \_\_\_\_\_

Bow-riding  Breaching  Resting  Tail-fluking  Tail-slaps  Spy-hopping

Group comprised: \_\_\_\_\_ Large/Adults  \_\_\_\_\_ Medium/Juveniles  \_\_\_\_\_ Small/Calves

Seabirds present: Yes  No  Photo/Video taken Yes  No