

## SEARCH EFFORT LOG GUIDELINES

With these forms we seek to document the search effort associated with finding live and dead birds. This helps us analyze the effectiveness of the response and well as estimate the full impacts of the spill.

- Ignore Search Number and letters in the first column; these are for “internal use only” (tracking purposes).
- Start time and end time should include all time spent on the beach with your eyes open. This includes time spent doubling back and retracing your steps. Think of it as the time from when you step onto the beach until the time you step off it.
- North and South extremes of search refers to the endpoints of your search area. Ideally, these should be GPS points. Thus, when you go as far as you are going and turn around, take a GPS point or otherwise describe the location. (Note that the North and South extremes may be West and East for south facing beaches, etc.).
- Total Distance Searched. If you entered GPS points above, you may leave this blank and we will calculate it later. If the beach is a well-defined cove beach with cliffs at each end, you may simply right “all”. Do NOT right “all” for open continuous beaches. If you don’t have a GPS, please estimate the length of the beach you searched (perhaps using a map).
- Method: feel free to describe your method any way you want. “Scan” or “spot” for short scoping searches is fine and we encourage you to write that if that’s what you did.
- Birds collected: write “none” for no birds; otherwise listing birds collected noting live and dead and species is helpful. This enables us to assign each bird collected to a specific search effort. Example: “2 live COMU, 1 dead GULL, sp.”