**Humber Estuary European Marine Site (EMS)**

**Recreational Disturbance Recording Form**

Recreational activities that take place around the Humber Estuary can sometimes result in the disturbance of birds within the European Marine Site. It is useful to record all activities, whether they cause a disturbance or not, so that an accurate picture of the current recreational activities around the Humber can be established. The purpose of this document is not necessarily to restrict any of the activities listed below, but rather to map disturbance ‘hot spots’ around the estuary and highlight which activities could benefit from additional guidance information.

Please record any activities or disturbances you observed. You do not need to include your name if you do not wish to, but please fill in the rest of the form as best as possible. If you do provide your contact details, we may wish to speak to you for further information.

**Section 1: Site Details**

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| Observer Name: |  |
| Contact details: |  |
| Location: |  |
| Date and time: |  |
| Weather: |  |
| State of Tide  (circle correct answer) | High Falling Low Rising Unknown |

**Section 2: Activities observed**

1. **What activity was taking place? Highlight the relevant answer. If more than one activity was taking place, please create separate forms**

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| *Terrestrial* | |  | *Waterborne* | |  | *Airborne* | |
| Walking |  | Motorised boat |  |  | Low-flying aircraft (fixed-wing) |  |
| Dog on lead |  | Jet Ski |  | Low-flying aircraft (helicopter) |  |
| Dog off lead |  | Paddleboarder |  | Low-flying aircraft (military) |  |
| Bird watching |  | Canoe/Kayaker |  | Drone |  |
| Cycling |  | Open-water swimmer |  | Paramotor |  |
| Horse riding |  | Kite surfing |  | Other |  |
| Wildfowling |  | Other |  |  |  |
| Angling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bait Digging |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **How far away (in meters) did the activity take place from the birds/wildlife?**

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1. **What species and approximately how many were disturbed? If you do not know species name, please try to provide as much information as possible (e.g. type of bird/mammal, colour, size etc.). Use Section 3 if more space is required.**

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| *Type of bird or species* |  | *Number* |
| *e.g. Curlew* | *200* |
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1. **What was the level of disturbance, if any? Please tick the relevant field.**

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| *Disturbance Level* | *Tick* |
| **Extreme:** Extreme change in behaviour.Large number of birds take flight and leave the site all together. |  |
| **High**: Large behavioural change. Flight of more than 50m or agitated behaviour (e.g. staying aloft) for more than 2 mins before returning. |  |
| **Moderate:** Noticeable change in behaviour. Flight of less than 50m but returned to original behaviour within 2 mins. |  |
| **Slight:** Small change in behaviour. Alert or vocalising but little change in movement |  |
| **None:** No change in behaviour |  |

**Section 3: Additional information.**

Please add any other comments that you feel are imperative to the event you witnessed. This could include information that may help us to track trends/repeat offenders in the future. The submission of photographs and video are also welcome.

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