



Sea Otter Savvy Disturbance Incident Report

IMPORTANT: Completing this form does not constitute an official report to a law enforcement agency. This report is for informational purposes only and may be included in analysis and summary of sea otter disturbance by Sea Otter Savvy. To report sea otter harassment to law enforcement, see ([link to our CalTip page](#)).

Name of Observer(s): _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Describe your Location: _____

X	Disturbance source	Operator
	Rental Kayak or SUP (circle one)	
	Personal kayak or SUP (circle one)	n/a
	Ecotour vessel	
	Other vessel (specify)	
	Scuba diver(s)	
	Person on shore	n/a unless with tour
	Other source (specify)	

What was the level of disturbance (0-5, see descriptions below)? _____

How close was the source of disturbance to the sea otters (number of yards)? _____

How many sea otters were disturbed? _____

What were the sea otters doing before the disturbance (e.g. resting, foraging)? _____

Are there photos or video of disturbance? Y / N

Additional observations about this incident:

Code	Disturbance Description
0	Not disturbed: activity very close to otter but no response
1	Looking passively: otter maintains previous behavior
2	Very alert and focused on activity: otter maintains previous behavior
3	Alert, change in behavior: slow surface swimming, no diving
4	Alert and active escape response: high intensity swimming/diving.
5	Sudden escape response: individual or group suddenly dives, a "full flush".

