



NOS Marine Forensics - Standard Protocol
Shipping Samples for Forensic Testing

1. Each collected sample should be placed in a separate evidence bag (to prevent contamination between samples) with a unique identification number.
2. A complete Chain of Custody should accompany the samples. Your agency's form may be used, or we can provide one for you.
3. Properly preserved samples should be shipped by overnight courier.
4. Samples should only be shipped on Monday through Thursday, as no one is available to accept shipments at the lab on Saturdays.
5. Please call and let Trey Knott or Kathy Moore know when samples are being shipped.
6. Ship evidence to: Evidence Custodian
NOS Marine Forensics Lab
219 Fort Johnson Road
Charleston, SC 29412

Questions?

Feel free to contact any of the following people if you would like us to supply you with a sampling kit or if you have any questions shipping evidence. Questions about sampling or preserving evidence should be directed to Trey Knott or Kathy Moore.

Trey Knott, Forensic Biologist
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Kathy Moore, Forensic Biologist
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Evidence Custodian
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** This protocol of standard operating procedures (SOPs)/ guidelines (SOGs) fully incorporates the NOAA/ NCCOS Environmental Management Systems (EMS) requirements and conforms to the Executive Order 13423. The SOPs/SOGs include appropriate considerations regarding evaluating and minimizing an environmental footprint, and implementing energy and water conservation directives.*