**OTNDC Embargo Request Form**

**Overview:** Embargoes of data submitted to OTN are available upon request, and the handling of embargoes is outlined in the [OTN Data Policy](https://members.oceantrack.org/data/policies). While embargoed, this data would participate in the OTN data exchange as Restricted Data, with reports available to data providers and owners of matching tags but not yet published. After the approved embargo end date, Restricted Data would then be reclassified as Unrestricted Data according to the terms of the [OTN Data Policy](https://members.oceantrack.org/data/policies).

**Embargo review process:** Embargo requests beyond a standard period (2 years post-tag-expiry) will be reviewed by a subcommittee of OTN’s International Scientific Advisory committee. These extraordinary requests are not issued for the sole purpose of extending time desired to publish, and in some cases, a request for additional clarification may follow from the review body. Reviewers will assess the request based on the following criteria: potential harm to the species should the data be published, considerations for Indigenous data sovereignty, and any additional circumstances as provided by the requestor. Upon completion of their review, a decision and rationale will be shared with the requestor. Data will be held under temporary embargo pending the review outcome and information about the embargo, including this application, will be shared in lieu of the data until the embargo period has passed.

**1. Date of Request:**

**2. Project codes affected by request (OTN issues these, e.g. NSBS):**

**3. Contact for data while embargoed (i.e., who the public can reach out to with questions):**

**4. Desired Embargo End-Date [ ] or Post-Tag-Expiry period [ ] (check one and provide date or time period):**

**5. Reason for embargo request and specifics of request (max 1500 words):**

1. ***What is the potential harm to the species if this project's data were published?***

1. ***Is this request in support of the recognition of Indigenous data sovereignty and/or preservation of Indigenous right to ownership and control over this data?***

1. ***Are there other considerations that are important to evaluating this request?***

*Requests should be submitted to* [*data@oceantrack.org*](mailto:data@oceantrack.org) *with the term ‘Embargo Extension Request’ in the subject line.*

***Note: Approved embargo extension requests are published alongside the unrestricted parts of the project data (station location, summaries of tagging effort) for the period of time where the embargo is in effect.***