

**PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM
SHALLOW SET
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015**

Pacific Islands Regional Office
National Marine Fisheries Service
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The Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery targeting swordfish and tunas has been monitored under a mandatory observer program since February 1994. In 2004, the Hawaii swordfish fishery was reopened with restrictions on allowable gear used in the fishery. This report is used to ensure prompt dissemination of Hawaii Swordfish Observer Data and may be revised after final data editing has been completed. The following table summarizes percent observer coverage for vessel departures, vessels arriving with observers, protected species interactions, and set and hook unit effort for vessels arriving with observers during the first quarter of 2015.

Vessel Departures - 1st Quarter (January 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015)	
Departures -----	40
Departures with observers -----	40
Observer coverage 1st quarter -----	100.0%
 Vessels Arriving with Observers - 1st Quarter	
Departures with observers in 1st quarter -----	40
Observers departing in 4th quarter arriving 1st quarter 2015 -----	7
Observers departing in 1st quarter arriving 2nd quarter -----	13
Total vessels arriving with observers - 1st quarter -----	34
 Protected Species Interactions - 1st Quarter	
Vessels arriving with observers - 1st quarter -----	34
Trips with turtle interactions -----	8
Trips without turtle interactions -----	26
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----	4
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----	30
Trips with seabird interactions -----	8
Trips without seabird interactions -----	26
 Total Sea Turtle Interactions -----	 9
Released injured	
Loggerhead -----	8
Leatherback -----	1
 Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----	 4
Released Dead	
Risso's Dolphin -----	1
Released injured	
Risso's Dolphin -----	1
Ginkgo-toothed Beaked Whale -----	1
Fin Whale -----	1
 Total Seabird Interactions -----	 12
Released injured	
Black-footed Albatross -----	6
Laysan Albatross -----	6
 Total Sets	 612
Total Hooks Retrieved	673,316
Turtles per 1,000 Hooks	0.013
Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks	0.018
Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks	0.006

Note: The percent coverage is based on vessel departures. Protected species interactions are based on vessel arrivals. For the purpose of this report an animal that becomes hooked or entangled is an interaction.