

**HAWAII LONGLINE OBSERVER PROGRAM
 QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
 July 1, 2003 – September 30, 2003**

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 National Marine Fisheries Service
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The Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery targeting tunas has been monitored under a mandatory observer program since February 1994. Beginning March 1994, branch personnel have conducted daily shoreside dock rounds in Honolulu to determine which fishing vessels are in port. These dock rounds are used to obtain an estimate of fishing effort on a real-time basis by assuming that a vessel is fishing when it is absent from the harbor. This report is used to ensure prompt dissemination of Hawaii Longline Observer Data and may be revised. The following table summarizes percent observer coverage for vessel departures, vessels arriving with observers, and protected species interactions for vessels arriving with observers during the second quarter of 2003.

Vessel Departures - 3rd Quarter (July 1, 2003 - September 30, 2003)	
Departures -----	264
Departures with observers -----	64
Observer coverage 3rd quarter -----	24.2%
Vessels Arriving with Observers - 3rd Quarter	
Departures with observers in 3rd quarter -----	64
Observers departing in 2nd quarter arriving 3rd quarter -----	5
Observers departing in 3rd quarter arriving 4th quarter -----	18
Total vessels arriving with observers - 3rd quarter -----	51
Protected Species Interactions - 3rd Quarter	
Vessels arriving with observers - 3rd quarter -----	51
Trips with turtle interactions -----	0
Trips without turtle interactions -----	51
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----	0
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----	51
Trips with seabird interactions -----	1
Trips without seabird interactions -----	50
Total Sea Turtles Interactions -----	0
Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----	0
Total Seabird Interactions -----	1
Released dead	
Black-footed Albatross -----	1
Total Sets	633
Total Hooks Retrieved	1,312,669
Turtles per 1,000 Hooks	0.000
Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks	0.001
Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks	0.000

Note: The percent of observer 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.