

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM
DEEP SET LONGLINE FISHERY - QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT
January 1 – March 31, 2020

Pacific Islands Regional Office
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The National Marine Fisheries Service monitors the Hawaii deep-set pelagic longline fishery (targeting tunas) through a mandatory observer program. This report summarizes data for deep-set fishing trips. It ensures prompt dissemination of Hawaii longline observer data, and may be revised after final data editing. The following table summarizes the 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 1st Quarter of 2020.

Vessel Departures - 1st Quarter (January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020)	
Departures -----	411
Departures with observers -----	73
Observer coverage 1st quarter -----	17.8%
Vessels Arriving with Observers - 1st Quarter	
Departures with observers in 1st quarter -----	73
Observers departing in 4th quarter arriving 1st quarter 2020 -----	9
Observers departing in 1st quarter arriving 2nd quarter -----	7
Total vessels arriving with observers - 1st quarter -----	75
Protected Species Interactions - 1st Quarter	
Vessels arriving with observers - 1st quarter -----	75
Trips with turtle interactions -----	9
Trips without turtle interactions -----	66
Trips with marine mammal interactions -----	3
Trips without marine mammal interactions -----	72
Trips with seabird interactions -----	32
Trips without seabird interactions -----	43
Total Sea Turtle Interactions -----	13
Released dead	
Loggerhead -----	1
Green -----	1
Olive Ridley -----	7
Released injured	
Loggerhead -----	1
Leatherback -----	2
Olive Ridley -----	1
Total Marine Mammal Interactions -----	3
Released injured	
Bottlenose Dolphin -----	1
Risso's Dolphin -----	1
Unidentified Cetacean -----	1
Total Seabird Interactions -----	126
Released dead	
Black-footed Albatross-----	66
Laysan Albatross-----	46
Brown Booby-----	1
Released injured	
Black-footed Albatross-----	9
Laysan Albatross-----	4
Total Sets	939
Total Hooks Retrieved	2,597,411
Turtles per 1,000 Hooks	0.005
Seabirds per 1,000 Hooks	0.049
Marine Mammals per 1,000 Hooks	0.001

Notes: 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 is hooked or entangled is considered an interaction.