

**PIFSC Report on the American Samoa Limited-access Longline Fishery
from 1 July to 30 September 2013¹**

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The following tables represent effort, retained catch (kept) and discards as reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa limited-access longline fishery. Effort and catch-effort statistics are based on date of longline haul. Effort and catch statistics are based on logbook data submitted to the PIFSC, FRMD and represent an Oracle table LLDS_REPORT_STATS_AS database extraction done on 29 February 2016. When a statistic (number of vessels, trips) can involve dates of haul in 2 summary periods (i.e. years, semi-annual, quarters) the item is counted in both summary periods. Thus, a trip total is for “partial and completed” trips. As such, these statistics are not additive (i.e. sum of 4 quarters is not the total for the year, etc).

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Table 1. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels based in American Samoa as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. Catch and effort statistics are based on date of longline haul. Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 July - 30 September, 2013
Set Types All Sets
Fishing Area All Areas

Number of vessels active	21
Number of trips (partial or completed)	40
Number of sets	1,103
Number of hooks set	3,271,743

Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS)	Number Caught	Number Kept	Number Released	CPUE Number Caught per 1000 Hooks
PMUS				
Billfish PMUS				
Blue marlin	340	88	252	0.10
Striped marlin	59	26	33	0.02
Shortbill spearfish	278	38	240	0.08
Swordfish	90	64	26	0.03
Other billfishes	94	17	77	0.03
Total	861	233	628	0.26
Shark PMUS				
Blue shark	847	7	840	0.26
Mako sharks	93	0	93	0.03
Thresher sharks	43	0	43	0.01
Oceanic whitetip shark	216	0	216	0.07
Silky shark	151	3	148	0.05
Other Sharks	0	0	0	0.00
Total	1,350	10	1,340	0.41
Tuna PMUS				
Albacore	42,282	42,158	124	12.92
Bigeye tuna	1,463	1,398	65	0.45
Yellowfin tuna	6,391	6,235	156	1.95
Bluefin tuna	2	2	0	0.00
Skipjack tuna	5,187	4,904	283	1.59
Other tunas	0	0	0	0.00
Total	55,325	54,697	628	16.91
Other PMUS				
Mahimahi	1,767	1,264	503	0.54
Moonfish	107	33	74	0.03
Wahoo	2,201	1,781	420	0.67
Oilfish	2,349	16	2,333	0.72
Pomfret	245	32	213	0.07
Total	6,669	3,126	3,543	2.04
Total PMUS	64,205	58,066	6,139	19.62
Total Non-PMUS	183	5	178	0.06
Total All Species	64,388	58,071	6,317	19.68

Table 2. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels based in American Samoa as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. Catch and effort statistics are based on date of longline haul. Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 July - 30 September, 2013
Set Types All Sets
Fishing Area American Samoa EEZ

Number of vessels active	21
Number of trips (partial or completed)	40
Number of sets	1,035
Number of hooks set	3,058,734

Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS)	Number Caught	Number Kept	Number Released	CPUE Number Caught per 1000 Hooks
PMUS				
Billfish PMUS				
Blue marlin	305	67	238	0.10
Striped marlin	59	26	33	0.02
Shortbill spearfish	264	35	229	0.09
Swordfish	74	53	21	0.02
Other billfishes	93	17	76	0.03
Total	795	198	597	0.26
Shark PMUS				
Blue shark	803	7	796	0.26
Mako sharks	91	0	91	0.03
Thresher sharks	43	0	43	0.01
Oceanic whitetip shark	193	0	193	0.06
Silky shark	145	3	142	0.05
Other Sharks	0	0	0	0.00
Total	1,275	10	1,265	0.42
Tuna PMUS				
Albacore	40,218	40,094	124	13.15
Bigeye tuna	974	921	53	0.32
Yellowfin tuna	5,352	5,197	155	1.75
Bluefin tuna	2	2	0	0.00
Skipjack tuna	4,509	4,226	283	1.47
Other tunas	0	0	0	0.00
Total	51,055	50,440	615	16.69
Other PMUS				
Mahimahi	1,728	1,231	497	0.56
Moonfish	100	30	70	0.03
Wahoo	2,047	1,633	414	0.67
Oilfish	2,275	16	2,259	0.74
Pomfret	229	32	197	0.07
Total	6,379	2,942	3,437	2.09
Total PMUS	59,504	53,590	5,914	19.45
Total Non-PMUS	183	5	178	0.06
Total All Species	59,687	53,595	6,092	19.51

Table 3. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels based in American Samoa as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. Catch and effort statistics are based on date of longline haul. Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 July - 30 September, 2013
Set Types All Sets
Fishing Area Outside American Samoa EEZ

Number of vessels active	10
Number of trips (partial or completed)	10
Number of sets	68
Number of hooks set	213,009

Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS)	Number Caught	Number Kept	Number Released	CPUE Number Caught per 1000 Hooks
PMUS				
Billfish PMUS				
Blue marlin	35	21	14	0.16
Striped marlin	0	0	0	0.00
Shortbill spearfish	14	3	11	0.07
Swordfish	16	11	5	0.08
Other billfishes	1	0	1	0.00
Total	66	35	31	0.31
Shark PMUS				
Blue shark	44	0	44	0.21
Mako sharks	2	0	2	0.01
Thresher sharks	0	0	0	0.00
Oceanic whitetip shark	23	0	23	0.11
Silky shark	6	0	6	0.03
Other Sharks	0	0	0	0.00
Total	75	0	75	0.35
Tuna PMUS				
Albacore	2,064	2,064	0	9.69
Bigeye tuna	489	477	12	2.30
Yellowfin tuna	1,039	1,038	1	4.88
Bluefin tuna	0	0	0	0.00
Skipjack tuna	678	678	0	3.18
Other tunas	0	0	0	0.00
Total	4,270	4,257	13	20.05
Other PMUS				
Mahimahi	39	33	6	0.18
Moonfish	7	3	4	0.03
Wahoo	154	148	6	0.72
Oilfish	74	0	74	0.35
Pomfret	16	0	16	0.08
Total	290	184	106	1.36
Total PMUS	4,701	4,476	225	22.07
Total Non-PMUS	0	0	0	0.00
Total All Species	4,701	4,476	225	22.07