

The Hawaii - California Longline Limited-entry Fishery Annual Report for 1 January - 31 December, 2017¹

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This annual report for the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, contains summary data summaries of fishing effort and catch statistics as reported on longline log sheets for the Hawaii - California longline limited-entry fishery. Data in this report originate from the PIFSC Information Management System (Oracle) table `LLDS_REPORT_STATS_RFMO_HC`, representing preliminary data received as of 15 March 2018. Catch and effort statistics are based on date of longline haul. When a statistic (number of vessels, trips) involves dates of haul in two 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 four quarters is not the total for the year, etc.).

The following tables show fishery statistics for the stated time period, area, and set type, and includes effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, the table includes the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE), measured as the number of fish caught per 1,000 hooks.

Additional figures graph catch numbers and effort for important species for the stated time period, area, and set type, for years 2000-2017.

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Table 1. For the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, Hawaii and California longline limited-entry fishery annual statistics for all fishing areas and all fishing categories (set types), including effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, along with the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE, number per 1,000 hooks, calculated as the sum of fish caught divided by the sum of hooks set). Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

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|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Time Period | 1 January - 31 December, 2017 |
| Set Types | All sets |
| Fishing Area | All Areas |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of vessels active | 145 |
| Number of trips (partial or completed) | 1,609 |
| Number of sets | 20,668 |
| Number of hooks set | 54,630,336 |

| Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS) | Number Caught | Number Kept | Number Released | CPUE Number Caught per 1000 hooks |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PMUS | | | | |
| Billfish PMUS | | | | |
| Blue marlin | 8,076 | 8,040 | 36 | 0.15 |
| Striped marlin | 13,430 | 13,223 | 207 | 0.25 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 20,828 | 20,655 | 173 | 0.38 |
| Swordfish | 19,504 | 18,080 | 1,424 | 0.36 |
| Other billfishes | 567 | 561 | 6 | 0.01 |
| Total | 62,405 | 60,559 | 1,846 | 1.14 |
| Shark PMUS | | | | |
| Blue shark | 96,288 | 0 | 96,288 | 1.76 |
| Mako sharks | 5,537 | 865 | 4,672 | 0.10 |
| Thresher sharks | 7,204 | 41 | 7,163 | 0.13 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 559 | 0 | 559 | 0.01 |
| Silky shark | 250 | 1 | 249 | 0.00 |
| Other Sharks | 728 | 2 | 726 | 0.01 |
| Total | 110,566 | 909 | 109,657 | 2.02 |
| Tuna PMUS | | | | |
| Albacore | 4,395 | 4,342 | 53 | 0.08 |
| Bigeye tuna | 225,921 | 221,690 | 4,231 | 4.14 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 81,173 | 79,462 | 1,711 | 1.49 |
| Bluefin tuna | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 26,664 | 26,069 | 595 | 0.49 |
| Other tunas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 338,167 | 331,575 | 6,592 | 6.19 |
| Other PMUS | | | | |
| Mahimahi | 47,447 | 47,062 | 385 | 0.87 |
| Moonfish | 25,225 | 25,057 | 168 | 0.46 |
| Wahoo | 25,500 | 25,372 | 128 | 0.47 |
| Oilfish | 19,014 | 16,571 | 2,443 | 0.35 |
| Pomfret | 67,775 | 67,420 | 355 | 1.24 |
| Total | 184,961 | 181,482 | 3,479 | 3.39 |
| Total PMUS | 696,099 | 574,525 | 121,574 | 12.74 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 4,091 | 450 | 3,641 | 0.07 |
| Total All Species | 700,190 | 574,975 | 125,215 | 12.82 |

Table 2. For the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, Hawaii longline limited-entry fishery annual statistics for fishing within the U.S. EEZ (Main Hawaiian Islands, Northwest Hawaiian Islands, or the Pacific Remote Islands, and with all fishing categories (set types), including effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, along with the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE, number per 1,000 hooks, calculated as the sum of fish caught divided by the sum of hooks set). Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 January - 31 December, 2017
 Set Types All sets
 Fishing Area Inside U.S. EEZ

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of vessels active | 134 |
| Number of trips (partial or completed) | 711 |
| Number of sets | 4,925 |
| Number of hooks set | 13,112,897 |

| Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS) | Number Caught | Number Kept | Number Released | CPUE Number Caught per 1000 hooks |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PMUS | | | | |
| Billfish PMUS | | | | |
| Blue marlin | 2,330 | 2,322 | 8 | 0.18 |
| Striped marlin | 4,402 | 4,378 | 24 | 0.34 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 5,544 | 5,526 | 18 | 0.42 |
| Swordfish | 1,612 | 1,494 | 118 | 0.12 |
| Other billfishes | 199 | 199 | 0 | 0.02 |
| Total | 14,087 | 13,919 | 168 | 1.07 |
| Shark PMUS | | | | |
| Blue shark | 25,861 | 0 | 25,861 | 1.97 |
| Mako sharks | 972 | 155 | 817 | 0.07 |
| Thresher sharks | 1,119 | 16 | 1,103 | 0.09 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 234 | 0 | 234 | 0.02 |
| Silky shark | 97 | 0 | 97 | 0.01 |
| Other Sharks | 320 | 0 | 320 | 0.02 |
| Total | 28,603 | 171 | 28,432 | 2.18 |
| Tuna PMUS | | | | |
| Albacore | 277 | 277 | 0 | 0.02 |
| Bigeye tuna | 52,350 | 51,447 | 903 | 3.99 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 24,351 | 23,799 | 552 | 1.86 |
| Bluefin tuna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 6,950 | 6,849 | 101 | 0.53 |
| Other tunas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 83,928 | 82,372 | 1,556 | 6.40 |
| Other PMUS | | | | |
| Mahimahi | 8,887 | 8,808 | 79 | 0.68 |
| Moonfish | 1,795 | 1,790 | 5 | 0.14 |
| Wahoo | 5,157 | 5,142 | 15 | 0.39 |
| Oilfish | 4,307 | 3,749 | 558 | 0.33 |
| Pomfret | 12,733 | 12,677 | 56 | 0.97 |
| Total | 32,879 | 32,166 | 713 | 2.51 |
| Total PMUS | 159,497 | 128,628 | 30,869 | 12.16 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 460 | 256 | 204 | 0.04 |
| Total All Species | 159,957 | 128,884 | 31,073 | 12.20 |

Table 3. For the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, Hawaii and California longline limited-entry fisheries annual statistics for fishing outside the U.S. EEZ and with all fishing categories (set types), including effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, along with the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE, number per 1,000 hooks, calculated as the sum of fish caught divided by the sum of hooks set). Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 January - 31 December, 2017
 Set Types All sets
 Fishing Area Outside U.S. EEZ

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of vessels active | 145 |
| Number of trips (partial or completed) | 1,379 |
| Number of sets | 15,743 |
| Number of hooks set | 41,517,439 |

| Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS) | Number Caught | Number Kept | Number Released | CPUE Number Caught per 1000 hooks |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PMUS | | | | |
| Billfish PMUS | | | | |
| Blue marlin | 5,746 | 5,718 | 28 | 0.14 |
| Striped marlin | 9,028 | 8,845 | 183 | 0.22 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 15,284 | 15,129 | 155 | 0.37 |
| Swordfish | 17,892 | 16,586 | 1,306 | 0.43 |
| Other billfishes | 368 | 362 | 6 | 0.01 |
| Total | 48,318 | 46,640 | 1,678 | 1.16 |
| Shark PMUS | | | | |
| Blue shark | 70,427 | 0 | 70,427 | 1.70 |
| Mako sharks | 4,565 | 710 | 3,855 | 0.11 |
| Thresher sharks | 6,085 | 25 | 6,060 | 0.15 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 325 | 0 | 325 | 0.01 |
| Silky shark | 153 | 1 | 152 | 0.00 |
| Other Sharks | 408 | 2 | 406 | 0.01 |
| Total | 81,963 | 738 | 81,225 | 1.97 |
| Tuna PMUS | | | | |
| Albacore | 4,118 | 4,065 | 53 | 0.10 |
| Bigeye tuna | 173,571 | 170,243 | 3,328 | 4.18 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 56,822 | 55,663 | 1,159 | 1.37 |
| Bluefin tuna | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 19,714 | 19,220 | 494 | 0.47 |
| Other tunas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 254,239 | 249,203 | 5,036 | 6.12 |
| Other PMUS | | | | |
| Mahimahi | 38,560 | 38,254 | 306 | 0.93 |
| Moonfish | 23,430 | 23,267 | 163 | 0.56 |
| Wahoo | 20,343 | 20,230 | 113 | 0.49 |
| Oilfish | 14,707 | 12,822 | 1,885 | 0.35 |
| Pomfret | 55,042 | 54,743 | 299 | 1.33 |
| Total | 152,082 | 149,316 | 2,766 | 3.66 |
| Total PMUS | 536,602 | 445,897 | 90,705 | 12.92 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 3,631 | 194 | 3,437 | 0.09 |
| Total All Species | 540,233 | 446,091 | 94,142 | 13.01 |

Table 4. For the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, Hawaii and California longline limited-entry fisheries annual statistics for all fishing areas and with shallow set type, including effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, along with the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE, number per 1,000 hooks, calculated as the sum of fish caught divided by the sum of hooks set). Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 January - 31 December, 2017
 Set Types Shallow sets
 Fishing Area All Areas

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Number of vessels active | 20 |
| Number of trips (partial or completed) | 70 |
| Number of sets | 994 |
| Number of hooks set | 1,076,290 |

| Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS) | Number Caught | Number Kept | Number Released | CPUE Number Caught per 1000 hooks |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PMUS | | | | |
| Billfish PMUS | | | | |
| Blue marlin | 58 | 54 | 4 | 0.05 |
| Striped marlin | 411 | 338 | 73 | 0.38 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 160 | 149 | 11 | 0.15 |
| Swordfish | 13,928 | 12,819 | 1,109 | 12.94 |
| Other billfishes | 19 | 17 | 2 | 0.02 |
| Total | 14,576 | 13,377 | 1,199 | 13.54 |
| Shark PMUS | | | | |
| Blue shark | 9,638 | 0 | 9,638 | 8.95 |
| Mako sharks | 1,112 | 269 | 843 | 1.03 |
| Thresher sharks | 73 | 2 | 71 | 0.07 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 22 | 0 | 22 | 0.02 |
| Silky shark | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0.01 |
| Other Sharks | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.00 |
| Total | 10,857 | 271 | 10,586 | 10.09 |
| Tuna PMUS | | | | |
| Albacore | 287 | 255 | 32 | 0.27 |
| Bigeye tuna | 1,530 | 1,315 | 215 | 1.42 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 1,553 | 1,455 | 98 | 1.44 |
| Bluefin tuna | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 79 | 79 | 0 | 0.07 |
| Other tunas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 3,450 | 3,105 | 345 | 3.21 |
| Other PMUS | | | | |
| Mahimahi | 1,301 | 1,260 | 41 | 1.21 |
| Moonfish | 431 | 384 | 47 | 0.40 |
| Wahoo | 74 | 74 | 0 | 0.07 |
| Oilfish | 762 | 418 | 344 | 0.71 |
| Pomfret | 39 | 30 | 9 | 0.04 |
| Total | 2,607 | 2,166 | 441 | 2.42 |
| Total PMUS | 31,490 | 18,919 | 12,571 | 29.26 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 15 | 8 | 7 | 0.01 |
| Total All Species | 31,505 | 18,927 | 12,578 | 29.27 |

Table 5. For the period 1 January - 31 December, 2017, Hawaii and California longline limited-entry fisheries annual statistics for all fishing areas and with deep set type, including effort (number of vessels, trips, sets, and hooks set), and for each listed species, organized by pelagic management unit species (PMUS) groups of billfish, shark, tuna, and other, along with the number of fish caught, kept, and released, and the catch per unit effort (CPUE, number per 1,000 hooks, calculated as the sum of fish caught divided by the sum of hooks set). Data Source: PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data.

Report Coverage

Time Period 1 January - 31 December, 2017
 Set Types Deep sets
 Fishing Area All Areas

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of vessels active | 145 |
| Number of trips (partial or completed) | 1,539 |
| Number of sets | 19,674 |
| Number of hooks set | 53,554,046 |

| Pelagic Management Unit Species (PMUS) | Number Caught | Number Kept | Number Released | CPUE Number Caught per 1000 hooks |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| PMUS | | | | |
| Billfish PMUS | | | | |
| Blue marlin | 8,018 | 7,986 | 32 | 0.15 |
| Striped marlin | 13,019 | 12,885 | 134 | 0.24 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 20,668 | 20,506 | 162 | 0.39 |
| Swordfish | 5,576 | 5,261 | 315 | 0.10 |
| Other billfishes | 548 | 544 | 4 | 0.01 |
| Total | 47,829 | 47,182 | 647 | 0.89 |
| Shark PMUS | | | | |
| Blue shark | 86,650 | 0 | 86,650 | 1.62 |
| Mako sharks | 4,425 | 596 | 3,829 | 0.08 |
| Thresher sharks | 7,131 | 39 | 7,092 | 0.13 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 537 | 0 | 537 | 0.01 |
| Silky shark | 243 | 1 | 242 | 0.00 |
| Other Sharks | 723 | 2 | 721 | 0.01 |
| Total | 99,709 | 638 | 99,071 | 1.86 |
| Tuna PMUS | | | | |
| Albacore | 4,108 | 4,087 | 21 | 0.08 |
| Bigeye tuna | 224,391 | 220,375 | 4,016 | 4.19 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 79,620 | 78,007 | 1,613 | 1.49 |
| Bluefin tuna | 13 | 11 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 26,585 | 25,990 | 595 | 0.50 |
| Other tunas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 334,717 | 328,470 | 6,247 | 6.25 |
| Other PMUS | | | | |
| Mahimahi | 46,146 | 45,802 | 344 | 0.86 |
| Moonfish | 24,794 | 24,673 | 121 | 0.46 |
| Wahoo | 25,426 | 25,298 | 128 | 0.47 |
| Oilfish | 18,252 | 16,153 | 2,099 | 0.34 |
| Pomfret | 67,736 | 67,390 | 346 | 1.26 |
| Total | 182,354 | 179,316 | 3,038 | 3.41 |
| Total PMUS | 664,609 | 555,606 | 109,003 | 12.41 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 4,076 | 442 | 3,634 | 0.08 |
| Total All Species | 668,685 | 556,048 | 112,637 | 12.49 |

Active Vessels

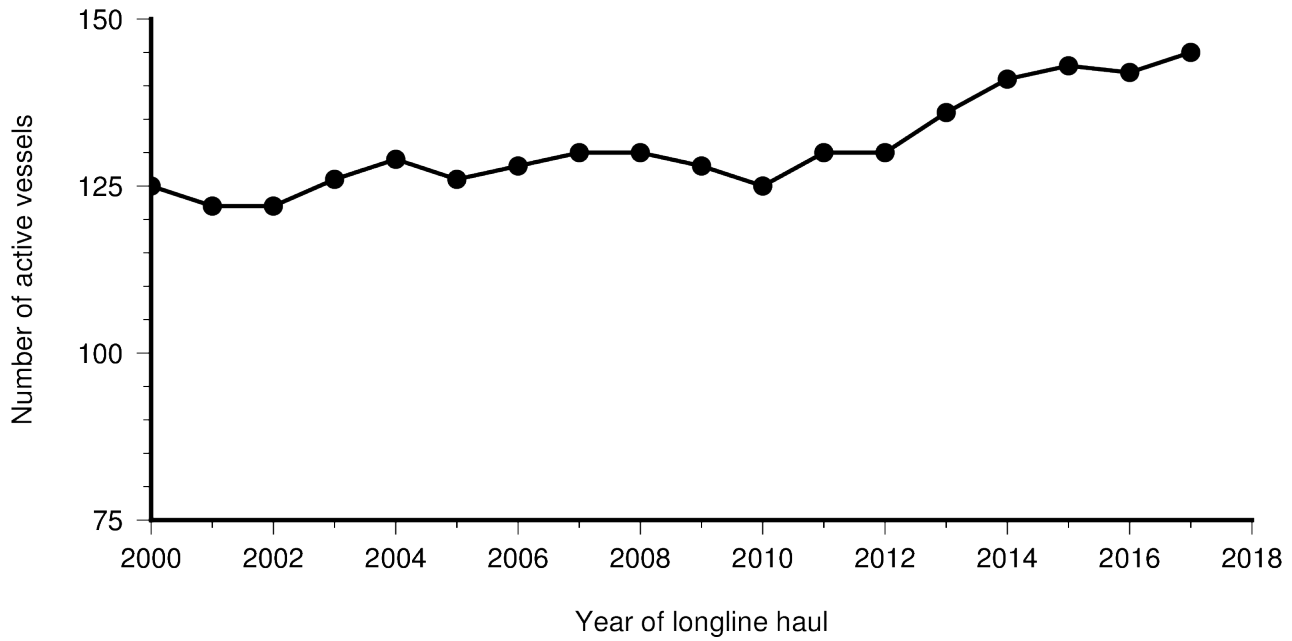


Figure 1: Number of active longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Trips

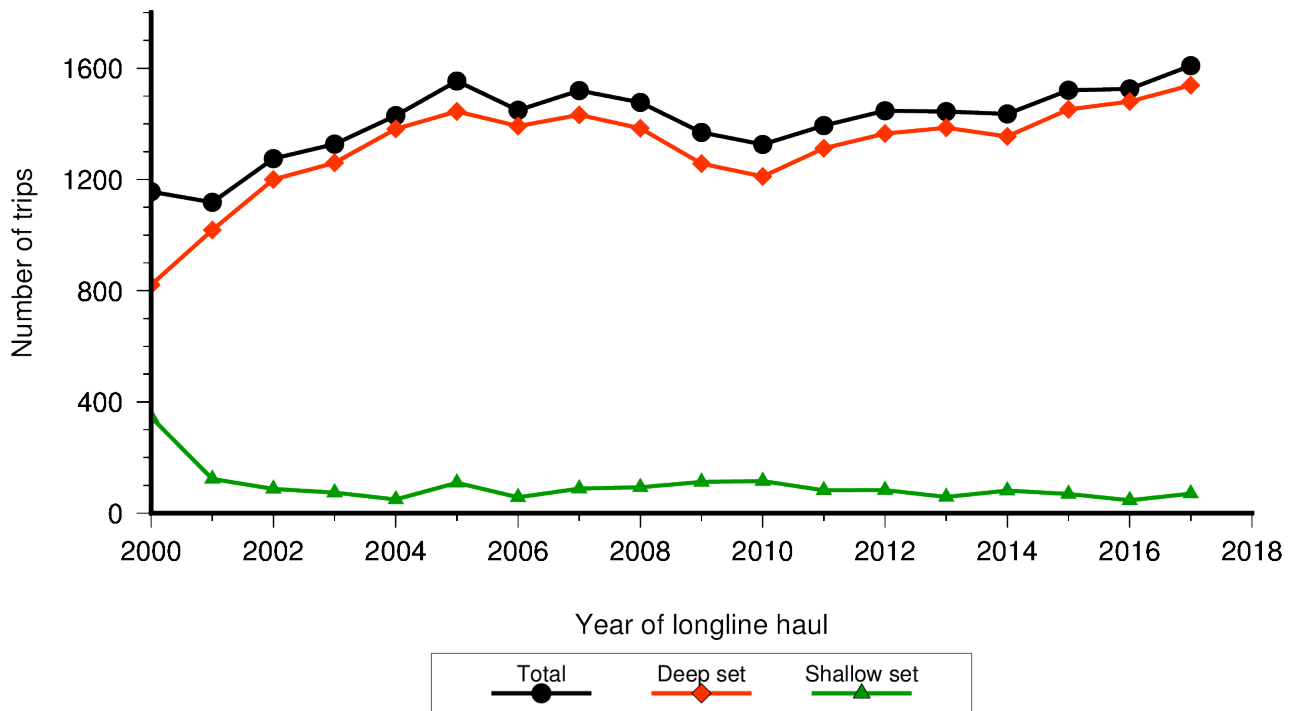


Figure 2: Number of active longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Sets

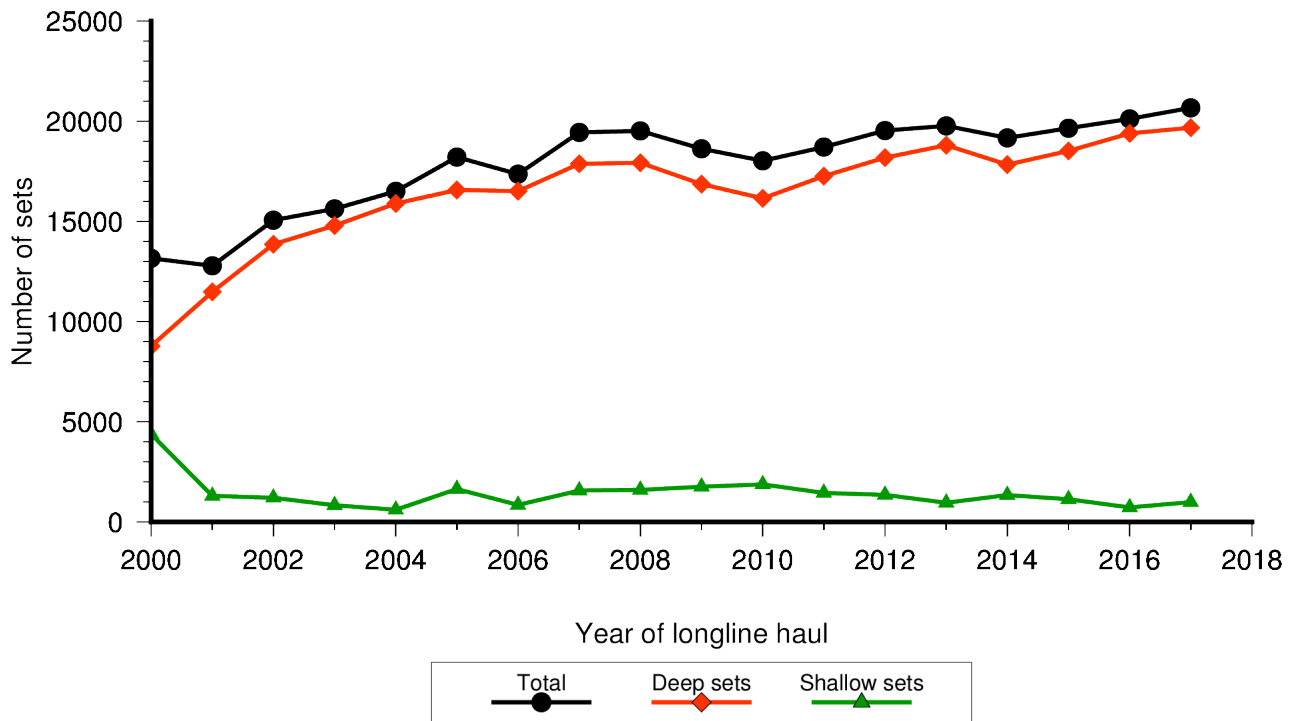


Figure 3: Number of fishing sets by vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Hooks Set

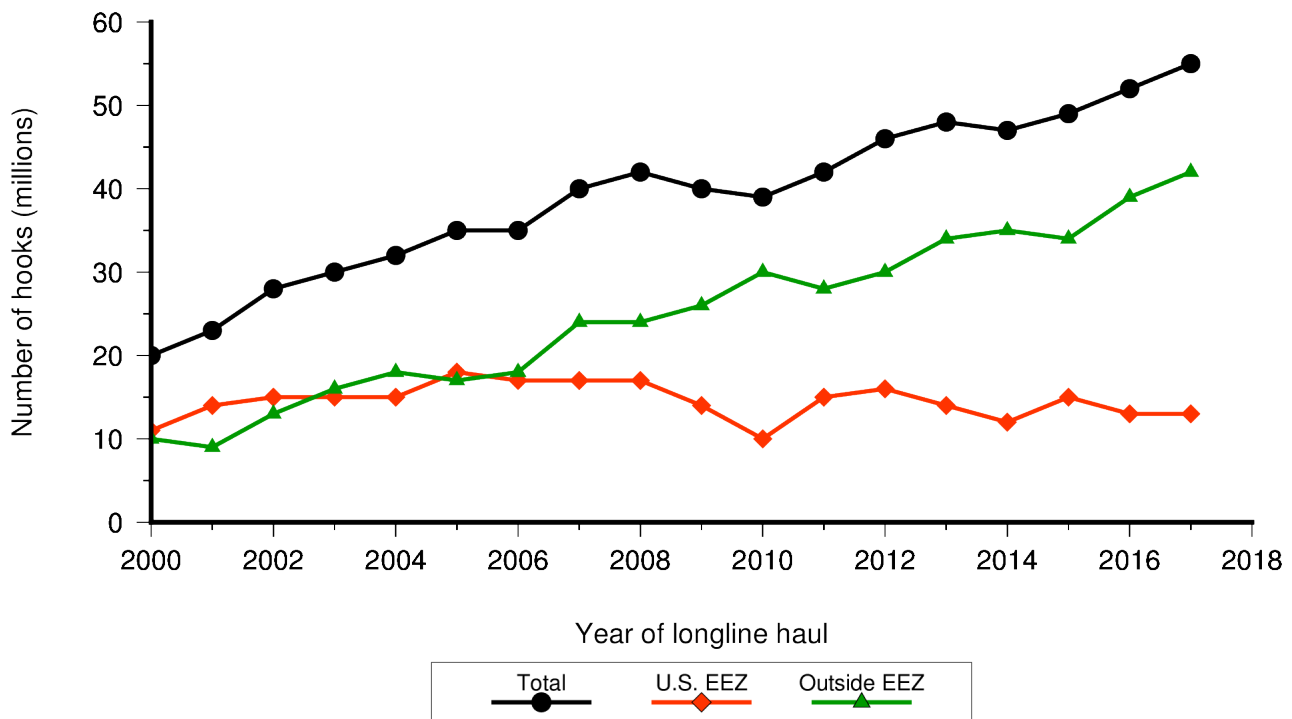


Figure 4: Number of hooks in millions, set by vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Tuna Catch

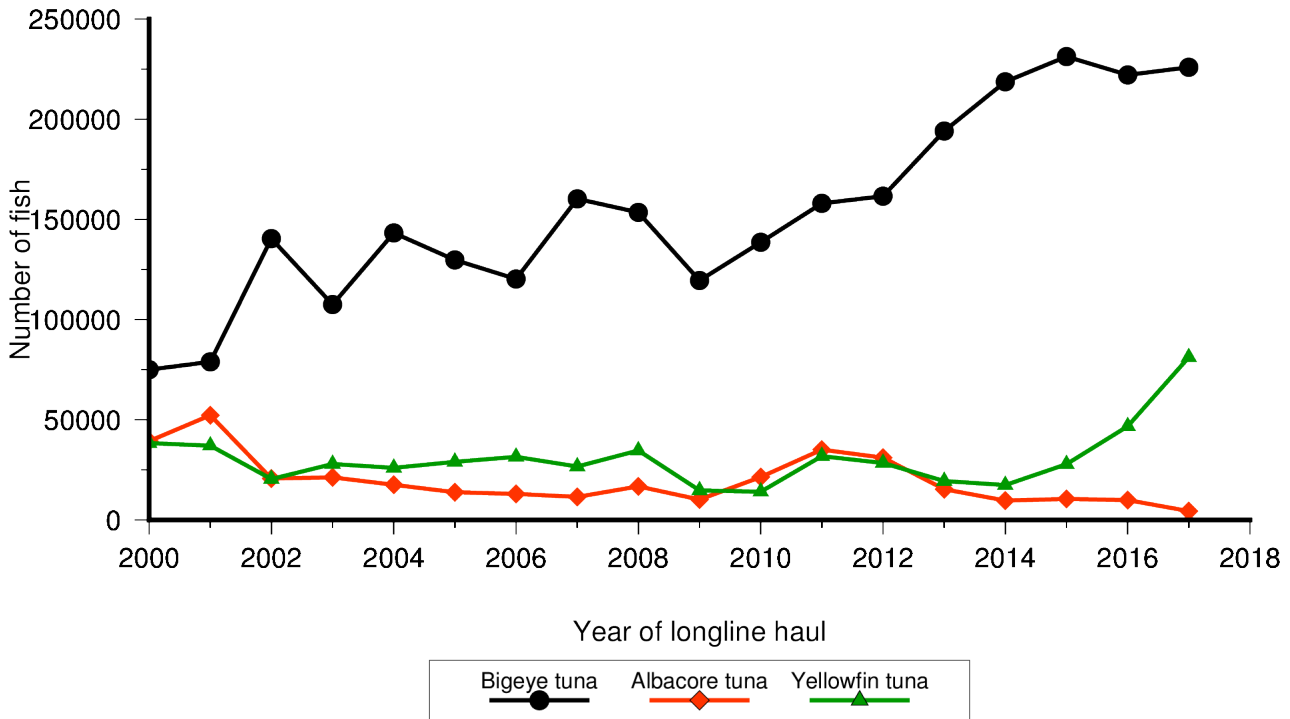


Figure 5: Annual catch (kept + released) of albacore tuna, bigeye tuna, and yellowfin tuna by longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Billfish Catch

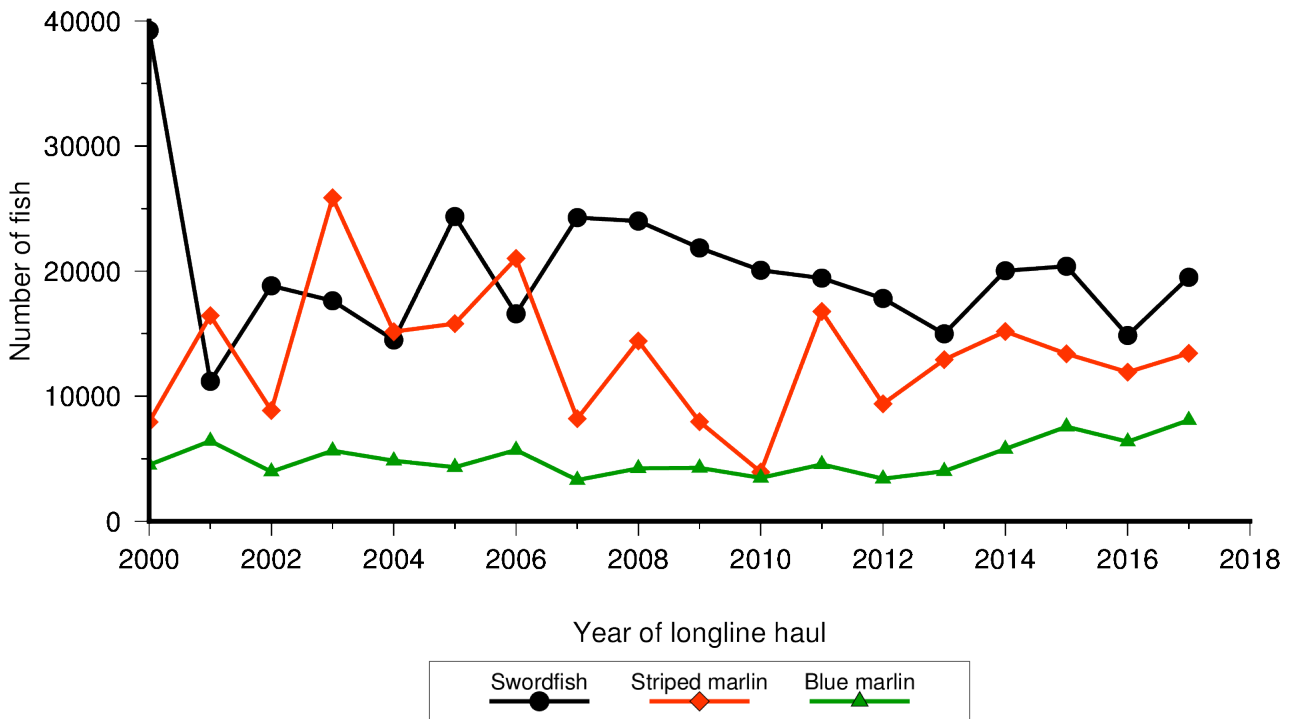


Figure 6: Annual catch (kept + released) of swordfish, striped marlin, and blue marlin by longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Shark Catch

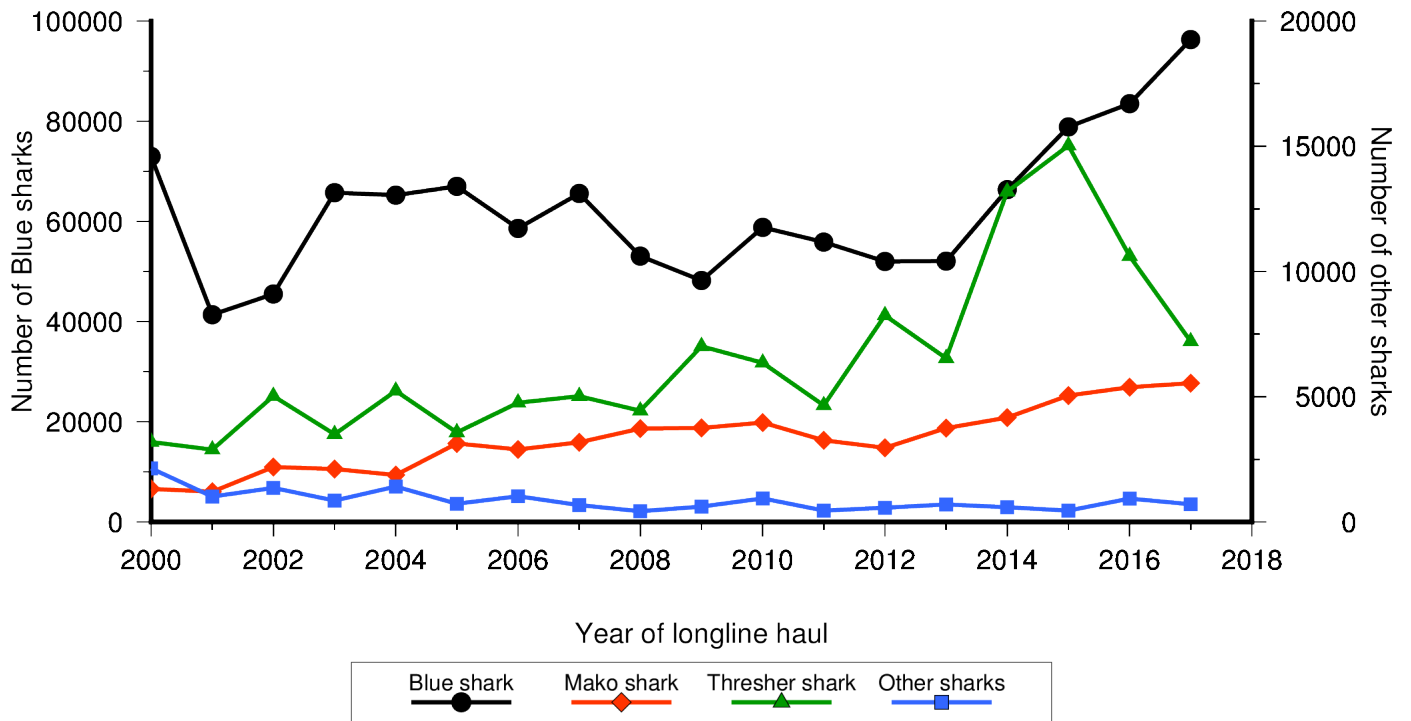


Figure 7: Annual catch (kept + released) of blue shark, mako shark, thresher shark, and other sharks by longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.

Other PMUS Catch

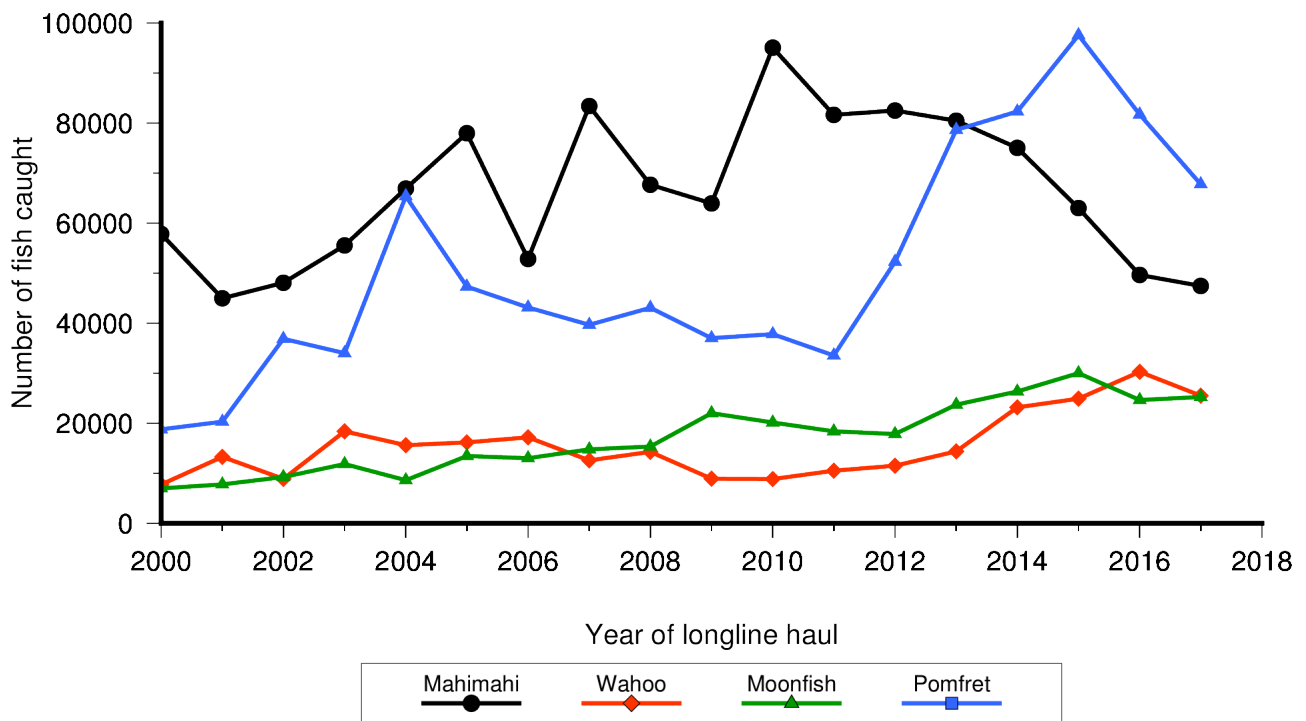


Figure 8: Annual catch (kept + released) of mahimahi, wahoo, moonfish, and pomfret by longline vessels based in Hawaii and California, by year, 2000-2017.