# The Hawaii-based Longline Logbook Summary Report July-September $2010{ }^{1}$ 

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This report summarizes data on fish catch and fishing effort by Hawaii-based longline vessels during the third quarter of 2010 (Q3-2010). Results are based on the date gear was hauled, as reported by vessel operators to the National Marine Fisheries Service in federal logbooks of daily fishing activity. The report covers longline operations for fishing trips completed in the third quarter of 2010 and most, but not all, Q3-2010 data from trips that began late in the third quarter and continued into the fourth quarter of 2010. Therefore, the Q3-2010 summary statistics reported here are preliminary.

During Q3-2010, 117 vessels were active in the Hawaii-based fleet, 1 less than in Q32009 (Table 1, Fig. 1). They made 385 longline trips ( 32 more than in Q3-2009), including 376 using deep-set gear to target tuna (30 more than in Q3-2009) and 9 using shallow-set gear to target swordfish (2 more than in Q3-2009; Fig. 2). During Q3-2010, the fleet deployed 10.3 million hooks, 1.2 million more than in Q3-2009 (Fig. 3). They fished mainly on the high seas outside the U.S. EEZ (89\% of the total hooks set), followed by the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) (9\%), the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) EEZ (2\%) and the EEZ of the U.S. Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA, consisting of U.S. possessions Wake Island, Jarvis Island, Howland Island, Baker Island, Kingman Reef, Palmyra Atoll, and Johnston Atoll) ( $<1 \%$ ).

In Q3-2010, the Hawaii longline fleet caught 33,712 bigeye tuna (Fig. 4); 95\% were caught in waters outside the U.S. EEZ. The bigeye tuna catch-per-unit-of-effort (CPUE) on tuna-targeted trips was 3.3 fish per 1000 hooks, about the same as in Q3-2009 (Fig. 5). The albacore catch and CPUE on tuna-targeted trips in Q3-2010 were at their highest levels in 5 years with 2,746 fish caught and a CPUE of 0.27 fish per 1000 hooks (Figs. 6-7). The yellowfin tuna catch and CPUE on tuna-targeted trips in Q3-2010 were 3,720 fish and 0.36 fish per 1000 hooks, respectively (Figs. 8-9).

The Q3-2010 swordfish catch was 1,578 fish, or close to the swordfish catch in Q3-2009 (Fig. 10). In Q3-2010, swordfish CPUE on shallow-set swordfish-targeted trips was 8.0 fish per 1000 hooks, 28\% lower than in Q3-2009 (Fig. 11).

The striped marlin catch in Q3-2010 was 1,025 fish, and the CPUE on tuna-targeted trips was 0.10 fish per 1000 hooks (Figs. 12-13). The blue marlin catch in Q3-2010 was 991 fish with a CPUE of 0.10 fish per 1000 hooks on tuna-targeted trips (Figs. 14-15).

[^0]The fleet caught 14,923 sharks in Q3-2010, of which 306 (2\%) were kept. Blue shark comprised $87 \%$ of the total shark catch (12,960 fish) (Fig. 16). Blue shark CPUE on shallow-set swordfish-targeted trips in Q3-2010 was 11.7 fish per 1000 hooks (Fig. 17).

In Q3-2010, the Hawaii longline catch of other key pelagic species included a record 54,526 mahimahi (Fig. 18) and a record Q3 high mahimahi CPUE of 5.3 fish per 1000 hooks on tuna-targeted trips (Fig. 19); 6,699 moonfish (Fig. 20) with a CPUE of 0.65 fish per 1000 hooks on tuna-targeted trips (Fig. 21); 7,297 pomfret (Fig. 22) with a CPUE of 0.72 fish per 1000 hooks on tuna-targeted trips (Fig. 23); and 2,571 wahoo (Fig. 24) with a CPUE of 0.25 fish per 1000 hooks on tuna-targeted trips (Fig. 25). A high percentage of the catch of these species was kept.

The summary statistics in Table 1 are based on logbook records from all fishing areas combined and all types of longline trips-those targeting swordfish and those aimed at catching tuna. Hence, the CPUE figures in Table 1 differ from those reported above, which were calculated using data exclusively from tuna-targeted trips or swordfish-targeted trips, depending on the species of interest.

The longline logbook statistics reported above refer to all fishing areas combined. Q32010 summary catch and effort were also compiled by several geographical sub-areas including: the MHI EEZ; the NWHI EEZ; the PRIA EEZ; the combined EEZ of MHI, NWHI and PRIA; and waters outside the U.S. EEZ. These statistics are presented in Tables 2-6. Q3-2010 summary statistics for the entire fishing area are also presented for each distinct trip type: swordfishtargeted trips using shallow-set gear (Table 7) and tuna-targeted trips deploying deep-set gear (Table 8).

This report is available in PDF format on the PIFSC Web site at http://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/fmsd/reports.php. The Web site also provides quarterly and yearly charts and an archive of quarterly and annual summary tables of fish catch and fishing effort from 1991 to the present. The statistics in the online graphs and archived tables are updated periodically as new records are added to the database and corrections are made.

Table 1. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].


Table 2. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].


Table 3. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].


Table 4. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].


Table 5. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].


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Table 8. Quarterly summary report of fishing effort and catch statistics for U.S. longline vessels landing in Hawaii as derived from NMFS Western Pacific Daily Longline Fishing Log records. [PIFSC Information Management System, Longline Logbook Data, 12/1/2010 2:42:42PM].

| Report Coverage |  |  | Number of vessels active |  |
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| 3rd Quarter 2010 |  |  | Number of trips | 376 |
| Fishing Area All Areas |  |  | Number of sets | 4,441 |
| Trip Types Tuna Targeted Trips |  |  | Number of hooks set | 10,161,975 |
| Pelagic Management Unit | Number | Number | Number C | Number |
| Species (PMUS) | Caught | Kept | Released Caug | 1000 hooks |
| Billfishes |  |  |  |  |
| Blue marlin | 986 | 979 | 7 | 0.10 |
| Striped marlin | 990 | 984 | 6 | 0.10 |
| Shortbill spearfish | 2,394 | 2,380 | 14 | 0.24 |
| Swordfish | 676 | 627 | 49 | 0.07 |
| Other billfishes | 176 | 173 | 3 | 0.02 |
| Total | 5,222 | 5,143 | 79 | 0.51 |
| Sharks |  |  |  |  |
| Blue shark | 11,640 | 37 | 11,603 | 1.15 |
| Mako sharks | 774 | 236 | 538 | 0.08 |
| Thresher sharks | 904 | 29 | 875 | 0.09 |
| Oceanic whitetip shark | 62 | 1 | 61 | 0.01 |
| Silky shark | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Other sharks | 97 | 1 | 96 | 0.01 |
| Total | 13,479 | 304 | 13,175 | 1.33 |
| Tunas |  |  |  |  |
| Albacore | 2,727 | 2,712 | 15 | 0.27 |
| Bigeye tuna | 33,689 | 33,177 | 512 | 3.32 |
| Yellowfin tuna | 3,704 | 3,643 | 61 | 0.36 |
| Bluefin tuna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Skipjack tuna | 2,194 | 2,168 | 26 | 0.22 |
| Other tunas | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 42,326 | 41,712 | 614 | 4.17 |
| Other PMUS |  |  |  |  |
| Mahimahi | 53,906 | 52,280 | 1,626 | 5.30 |
| Moonfish | 6,640 | 6,623 | 17 | 0.65 |
| Wahoo | 2,569 | 2,556 | 13 | 0.25 |
| Oilfish | 7,270 | 7,170 | 100 | 0.72 |
| Pomfret | 7,296 | 7,262 | 34 | 0.72 |
| Total | 77,681 | 75,891 | 1,790 | 7.64 |
| Total PMUS | 138,708 | 123,050 | 15,658 | 13.65 |
| Total Non-PMUS | 760 | 507 | 253 | 0.07 |
| Total All Species | 139,468 | 123,557 | 15,911 | 13.72 |



Figure 1. Number of active longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, by quarter, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:29:14PM]


Figure 2. Number of fishing trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, by quarter and trip type, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:29:14PM]


Figure 3. Number of hooks set by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, by quarter and fishing area, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:29:25PM]


Figure 4. Quarterly catch of bigeye tuna by longline vessels based and landing in
Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010
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Figure 5. Quarterly CPUE of bigeye tuna (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:29:49PM]


Figure 6. Quarterly catch of albacore by longline vessels based and landing in
Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010
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Figure 7. Quarterly CPUE of albacore (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:30:13PM]


Figure 8. Quarterly catch of yellowfin tuna by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:30:36PM]


Figure 9. Quarterly CPUE of yellowfin tuna (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:30:36PM]


Figure 10. Quarterly catch of swordfish by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:31:00PM]


Figure 11. Quarterly CPUE of swordfish (fish per 1000 hooks) on swordfish trips and tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010.
[PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:31:00PM]


Figure 12. Quarterly catch of striped marlin by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:31:24PM]


Figure 13. Quarterly CPUE of striped marlin (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:31:24PM]


Figure 14. Quarterly catch of blue marlin by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 $1: 31: 48 \mathrm{PM}]$


Figure 15. Quarterly CPUE of blue marlin (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:31:48PM]


Figure 16. Quarterly catch of blue shark by longline vessels based and landing in
Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010
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Figure 17. Quarterly CPUE of blue shark (fish per 1000 hooks) on swordfish trips and tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:32:12PM]


Figure 18. Quarterly catch of mahimahi by longline vessels based and landing in
Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010
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Figure 19. Quarterly CPUE of mahimahi (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:32:37PM]


Figure 20. Quarterly catch of moonfish by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:01PM]


Figure 21. Quarterly CPUE of moonfish (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:01PM]


Figure 22. Quarterly catch of pomfret by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:24PM]


Figure 23. Quarterly CPUE of pomfret (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:24PM]


Figure 24. Quarterly catch of wahoo by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:50PM]


Figure 25. Quarterly CPUE of wahoo (fish per 1000 hooks) on tuna trips by longline vessels based and landing in Hawaii, 1991-2010. [PIFSC IMS, Longline Logbook Data, 12/16/2010 1:33:50PM]


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