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NMFS Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center 2005 Publications

At the Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), scientists assess and investigate the dynamics of various bottomfish species in the central Pacific Ocean as well as Pacific island resources such as tunas and marlins, lobster, deep sea shrimp, and other fishery resources associated with deep-sea seamounts and pelagic waters. This work contributes to basic fisheries science and supports the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. PIFSC scientists conduct research and recovery work on the threatened green sea turtle and the endangered Hawaiian monk seal and increasingly have focused on issues concerning fisher-protected species interactions. Staff scientists study the effects of environmental changes and human activities on fisheries and marine animal habitats and ecosystems and there is a new research emphasis oriented towards coral reef ecosystems.

This research collectively supports two primary goals of NMFS: to build sustainable fisheries and to recover protected species. These goals support the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Geographic areas of study are wide ranging, from the mid-Pacific pelagic oceanic environment, to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the main Hawaiian Islands, to other central and western Pacific islands, including American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Key programs include ecosystem and environment, stock assessment, fish biology and ecology, fishery management and performance, and protected species.

The following list of publications (both formal and informal) summarizes the basic science and statistics work pertaining to western Pacific fisheries and related issues conducted by PIFSC over the past year.

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