

**NMFS West Coast Region Observer Program**  
**Observed Catch - 2015-2018 Drift Gillnet Fishing Seasons**  
**May 1, 2015 through January 31, 2018**

This table summarizes the total catch and final disposition, by species, of all fish, marine mammals, sea turtles, and seabirds observed caught in the California drift gillnet fishery during the 2015-2018 fishing seasons. Data were collected at sea by contract observers, and represent a total of 315 sets. Estimated total fishing effort for the season is 1,710 sets.

| Species                 | Total Caught | Number Kept | Number Returned |      |         |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|------|---------|
|                         |              |             | Alive           | Dead | Unknown |
| Swordfish               | 1107         | 1106        | 0               | 1    | 0       |
| Striped Marlin          | 8            | 0           | 0               | 8    | 0       |
| Blue Marlin             | 1            | 0           | 0               | 1    | 0       |
|                         |              |             |                 |      |         |
| Bluefin Tuna            | 311          | 261         | 0               | 50   | 0       |
| Tuna, Skipjack          | 74           | 56          | 0               | 18   | 0       |
| Yellowfin Tuna          | 25           | 25          | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Albacore                | 15           | 15          | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Pacific Bonito          | 175          | 155         | 0               | 20   | 0       |
|                         |              |             |                 |      |         |
| Common Thresher Shark   | 166          | 164         | 1               | 1    | 0       |
| Bigeye Thresher Shark   | 17           | 1           | 0               | 16   | 0       |
| Shortfin Mako Shark     | 166          | 151         | 8               | 7    | 0       |
| Salmon Shark            | 11           | 0           | 0               | 11   | 0       |
| Blue Shark              | 335          | 10          | 214             | 90   | 21      |
| Smooth Hammerhead Shark | 4            | 1           | 0               | 3    | 0       |
| Unidentified Shark      | 2            | 0           | 2               | 0    | 0       |
| Bat Ray                 | 8            | 0           | 7               | 1    | 0       |
| Unidentified Ray        | 2            | 0           | 2               | 0    | 0       |
| Pelagic Stingray        | 34           | 0           | 32              | 2    | 0       |
|                         |              |             |                 |      |         |
| Louvar                  | 12           | 12          | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Escolar                 | 1            | 1           | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Pacific Hake            | 1            | 1           | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Jack Mackerel           | 1            | 0           | 0               | 1    | 0       |
| Pacific Mackerel        | 55           | 14          | 0               | 41   | 0       |
| Unidentified Mackerel   | 2            | 1           | 0               | 1    | 0       |
| Common Mola             | 1186         | 0           | 1149            | 35   | 2       |
| Oilfish                 | 1            | 1           | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Opah                    | 226          | 226         | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Pacific Pomfret         | 2            | 2           | 0               | 0    | 0       |
| Yellowtail              | 6            | 6           | 0               | 0    | 0       |
|                         |              |             |                 |      |         |

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|---|----|---|-------------|------------|-----------|
|   |    |   |             |            |           |
| <b>Total Finfish Bycatch</b>                    |    |   | <b>1415</b> | <b>307</b> | <b>23</b> |
| <b>81% of finfish bycatch is returned alive</b> |    |   |             |            |           |
|   |    |   |             |            |           |
| Pelagic Tunicates                               | 2  | 0 | 2           | 0          | 0         |
|   |    |   |             |            |           |
| California Sea Lion                             | 2  | 0 | 0           | 2          | 0         |
| Northern Right Whale Dolphin                    | 7  | 0 | 0           | 7          | 0         |
| Short Beaked Common Dolphin                     | 21 | 0 | 0           | 21         | 0         |
| Long Beaked Common Dolphin                      | 1  | 0 | 0           | 1          | 0         |
| Unidentified Common Dolphin                     | 1  | 0 | 0           | 1          | 0         |
| Northern Elephant Seal                          | 3  | 0 | 0           | 2          | 1         |
| Gray Whale                                      | 1  | 0 | 0           | 1          | 0         |

**Total Landings**    **3992**                    **2209**                    **1417**                    **342**                    **24**  
**91% of catch is marketed or returned alive**