

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under [16 U.S.C. 760\(e\)](#), Study of migratory game fish; waters; research; purpose.

Purpose: The Southwest Fisheries Science Center provides tagging supplies to individuals electing to tag and release the billfish they catch. Each Billfish Tagging Report Card is issued with an individual billfish tag and is imprinted with the number matching the accompanying tag. The Billfish Tagging Report Card is the primary mechanism by which these cooperating anglers and commercial fishers return the tag and release information concerning the billfish they have tagged. The Program is conducted throughout the year to determine billfish habitat, mortality rates, migration patterns, feeding habits, and growth rates. Fishery biologists investigating the health of billfish resources throughout the Pacific utilize data from this Program. Results aid in ongoing research concerning billfish resources. Individuals cooperating in the Program do so on a strictly voluntary basis.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to determine billfish habitat, mortality rates, migration patterns, feeding habits, and growth rates. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the [Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-6](#), Fishermen's Statistical Data.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide complete and accurate information will result in less available information.