NMFS West Coast Region Observer Program
Observed Catch - 2018/2019 Drift Gillnet Fishing Season
May 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

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 2018/2019 fishing season. Data were collected at sea by contract observers, and represent a total of 124 sets. Estimated total fishing effort for the season is 473 sets.

	Total	Number	Number Returned			Number	Catch per
Species	Caught	Kept	Alive	Dead	Unknown	Damaged	100 Sets
Swordfish	536	536	0	0	0	22	432.26
Common Thresher Shark	64	62	0	2	0	0	51.61
Striped Marlin	2	0	0	2	0	0	1.61
Shortfin Mako Shark	95	85	1	9	0	0	76.61
Blue Shark	30	0	2	23	5	0	24.19
Bigeye Thresher Shark	9	4	0	5	0	0	7.26
Megamouth Shark	4	0	4	0	0	0	3.23
Smooth Hammerhead Shark	4	0	0	4	0	0	3.23
Salmon Shark	2	0	0	2	0	0	1.61
Unidentified Shark	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.81
Pelagic Stingray	24	0	22	0	2	0	19.35
Bat Ray	16	0	15	1	0	0	12.90
Mobula	4	0	3	1	0	0	3.23
Unidentified Ray	1	0	0	1	0	1	0.81
Skipjack Tuna	239	211	0	28	0	14	192.74
Bluefin Tuna	203	203	0	0	0	12	163.71
Yellowfin Tuna	11	11	0	0	0	1	8.87
Pacific Mackerel	56	4	3	48	1	0	45.16
Pacific Bonito	21	7	1	13	0	0	16.94
Bullett Mackerel	20	19	0	1	0	1	16.13
Common Mola	284	1	277	4	2	0	229.03
Opah	127	127	0	0	0	6	102.42
Slender Mola	97	0	97	0	0	0	78.23
Pacific Pomfret	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.81
Yellowtail	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.81
Louvar	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.81
Pacific Hake	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.81
Unidentified Fish	6	0	0	6	0	6	4.84
Other Identified Fish	2	1	1	0	0	0	1.61
Unidentified Crustacean	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.81
Short Beak Common Dolphin	5	0	0	5	0	0	4.03
Unidetified Dolphin	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.81
California Sea Lion	2	0	0	2	0	0	1.61