

**NMFS West Coast Region Observer Program
Observed Catch - 2017/2018 Drift Gillnet Fishing Season
May 1, 2017 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 2016/2017 fishing season. Data were collected at sea by contract observers, and represent a total of 114 sets. Estimated total fishing effort for the season is 618 sets.

Species	Total	Number	Number Returned			Number	Catch per 100 Sets
	Caught	Kept	Alive	Dead	Unknown	Damaged	
Swordfish	387	387	0	0	0	6	339.5
Striped Marlin	2	0	0	2	0	0	1.754385965
Blue Marlin	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.877192982
Bluefin Tuna	65	18	0	47	0	0	57.01754386
Yellowfin Tuna	5	5	0	0	0	0	4.385964912
Skipjack Tuna	54	44	0	10	0	0	47.36842105
Pacific Bonito	49	36	0	13	0	2	42.98245614
Common Thresher Shark	80	80	0	0	0	0	70.1754386
Bigeye Thresher Shark	5	1	0	4	0	0	4.385964912
Shortfin Mako Shark	41	39	0	2	0	0	35.96491228
Blue Shark	120	7	52	52	9	0	105.3
Salmon Shark	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.9
Smooth Hammerhead Shark	4	1	0	3	0	0	3.5
Unidentified Shark	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.877192982
Bat Ray	5	0	5	0	0	0	4.385964912
Pelagic Stingray	18	0	17	0	1	0	15.78947368
Louvar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.877192982
Escolar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.877192982
Pacific Hake	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.877192982
Pacific Mackerel	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.9
Common Mola	202	0	197	4	1	0	177.2
Slender Mola	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.877192982
Opah	61	61	0	0	0	1	53.50877193
California Sea Lion	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.877192982
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.877192982
Short Beaked Common Dolphin	10	0	0	10	0	0	8.771929825
Northern Elephant Seal	3	0	0	2	1	0	2.631578947
Gray Whale	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.877192982