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PACIFIC GAMEFISH RESEARCH FOUNDATION BULLETIN

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FOLLOW THAT MARLIN

KONA, Hawaii -- Two teams of scientists came to Kona during the annual billfish tournament last August to track blue marlin using telemetry, the automatic measurement and transmission of data by sonic devices. Eight marlin were caught and then tagged with a small transmitter, enabling the researchers' ships to follow the fish for up to six days.

One of the research groups was made up of Dr. Frank Carey of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and Barbara Block of the University of Chicago, cooperatively funded by the Billfish Foundation, the National Science Foundation and PGRF. The other team, which was tracking marlin and tuna, included Dr. Kim Holland of the Hawaiian Institute of Marine Biology and Dr. Richard Brill of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Drs. Holland and Brill also tracked marlin in Kona in 1999.

Some of the questions the researchers hope to answer include: how do marlin migrate both at cruising and at high speeds, and to what depth at what time of day?

DRIFTNETS THREATEN PACIFIC SEA LIFE

Congress Considers Crucial Marine Issues Drive to Ban Driftnet Fishing Continues

PACIFIC OCEAN -- The fight continues against the use of driftnet fishing in the Pacific Ocean. The driftnet fishery, which has been banned in Taiwan and other countries, continues to threaten the Pacific Ocean's marine life. Driftnet fishing includes the use of longlines, which are used to catch large pelagic fish, including swordfish and tuna.

Include Tuna in Magnuson Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Each year, thousands of billfish, swordfish and sharks are caught in tuna longlines, victims of the unregulated U.S. tuna industry which was exempted from the 1976 Magnuson Fishery and Conservation Act. This loophole in the Magnuson Act, which was enacted by Congress to protect the overfishing of U.S. and international waters, makes the U.S. and the Bahamas the only two countries in the world with unregulated tuna industries. The Magnuson Act is up for renewal this year, and Congress is considering amendments to it. We at the PGRF believe that including tuna in this regulatory act to be of utmost importance.

The tuna longlines used by our national fishery indiscriminately catch not only tuna, but also large pelagic fish, blocking efforts to conserve these other species and leading to widespread overfishing. Scientists say that the genetic stock of swordfish is already depleted, due primarily to becoming the bycatch of tuna longliners. And the same is true for other species.

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Library Foundation Writing Contest for

For the past three years, the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation has sponsored Sonoma County Reads -- a community-wide reading event in October of each year. This year, as part of a statewide reading event sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities, we will launch Sonoma County Reads 2005 in April. We invite you to join us as we read *California Uncovered: Stories from the 21st Century*. This year, in addition to organizing a program with

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Sonoma County Reads - The Call of the Wild

Last fall, the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation -- in cooperation with Santa Rosa Junior College, KRCB, Sonoma

