

MMPA List of Fisheries

Section 1.f. provides an overview of the MMMP List of Fisheries (LOF) process as well as the several LOFs.

The Overview of the MMPA List of Fisheries explains the MMPA requirements to classify commercial fisheries on the LOF and describes NMFS' process for implementing these requirements.

The Final 2008 LOF includes descriptions of all Category I and II fisheries classified on the LOF; at this point the HI deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries were combined into one fishery, "HI swordfish, tuna, billfish, mahi mahi, wahoo, oceanic sharks longline/set line fishery". The 2008 LOF includes responses to comments relevant to HI longline fisheries and the FKWTRT.

The Final 2009 LOF classifies commercial fisheries operating on the seas for the first time. If a fishery operates both within and outside the Exclusive Economic Zone, that fishery is classified as the same category as in both areas (i.e., within U.S. waters (Table 1) and on the high seas (Table 3)). The 2009 LOF includes responses to comments relevant to HI longline fisheries and the FKWTRT.

The 2010 LOF adds the HI shortline fishery and the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery. The Proposed 2010 LOF includes the rationale for classifying both fisheries as Category II. The Final 2010 LOF includes responses to comments relevant to HI longline fisheries and the FKWTRT.