

PELAGIC FISHES OF HAWAII



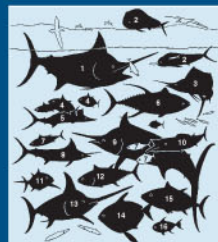
Pelagic fishes inhabit the deep blue waters of the open ocean, ranging from the surface to depths of hundreds of feet. They are remarkably well adapted to their environment; tuna and billfish are even capable of transoceanic migrations. Some, like the albacore, span the entire Pacific Ocean on their way to and from Hawaiian waters.

Tuna and billfish are top predators of the pelagic realm, feeding on almost all other creatures in the open ocean, including each other. Along with other large pelagic species, they are among the most popular fish for food and recreation. Their size and strength make them prized catches of sport fishers. They are also highly valued commercially, and command impressive prices on many international markets. From both an economic and social perspective, these are the most important fishes in Hawaii's waters.

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| 1. A'u - <i>Makaira mazara</i>
Pacific blue marlin, kajiki | 5. A'u - <i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i>
Shortbill spearfish, hebi | 9. A'u - <i>Makaira indica</i>
Black marlin, lūda | 13. A'u ku - <i>Xiphias gladius</i>
Broadbill swordfish, shutome |
| 2. Mahimahi - <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>
Dorado (male, shown jumping, and female) | 6. Ahi - <i>Thunnus albacares</i>
Yellowfin tuna | 10. Ono - <i>Acanthoxyphium solandri</i>
Wahi'o | 14. Opah - <i>Lampris guttatus</i>
Moccilfish |
| 3. A'u hepe - <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>
Sailfish | 7. Kawakawa - <i>Euthynnus affinis</i>
Albacore, kōmbu | 11. Ahi polaha - <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>
Northern bluefin tuna | 15. Moguro - <i>Thunnus thyngus</i>
Northern bluefin tuna |
| 4. Aku - <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>
Skipjack tuna | 8. A'u - <i>Tetrapturus audax</i>
Striped marlin, naitōgi | 12. Ahi po'ouai - <i>Thunnus obesus</i>
Bigeye tuna, mebachī | 16. Monchong - <i>Taractichthys steindachneri</i>
Pomfret |

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