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Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery
Comparison of 2015 - 2016 and 2016 - 2017

As of June 20, 2017, commercial bottomfish fishers landed 215,278 pounds of Deep 7 bottomfish, or 67.7% of the 318,000 annual catch limit (ACL) for the current federal fishing year, which began on September 1, 2016, and ends on August 31, 2017. In comparison to the previous federal fishing year, the bottomfish landings were similar for most of the year until late winter 2016, then remained lower due to many high wind days this winter. At the pace of the bottomfish landings for the current year, it appears that the fishery will remain open until August 31, 2017. The bottomfish fishery will re-open on September 1, 2017 with a new ACL of 306,000 pounds. Mahalo Nui Loa goes out to all commercial bottomfish fishers who submit accurate and timely trip reports. Your diligence and cooperation is appreciated!
Bottomfish vessel renewal notices will be mailed at the end of June 2016. Current bottomfish vessel registrations (BFVR) are valid until August 31, 2017 or when the ACL is reached. In the unlikely event that the ACL is reached before August 31, 2017 all bottomfish vessel registrants will be notified by mail. BFVRs for the 2017-2018 fishing can be renewed online at https://dlnr.ehawaii.gov/cmls-public/app/welcome.html, by mail, or at your local DAR office beginning July 1, 2017.
Areas with less than three fishers are designated non-disclosure, N.D.
Total Reported Pounds and Number of Fishers by Month

2015 - 2016

[Graph showing total reported pounds and number of fishers by month for the years 2015-2016.]

2016 - 2017

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On June 27, 2016, the Division of Aquatic Resources launched an improved version of the Online Fishing Report System. The DAR online services website allows you to apply for a new or renew a Commercial Marine License, Bottomfish Vessel ID Registration, and submit fishing reports. All of these services can be accessed via: [https://DLNR.eHawaii.gov/cmls-fr](https://DLNR.eHawaii.gov/cmls-fr).

The new system is compatible with smart phones, tablets, and traditional computers. All commercial fishing report types can be submitted via the Online Fishing Report system, except for the Aquarium Fish and Aku Boat Catch Reports.

**A few new features of the revised Online Fishing Report system:**

- View a tutorial video to walk you through the reporting process.
- Displays Commercial Marine License expiration date and renewal reminder link.
- Reports will be submitted by trip and users can edit submitted fishing reports.
- Immediate report credit for each fishing trip report submission.
- System will highlight report discrepancy for correction.
- The report log will show if a Civil Resource Violation is assessed and will link to the Administration Proceedings Office website.

If you need assistance, please contact the Statistical Unit in Honolulu at (808) 587-0565, 587-0108, 587-0594, or 587-0084. You may also e-mail questions to FishReport@Hawaii.gov or Bottomfish@Hawaii.gov.
Dear Commercial Bottomfish fishers and dealers-Please let us know what kind of information is useful to you. We welcome your feedback! Any feedback about the newsletter, positive or negative, is greatly appreciated! PLEASE CALL statistical staff member, Kimberlee Harding, (808) 587-0594 or e-mail dlnr.ar.bf@hawaii.gov. Mahalo! - DAR Statistical Unit

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