



First Announcement

Pelagic Fisheries Research Program

Joint Workshop

PFRP Principal Investigators
CLIOTOP Working Group 3

November 14 – 17, 2006
Imin Conference Center
University of Hawaii, Honolulu

The Pelagic Fisheries Research Program convenes occasional meetings of scientists currently conducting PFRP sponsored research. The primary purpose of these meetings is to create avenues of collaboration among scientists from different disciplines. In order to place PFRP research in a wider context, the PI meetings are generally organized around specific themes. Previous PI meetings have focused, for example, on: Pacific tuna fisheries, genetic studies of population structure, economic considerations for international tuna management, scales of spatial variability, ecosystem-based fishery management, securing deployment of electronic tags on large pelagic animals, and “data rescue”.

In 2004, the primary thematic focus of the meeting was on processes occurring at mid trophic levels: dynamics of prey species, spatial (both horizontal and vertical) variability in prey abundance, novel tools for analysis of trophic dependencies, and downward propagation changes in trophic structure due to changes in predator abundance. This general topic was ranked high by the 2005 PFRP research priorities workshop¹, and in 2006, the PI workshop will return to this theme. The PI workshop will convene jointly with a special session of CLIOTOP² Working Group 3 devoted to the importance of squids as both prey and predators in the pelagic realm.

The PFRP completed a round of proposal solicitation in June 2006. Presentations by the PIs from several new projects will be an important part of the 2006 PI meeting.

Please contact John Sibert sibert@hawaii.edu or Dodie Lau lau@hawaii.edu if you are interested in attending or making a presentation to the PI workshop, or contact Robert Olson, rolson@iattc.org, or Jock Young, Jock.Young@csiro.au, if you are interested in CLIOTOP WG3. See <http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/PFRP/> for further details.

¹ “[Pacific Ocean Connections: Priorities for Pelagic Fisheries Research in the Twenty-first Century](#)”. J. Sibert, S. McCreary and E. Poncelet (eds.) SOEST 06-01, 2006.

² CLIOTOP is a GLOBEC regional program which addresses open ocean ecosystem dynamics and the influence of climate on the dynamics of top predator populations. CLIOTOP Working Group 3 focuses on trophic pathways in open ocean ecosystems.
<http://web.pml.ac.uk/globec/structure/regional/cliotop/cliotop.htm>.