



Pelagic Fisheries Research Program

Principal Investigators Workshop
First Announcement

December 9 – 11, 2003
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 meeting 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, and secure deployment of electronic tags on large pelagic animals.

This year, the PI workshop will feature “**Data rescue: discovery, verification, documentation and analysis of long-term data**”. Fisheries for pelagic species have existed for long periods of time, but scientific documentation for most fisheries is less than 50 years old. Nevertheless, fishery records exist in various formats stored in back rooms and forgotten archives. “Data rescue” refers to the unearthing of these records and rendering them suitable for rigorous analysis. Once these data are available for scrutiny, they can be applied documentation of long term trends in the state of the ecosystem, the effects of fisheries, and the influence of environmental change.

Three days have been reserved for the workshop. Part of this time will be devoted to presentations by PFRP principal investigators and the remainder for presentation on data rescue. Please contact John Sibert jsibert@soest.hawaii.edu or Dodie Lau dlau@soest.hawaii.edu of the PFRP if you are interested in attending or making a presentation. See <http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/PFRP/> for further details.