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California Department of Fish and Game  
Pelagic Shark Tagging Program  
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**California Department of Fish and Game - Pelagic Shark Tagging Program**

Please check where applicable:

- I wish to continue shark tagging.
- I currently have the following tag numbers:  
SH \_\_\_\_\_ through SH \_\_\_\_\_
- I need more tags.
- I am no longer interested in shark tagging.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## A Quick Update

So far, 5,688 sharks of 15 species have been tagged, including 3,834 blue sharks and 1,639 mako sharks. Most tagging occurs in Southern California, but there are growing numbers of shark taggers in the San Francisco Bay area. Of those, 56 tagged mako sharks and 28 tagged blue sharks have been recaptured. Three blue sharks and one mako shark were recaptured in the mid-Pacific near Hawaii, and several more have been recaptured in Mexican waters from as far south as Cabo San Lucas, Baja California.

## Some Reminders

- If you are out of tags and would like more, please indicate on the return card, or contact Leanne Laughlin at (310) 590-5169.
- On your address label, there is a number next to your name (i.e. P:###). This is your permit number. Please include this number when calling or writing us so we can look up your information quickly.
- After tagging a shark, fill out the tagging report card **immediately**, and mail as soon as possible. Postage is prepaid, so all you have to do is drop it in the nearest mailbox.

- Remember, these tags are designed for large fish. Please **don't** tag sharks under 3 feet long; the tag may seriously injure or kill them.

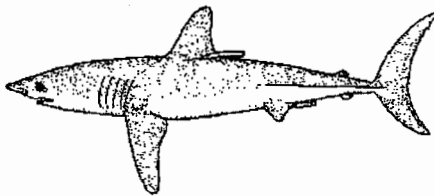
- Also, please **don't** tag bottom dwelling sharks such as dogfish and smoothhounds (sand sharks), or bat rays, stingrays and skates. We have a limited budget to buy tags, so make every tag count!

- Please **don't** use these tags for billfish or large fish other than sharks. If you wish to tag billfish, please contact Dave Holts at the National Marine Fisheries Service, La Jolla, phone (619) 546-7186.

- If you catch a shark that has already been tagged, please collect the same information that you would when tagging a shark. This includes the tag number, species, date and location caught, sex, and length in total length (tip of nose to tip of tail) or fork length (tip of nose to fork in tail). Mail the information to the Shark Tagging Program or give Leeanne a call. You will receive a baseball cap with a CDFG Marine Fish Tagging Program logo as a reward and information about the shark's movement since being tagged.

Thanks again for all your contributions.  
Keep on fishing and best of luck!

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First of all, thank you for contributing time and effort to the Shark Tagging Program since 1983. Most tagging is done through your efforts and we have gotten valuable information about shark migrations because of them. Again, Thank you!

We will be publishing a newsletter in the near future to keep you abreast of Tagging Program results. In the meantime, we need to update our mailing list.

Please answer the questions on the attached postcard, and fill in the address where you wish to have tagging program materials sent. Add the correct postage and return the postcard to us. If we do not receive your card by 11/30/95, we will remove your name from the mailing list.

If you are no longer interested in being a volunteer shark tagger, please return any unused tags you have, so others can use them.

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