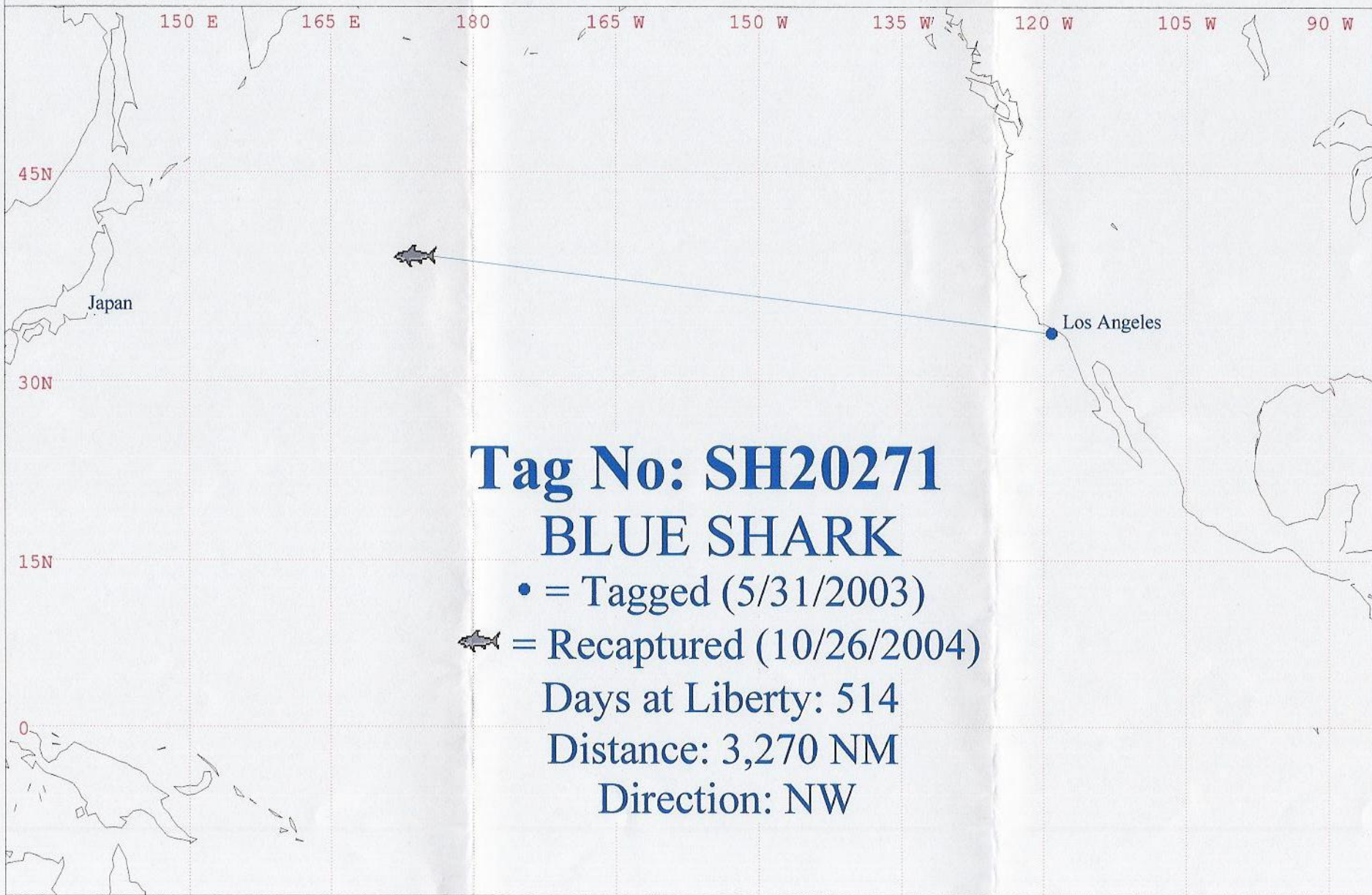


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November 24, 2004

Mr. Mike Schmidt
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Re: Tagged Blue Shark, #SH20271

Dear Mike:

Thank you for participating in the California Department of Fish and Game's Shark Tagging Program. Recently, I was notified that a blue shark tagged under your permit was recaptured. The shark was originally tagged on May 31, 2003, near the 17 Spot. It was recaptured by a Japanese longline vessel 514 days later on October 26, 2004, approximately 3,270 nm northwest of Los Angeles (map included).

The information provided by the return of these tags is important in assessing the distribution, age, growth, and migratory patterns of shark populations. Thanks again for contributing to the knowledge about these important animals. Keep on fishing and best of luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Taylor".

Valerie Taylor
Marine Biologist

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