



2010

Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament

NOTICE OF TOURNAMENT ADDENDUM

Addendum to the 2010 HIBT Rules appear below in Bold type.

C. Fishing Rules

7. Tag and Release:

To be counted as a tagged and released fish, the leader must be taken in hand and the fish tagged with a NMFS or Billfish Tag, and Released. The hook or hooks must be disengaged from the fish or the leader cut as close to the hook/s as possible. The fish must be alive and capable of survival when released.

In order to encourage proper handling of a fish after Tagging, the Tag can be called into Longnose as soon as the Tag is placed. The Hooks should be disengaged or the Leader cut, then the Fish swum in the correct manner to revive it. Longnose should then be advised that the Fish has been properly released in good condition, then given the Angler and Card details. The official time recorded will be the time at which the Tag was placed and called in.

The leader and tag card must be retained for the Judges.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A fish which has been gaffed cannot be tagged and released.

Tag and Release Using Satellite Tags:

Teams deploying satellite tags will only use the satellite tag, not a NMFS streamer tag. The use of two tags could result in unnecessary injury or stress to the Marlin. Each satellite tag has its own unique identification number that will be reported to Longnose in lieu of the NMFS tag number.

Only Pacific Blue Marlin will be tagged with satellite tags.

Only Pacific Blue Marlin which appear healthy and strong should be tagged with a satellite tag. Teams and boat crews should carefully consider this before deploying a satellite tag.

If all sponsored satellite tags have not been deployed by the end of the 3rd day of fishing, the HIBT may make use of a chase boat with a scientist onboard to facilitate deploying the remaining tags. The chase boat will not interfere with the boat or angler fighting the fish.