



SIX GREAT ISLANDS... ONE BIG MARKET

Sportfishing in Hawaii is year-round. Aptly titled the Blue Marlin Capital of the World. Hawaii offers six species of billfish plus yellowfin ('ahi), skipjack (aku) dogtooth, bonito, albacore and bigeye tuna. Other species of offshore game fish include wahoo (ono), dolphin (mahimahi), great barracuda (kaku) and rainbow runner (kamanu or Hawaiian salmon). Bottom fishing is also popular in Hawaii with good catches of pink, red and gray snapper being made in depths of 10 to 100 fathoms.

Inshore waters of Hawaii, with 700 miles of fishable shoreline, draw the most activity from the state's anglers. Heavy-duty shorecasting rigs allow anglers to tackle giant trevally (ulua) of up to 200 lbs as they prowl the reefs at night. Medium and ultralight tackle and fly fishing have become popular in Hawaii as anglers discover the excitement of world-class fishing for bonefish ('o'io), threadfin (moi), bluefin trevally and the many other species that make the reefs and sandy channels their hunting grounds.

Sport fishing is popular with Hawai'i's more than 7 million tourists each year—offshore and onshore—during their island vacations. The monthly *HAWAII FISHING NEWS* Offshore Tournament Directory lists all major events open to both resident and international big game hunters. Freshwater enthusiasts are not to be denied as Hawaii has more varieties of freshwater game fish than most areas of the mainland; these include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, oscar, peacock bass (tucunare), channel catfish and rainbow trout.

What all this adds up to is Hawaii is a great place to fish!

About Hawaii Fishing News

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