



PIFG Statewide Tagging Challenge 2009

The PIFG in conjunction with Izuo Bros. and the DAR Ulua Tagging Project, have created a Statewide Tagging Category. For the 4th year in a row, several local shoreline tournaments on each island were selected to participate in with prizes to be distributed to reward tagging effort. In addition to the chance of winning in the PIFG Statewide Tagging Challenge category, every fisherman who tags & releases any ulua or papio in the tournament will be entered in a statewide grand prize drawing with the grand prize to be awarded in Honolulu in October at the 2009 Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival. Travel will be provided by the PIFG should the winner be from a neighbor island.

Prizes are drawn at random via a lottery system and awarded during the tournament awards banquet. The PIFG has added an additional mystery length category where a random length is drawn. Although the minimum size for tagging/entry in the tagging category is 10 inches, this award favors larger-sized fish and rewards accuracy in measurement(s) so be sure to measure accurately to the nearest ¼ inch!

Category Rules and Regulations

- You must be entered in the tournament to participate in the PIFG Statewide Tagging Challenge category of the tournament.
- You must be registered with the tournament as participating in the tagging category.
- All Ulua/papio must be caught and tagged within designated start and finish times of the tournament.
- Data must be submitted on a DAR Ulua Tagging Project data card and turned in during the tournament weigh in prior to the closing of the official weigh in time. Please be sure to indicate your name, address, and phone number on the card when submitting.
- All ulua/papio must be caught under tournament rules and conditions.
- Each angler will be allowed to submit a maximum of 3-tagged ulua/papio for the tournament category with a **minimum qualifying size of 10 inches**.
- All tagging data must be completely filled out on data cards to qualify.
- For each ulua/papio tagged (up to 3 fish), your name will be entered in a drawing to win a prize.
- Should you find the need to tag a fish with tags other than those registered to you (borrowing a friend's tags), please be sure to indicate the name of the person who is registered to the tag(s) on the submitted catch report card.

Information Collection:

Volunteers of the PIFG and staff and/or volunteers for the DAR Tagging Project will be on hand at the weigh-in site to collect the information and answer any questions that you may have about the information that they have collected and their project. Additional catch report forms will also be available.

Please check the box below to register for the tagging category and *submit with your tournament entry form(s)*.

_____ Yes, I would like to participate in the PIFG Statewide Tagging Challenge

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

GOT TAGS?

If you need a tagging kit or additional tags, please contact Clay Tam at the Division of Aquatics at (808) 587-0102 or uluatagging@hawaii.gov.

Please be sure to:

- 1) Leave your full name, address and phone number on the voicemail if no one answers your call immediately. (someone will get back to you by the following business day to confirm your information).
- 2) Please state the name of the tournament you are participating in.
- 3) The type of kit your are interested in (ulua, papio or both)
- 4) Or if you only need additional papio or ulua tags.
- 5) Any further questions can be directed to the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group @ 808-265-4962 or pacificfisheries@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group Statewide Tagging Challenge.