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**PACIFIC-INDIAN OCEAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH ANGLING SURVEY
FOR 2002 ONLY**

BILLFISH ANGLERS: This survey to determine the trend in recreational fishing in the Pacific Ocean has been conducted annually since 1969. The survey is in cooperation with the International Game Fish Association. Your response will enable us to determine average catch rates of specific billfish in the areas indicated on the other side of this card. Accurate records are needed to determine the effect heavy fishing on billfish resources is having on the anglers catch. Response is voluntary.

For each angler that fished for billfish in 2002 we request that you individually, and as accurately as possible, indicate the number of days you fished for billfish during the calendar year of 2002 and the number of billfish caught by species. Fish tagged and/or released are counted as caught. If you fished but were unsuccessful, it is still important to indicate the number of actual days fished.

The U.S. Government requires that all mailing lists be revised annually. If you did not fish but would like to remain on the mailing list, complete the address portion at the bottom of this card and return. If you do not return the card, your name will be removed from our mailing list. Your cooperation is requested, and by completing the address portion you will be advised on the survey results. **Please return by FEBRUARY 2003.** Postage is not required if mailed in the USA.

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