

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



# NOAA Libraries

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## User Services

- 24/7 desktop access to thousands of resources
- Ask-a-Librarian
- Interlibrary loan
- Virtual Libraries
- Metadata Standards
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- Photos, videos, maps, DVDs, and charts
- Tours and training
- Brown Bag Seminars

## History & Archives

- NOAA history collections
- Rare books collection
- Imaged historic documents and maps
- Online historical photo collection



THE ALALONOA OR LONG-FINISHED TUNNY.

Ornithology, Vol. 1, p. 271.

Illustration by H. S. Todd, from the book "The Alaloon or Long-finned Tunny" by J. H. Stimpson, published in Ornithology, Vol. 1, p. 271.

# The NOAA Central Library Program

- ➔ The **Online Catalog** concurrently searches the collections of 30 NOAA libraries across the nation.
- ➔ The **Virtual Libraries** are information portals to specific subjects areas such as coral reefs, marine protected areas, habitat restoration and aquaculture.
- ➔ The **Special and Rare Collections**, include historical Coast and Geodetic Survey materials (from 1807) and Weather Bureau materials (from the 1830's), including foreign meteorological data. Most of these materials are found nowhere else in the world. There are materials dating from 1485 and publications that are bench marks in the evolution of meteorology, mathematics, astronomy and physics.
- ➔ The **Digitized Collections** include dozens of NOAA series publications. As part of the mission to preserve the history of NOAA's programs, other digitized materials include imaged documents and maps, Coast and Geodetic Survey Annual Reports, Foreign Climate Data for 54 countries, the Monthly Weather Review beginning in 1872, U.S. Daily Weather Maps (1871-2002), and Fish Commission and Signal Office Annual Reports beginning in the 1800's.
- ➔ The **Physical Collection** includes approximately 1.5 million items.

We are a selective **Federal Depository Library** for U.S. government publications distributed through the U.S. Federal Depository Library Program [FDLP] since 1993. The depository collects publications on oceanography, atmospheric sciences, meteorology, coastal zone management, fisheries, satellites, minerals management and environmental sciences, as well as Congressional documents covering these subjects. Cartographic materials such as NOAA nautical charts, U.S. Geological Survey maps and Federal Aviation Administration aeronautical charts are also received through the FDLP program.

NOAA Staff are our primary customers and are provided interlibrary loan service and in-depth reference support and have access to our databases and catalog 24/7. Standard reference support is provided to those outside the NOAA community. The library is open to the public weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. NOAA staff and the public can receive training on using the catalog, various electronic databases, and the arrangement of the physical collection. Tours are also made available to NOAA staff and the general public upon appointment at Silver Spring, Maryland. (Call 301-713-2600)

The library hosts Brown Bag Seminars to showcase NOAA research, NOAA programs and initiatives, and the results of partnerships with those outside NOAA. These popular talks are held in the library reading area. In the fall of each year the library also holds a book fair displaying new books in the fields of oceanic and atmospheric sciences and related subjects. Surplus books and materials are also made available for taking on a first come basis at that time. The library staff attend various professional meetings throughout the year to exhibit the library's services and exchange ideas with others.

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