The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has implanted electronic, archival tags in albacore tuna (Thunnus alalunga) and released them in the North Pacific Ocean. Tagged fish can be identified by the presence of a green dart tag in the back of the fish near the second dorsal fin and a plastic coated stalk protruding from the rear portion of the belly (as shown below). A reward of $500 (U.S. dollars) will be paid for the return of a tagged fish with the archival tag in place along with the date, latitude and longitude of where the tagged fish was caught and the gear used to catch the fish.

The reward can be obtained by returning the tagged fish and capture information to:

National Marine Fisheries Service
Southwest Fisheries Science Center
8901 La Jolla Shores Dr.
La Jolla, CA 92037
Telephone (858) 546-7129
Email: John.Childers@noaa.gov

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