

March 30, 1989

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Dear George,
Aloha!

Sorry we were not at home when you stopped by. Yes, it sure has been quite sometime since the last time & it's about time!

So far, our weathers been pretty nice and Arnold's been able to go out fishing every chance he get.

Yes, there are quite many turtles feeding close to shore. They are one of our tourist attractions, especially for those who never actually seen one in the ocean, only in Tanks. They are all around the place, from the area where you are thinking of setting your nets, all the way over to the boat ramp, close to shore, even to where you saw them. They are so tame, one can even catch them with out a net. I once have actually seen a man tourist who caught one and brought it on shore, took pictures and let it go back in. Then there are those who swims along side, using their underwater cameras & watch them feed. A tourist driver caught one close to our shop area, held it high out of the water while his people took pictures of him & the turtle from standing on the rocks close to the water. It was a nice day and the tide was low. Usually one cannot notice or see them as much on a windy and rough day & when the tide is high.

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If you do come early enough, you should watch and see them for yourself before setting the nets.

Haven't seen or heard of any nesting on our beach yet. I have heard people talk about some who poach but we haven't actually seen or heard names given. Guess they do it at night.

Some of the throw net fishermen get so angry at times. Upon seeing a school of fish, throws the net over them and not knowing a turtle was along feeding with them, gets caught too and being so large & etc, tears their nets apart.

This is the time when the Akule comes into the bay.

Arnold as well as others use cross nets to net them for bait and when they do, hope and pray that a stupid turtle is not caught too.

I think I had better sign off now as it's getting late, and I have a eye doctor and dentist appointment tomorrow in Hilo at 8:30 a.m. & 11:15. Got to leave here by 7 a.m. Be seeing you soon - bring pictures of the boys! love to see how much they have grown.

A love! to Linda & boys -

Sincerely,
Janette
and Arnold