

ACCUMULATION OF NET FRAGMENTS AND OTHER MARINE DEBRIS
IN THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
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ABSTRACT

Since 1982 Southwest Fisheries Center Honolulu Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, field personnel in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands have monitored the presence and accumulation of webbing and other marine debris considered to pose a hazard to Hawaiian monk seals. This paper summarizes results of this effort in 1982 and 1983. Webbing samples have been grouped by twine diameter and mesh size and provisionally identified as to gear type. Rates of accumulation of marine debris are presented for Lisianski and Laysan Islands.

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