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**2025- Sad News: Mike Laurs.**

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To all at SWFSC, IATTC, CDFW and retired folks -

Colleagues - We received word over the weekend that Mike Laurs passed away on the 4th of July. I have no further details other than he was recovering from a broken hip. Mike was a pioneer in fisheries oceanography who introduced the use of satellite imagery to discern oceanographic features and albacore behavior. His career with NOAA spanned ~40 years, during which he led the albacore group at our La Jolla Lab before becoming Director of our Honolulu Lab and subsequently Director of our Pacific Grove Lab. He was widely respected among domestic and international fisheries management communities. His familiarity with the issues, technical competence and outgoing personality inspired those who worked for him and made him a productive and effective advisor.

- Roger Hewitt

 Dr R Michael Laurs.jpeg

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