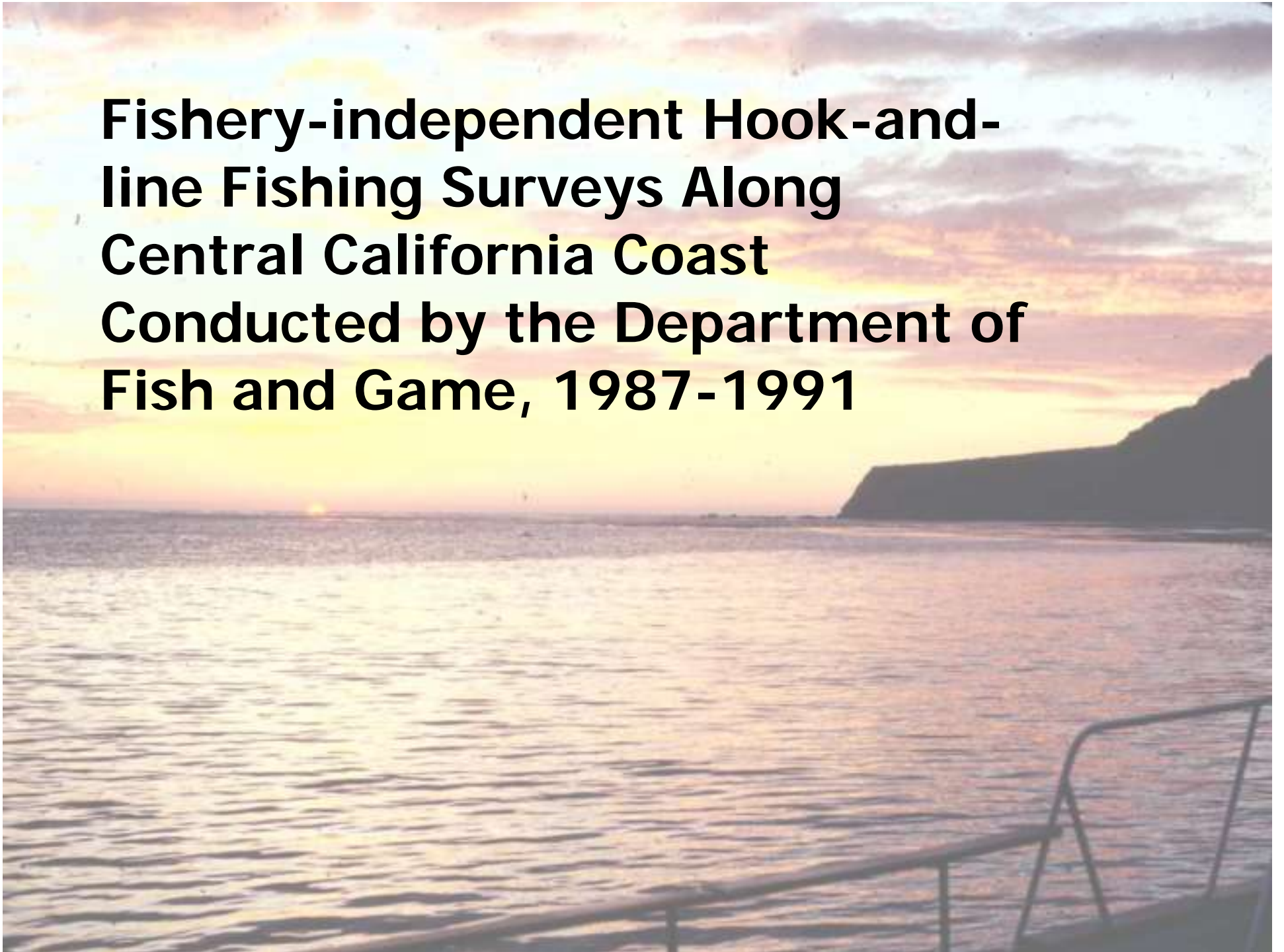


Fishery-independent Hook-and-line Fishing Surveys Along Central California Coast Conducted by the Department of Fish and Game, 1987-1991



R/V ALASKA was one of the first research vessels used during the surveys, 1979

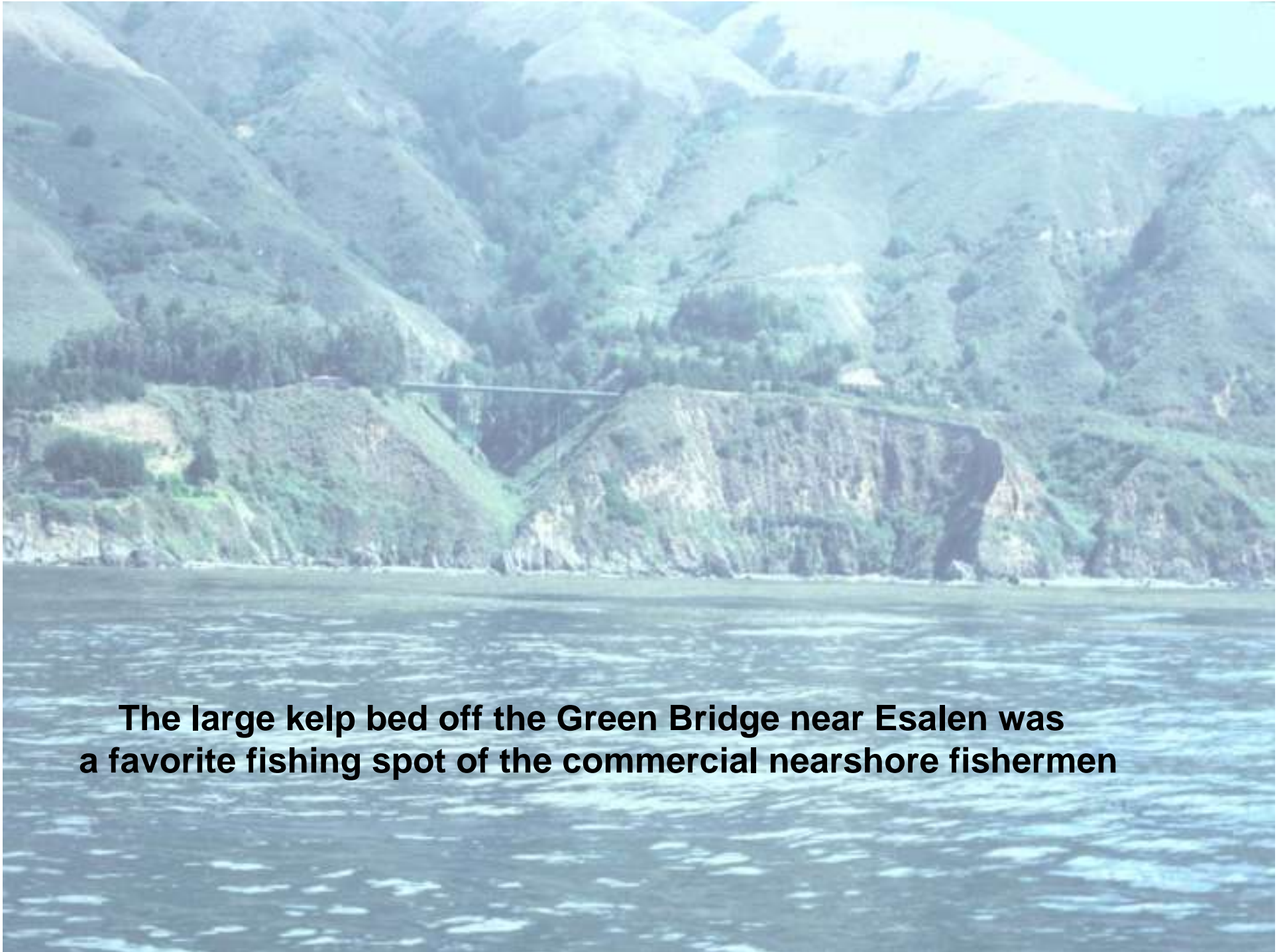


**R/V MAKO was used in
later surveys, 1993-97**





Square Black Rock in the Big Creek Ecological Reserve

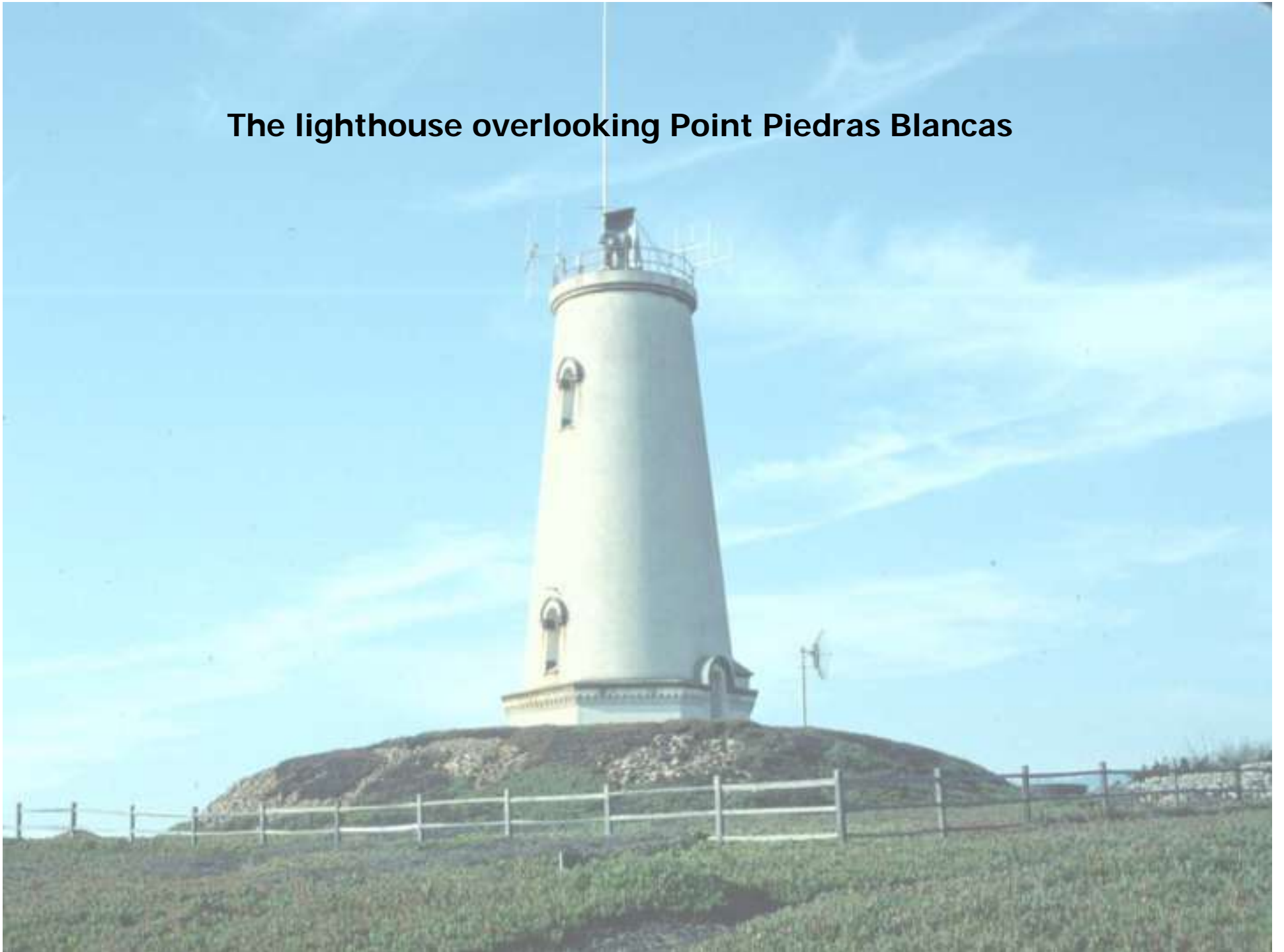


The large kelp bed off the Green Bridge near Esalen was a favorite fishing spot of the commercial nearshore fishermen



Plaskett Rock off Jade Cove was a good spot to catch mid-water schooling fishes like blue and olive rockfishes

The lighthouse overlooking Point Piedras Blancas



Fishing occurred in all types of weather



We often fished through lunch



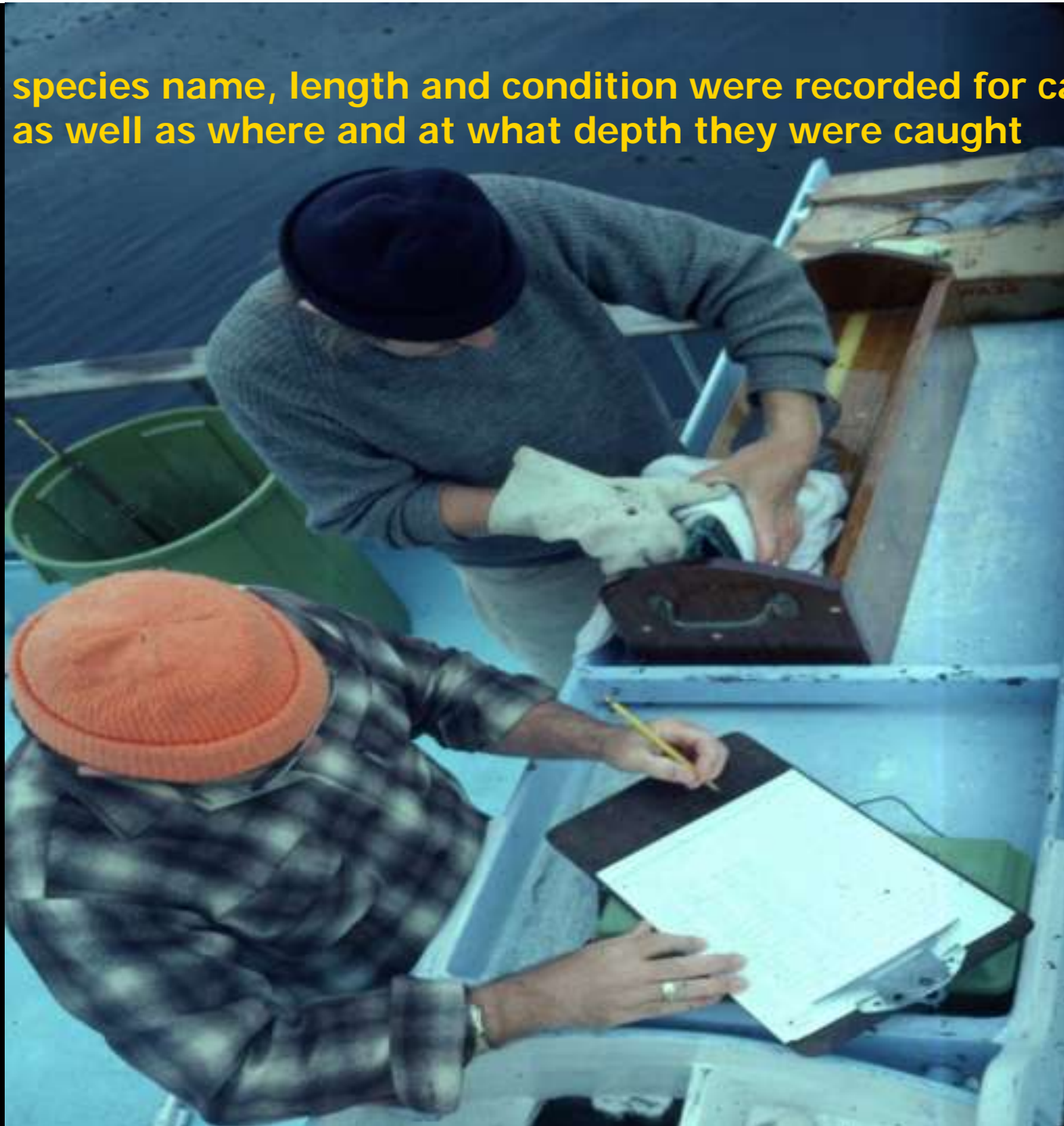
Two nice lingcod





Captured fish were carefully removed from the hook

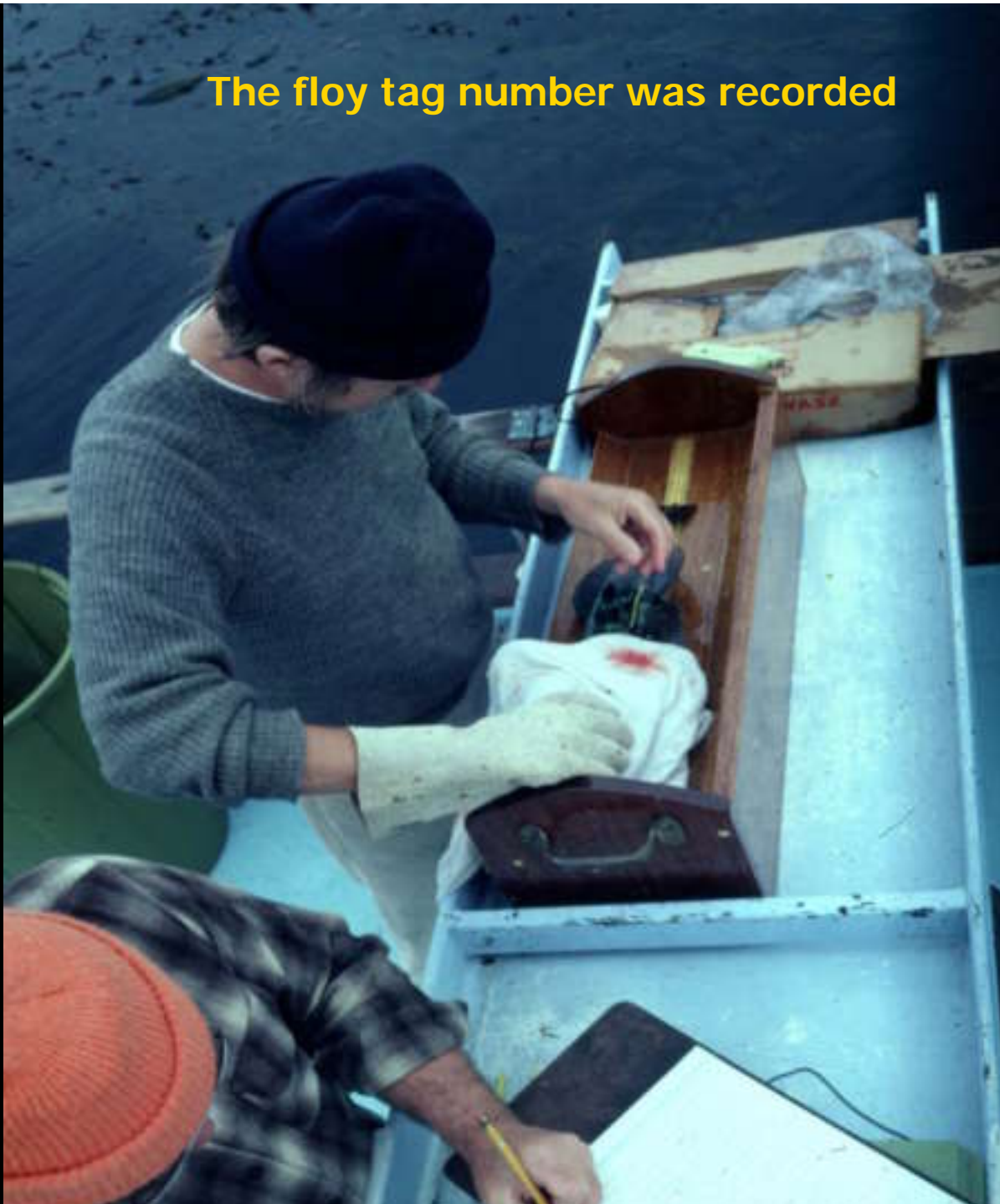
The species name, length and condition were recorded for captured fish as well as where and at what depth they were caught



A floy tag was placed in left dorsal musculature

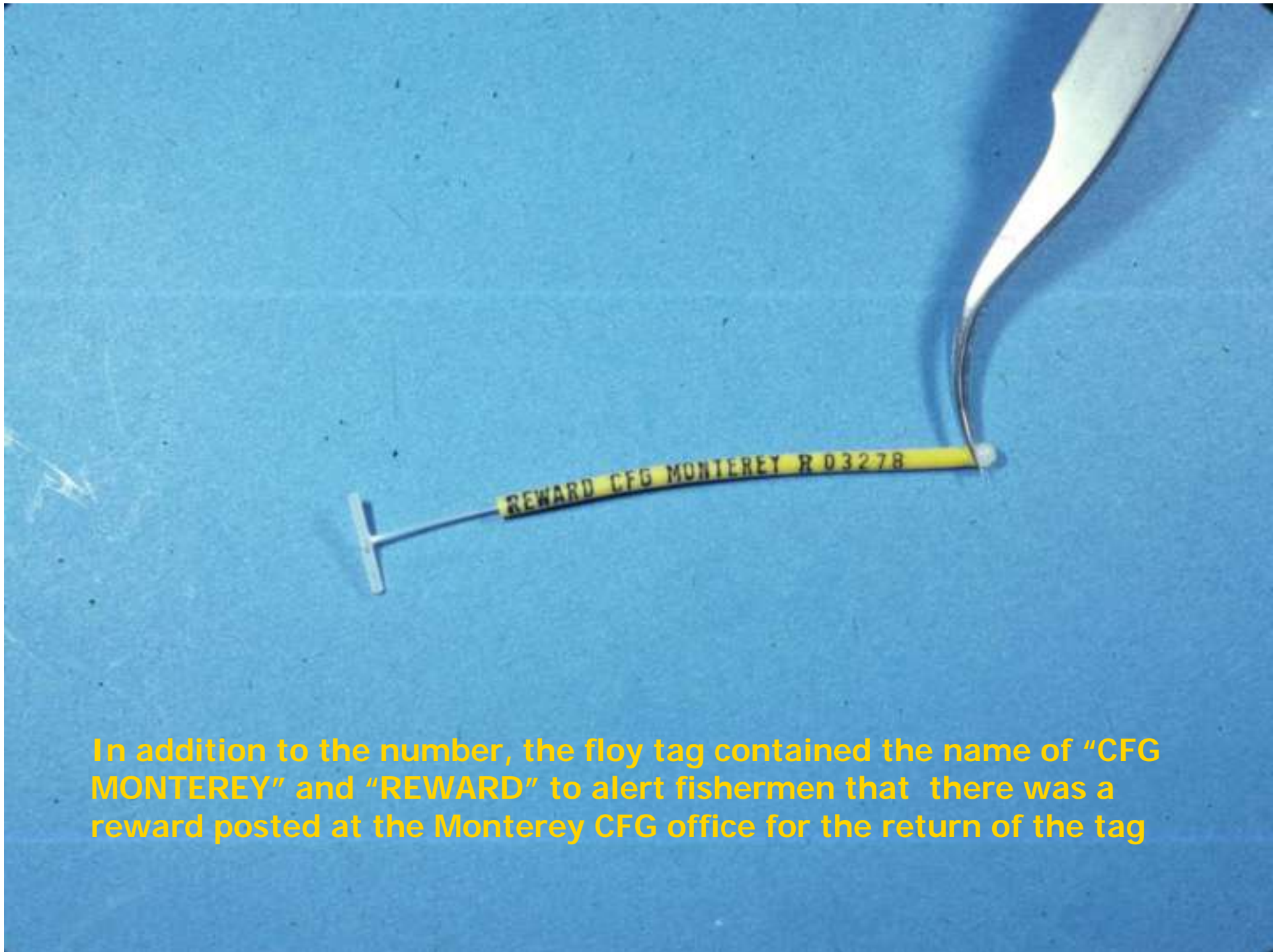


The floy tag number was recorded





Floy tag in the left dorsal musculature

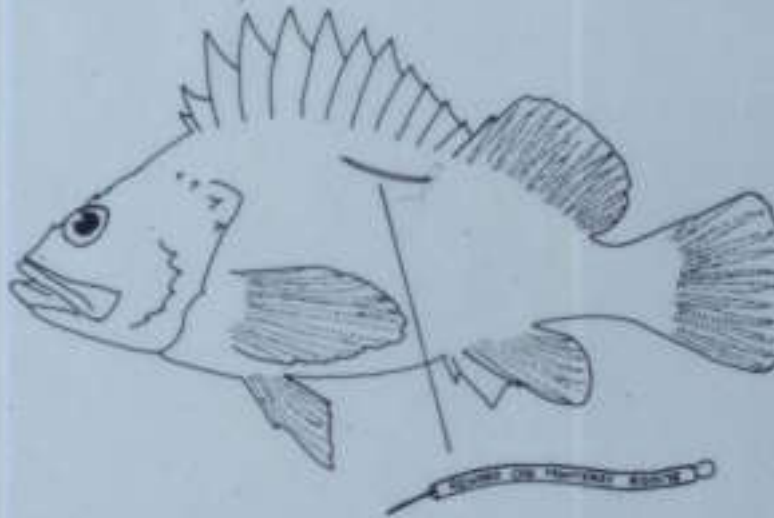


In addition to the number, the floy tag contained the name of "CFG MONTEREY" and "REWARD" to alert fishermen that there was a reward posted at the Monterey CFG office for the return of the tag

A man wearing a white and blue baseball cap, a plaid shirt, and a yellow apron is on a boat. He is holding a reddish-brown fish with a prominent dorsal spine. The background shows a blue body of water and a green, hilly coastline. The text is overlaid in yellow on the right side of the image.

After they were tagged and all information was recorded, fish were usually released where they were captured

TAGGED ROCKFISH



The California Department of Fish and Game is tagging rockfishes (and other sport species) off the central California coast in order to determine distribution, migratory patterns, and growth rates.

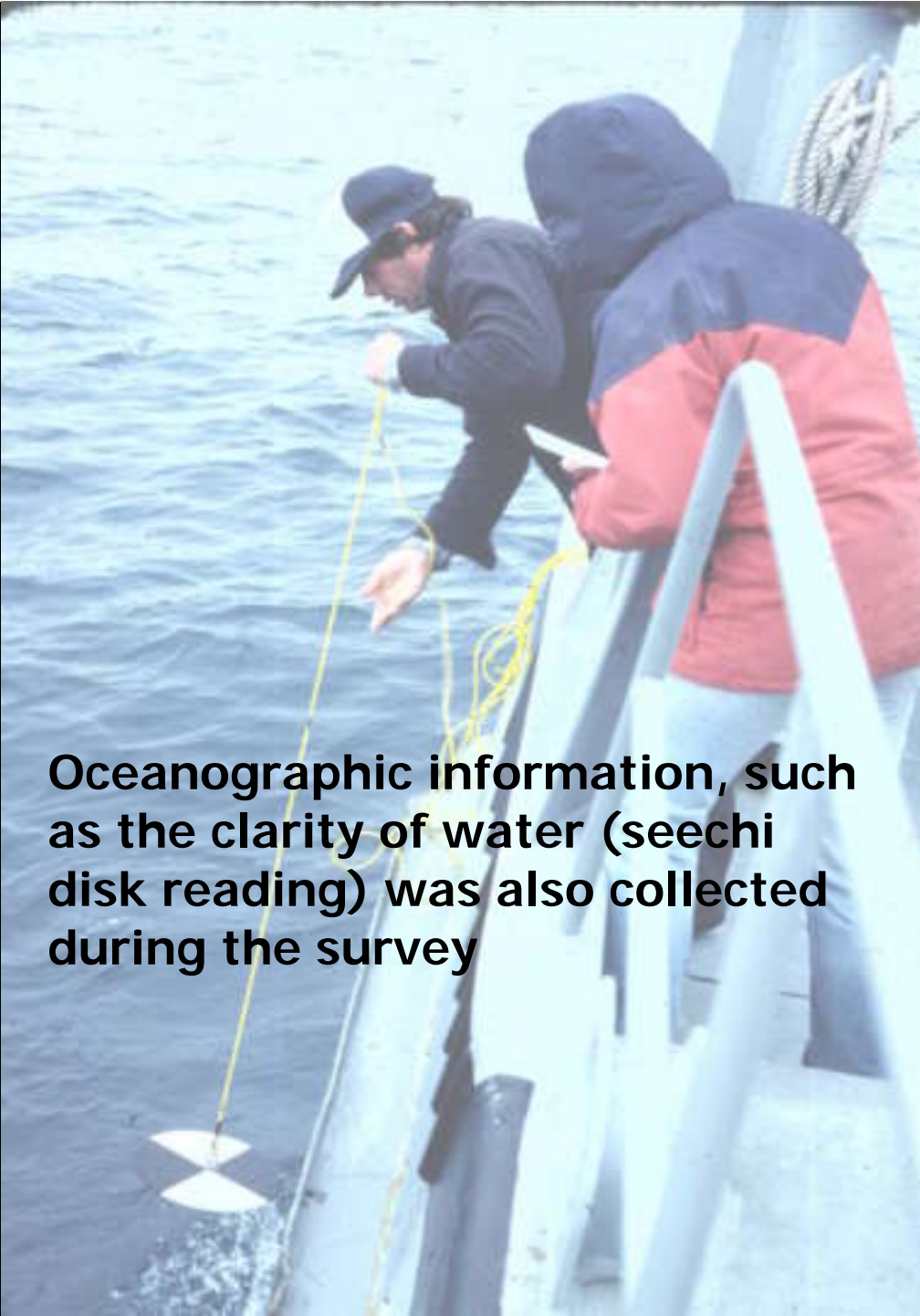
Tagged fish have a yellow plastic tag attached below the dorsal fin on the left side of the body.

You can help to maintain and improve the quality of marine sportfish angling. Send tag with date recovered, locality of capture (as exact as possible), name and address of person catching fish. If possible, include total length of fish.

A reward and information regarding tagging and recovery will be forwarded for each tag returned to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2201 GARDEN ROAD
MONTEREY, CALIF. 93940
PHONE: (408) 649-2870

These flyers
were posted
at fishing
docks

A photograph showing two people on the deck of a boat. One person, wearing a dark jacket and a cap, is leaning over the side, holding a yellow rope that extends into the water. The other person, wearing a red and blue jacket, is standing nearby. In the water, a white, diamond-shaped seichi disk is visible, attached to the end of the rope. The background shows the blue water of the ocean.

Oceanographic information, such as the clarity of water (sechi disk reading) was also collected during the survey



Temperatures at depths were recorded with a SEABIRD CTD

A yellowtail rockfish that was originally captured and tagged off Pt. Sur was recaptured 3 years and 5 months later at the Farallon Islands

