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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AQUATIC RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO BEGIN A RULEMAKING PROCESS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 187A-5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AS NECESSARY, TO RESOLVE THE USER CONFLICTS BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AKULE FISHERMEN AND RECREATIONAL POLE FISHING IN VARIOUS HARBORS ON KAUAI.

1 WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be user conflict
2 between commercial akule fishermen and recreational pole fishing
3 in various harbors on Kauai, including Port Allen and
4 Nawiliwili; and

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6 WHEREAS, there have been allegations that the commercial
7 akule fishermen have been depleting fish stocks to the detriment
8 of recreational pole fishing in these areas; and

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10 WHEREAS, in other harbors statewide comparable situations
11 have been addressed through legislation and administrative
12 rules; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Aquatic Resources
17 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
18 (Department) is requested to begin a rulemaking process,
19 pursuant to section 187A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to review
20 the current status of the user conflict between commercial akule
21 fishermen and recreational pole fishing in various harbors on
22 Kauai, to hold public meetings, and to recommend rule changes
23 that would better balance the use conflicts between the two
24 parties; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rulemaking process is
27 requested to begin as soon as possible and that the Department
28 is requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty



1 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009, on
2 the status of the adoption of any relevant rules; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
6 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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