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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A STOCK ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN MARINE LIFE TO  
DETERMINE A BASELINE FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's reefs are vibrant, living organisms,  
2 which support over 7,000 known species of marine plants and  
3 animals; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the ocean and its living creatures, who occupy its  
6 reefs and waters, held great significance and continue to hold  
7 great importance in native Hawaiian culture; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the health of Hawaii's reefs and ecosystems  
10 associated with these reefs are an integral part to the health  
11 of Hawaii's visitor industry and to the more than 200 small  
12 businesses directly involved with the ornamental fisheries  
13 industry; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the ornamental fisheries industry is the most  
16 economically significant near-shore fishery in the state, and  
17 the commercial ornamental fish industry, as a whole, has  
18 experienced gross sales of more than 20 million dollars per  
19 year; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the ornamental fisheries industry understands the  
22 need to manage the resource in a sustainable manner and has  
23 engaged in extensive dialog with the Department of Land and  
24 Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, and  
25 adversarial groups; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the majority of collectors in the industry adhere  
28 to a code of conduct published by the Hawaii Tropical Fish  
29 Association and is focused on the need for continued sustainable  
30 harvest of Hawaii's marine resources; and  
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1           WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Legislature has  
2 received a barrage of requests to take action on measures  
3 relating to fishing rights, and the development and  
4 implementation of rules regarding the regulation of taking  
5 ornamental reef fish for aquarium use will assist in the  
6 protection and conservation of Hawaii's reef fish and the health  
7 of their fragile ecosystem; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
12 Natural Resources is requested to conduct a statewide stock  
13 assessment of the Ornate butterfly (*Chaetodon ornatissimus*),  
14 Reticulated butterfly (*Chaetodon reticulatus*), Oval butterfly  
15 (*Chaetodon lunulatus*), Cleaner wrasse (*Labroides phthirophagus*),  
16 and White spotted puffer (*Canthigaster jactator*) to determine a  
17 baseline for future management measures should they become  
18 necessary; and  
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
21 Natural Resources is also requested to conduct a statewide stock  
22 assessment of the Manybar goatfish - moano (*Parupeneus*  
23 *multifasciatus*), Convict tang -manini (*Acanthurus triostegus*),  
24 Sleek unicornfish - 'opelu kala (*Naso hexacanthus*), Paletail  
25 unicornfish - kala (*Naso brevirostris*), and Bluespine  
26 unicornfish - kala (*Naso unicornis*), currently prohibited to  
27 commercial aquarium fish collectors, to determine a baseline for  
28 future repeal of the prohibitions on the collection of these  
29 species; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tropical Fish  
32 Association be involved in the design of the baseline study to  
33 ensure that it accurately reflects the nature of the fishery;  
34 and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
37 Natural Resources submit a report on the stock assessments to  
38 the Legislature twenty days prior to the start of the 2012  
39 legislative session; and  
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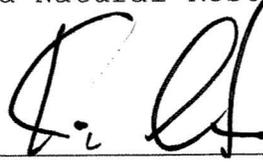


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
3 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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