# HB 1712

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#### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday April 2, 2009 9:30AM State Capitol, Conference Room 211

# In consideration of HOUSE BILL 1712, HOUSE DRAFT 2 SENATE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO FISHING

House Bill 1712, House Draft (HD) 2 Senate Draft (SD) 1 is an amalgam of several bills introduced the Session (House Bill 1712 HD2, Senate Bill 1 SD1, and Senate Bill 378 SD1) and directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to: 1) Continue holding public informational meetings for possible management measures regarding parrotfish (uhu), goatfish (weke/moana kali) and jacks (ulua/papio); to use and present all relevant data to support any proposed rules; as practicable, develop a monitoring and evaluation program to determine the effects of sedimentation, pollution, fresh water flow, etc., on the habitat of the abovementioned species groups; and to develop a monitoring and evaluation program to assess over time, the effectiveness of proposed rules on these species groups, 2) Create new management measures for opihi by establishing a five year moratorium on the harvesting of opihi on Oahu; a ban on taking or harvesting opihi statewide, subject to open and closed seasons; a restriction of harvest to coastal zones above the water line; a daily bag limit; and preservation of the traditional rights of certain ahupua tenants and 3) For the Island of Maui, establish bag limits of two fish per day for 8 species of parrotfish (uhu) and two fish per day for 3 species of goatfish (kumu, munu, moano ukali) and establish a minimum size for take of kumu, munu, moano ukali of 10 inches in length, and any uhu no less than 12 inches in length.

Because the combination of provisions currently incorporated in this hybrid measure is internally inconsistent in several respects, and because the measure mandates new activities for which there is no budget, the Department opposes this bill.

The Department references Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, that transferred promulgation of many marine life regulations from statute to the Department's administrative rule process. The Department has maintained, and the Legislature has agreed, that regulation of such matters such

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as minimum sizes, seasons, and bag limits is better handled through the administrative rule process, which allows a significant amount of deliberation and public input.

The Department would note that SECTION 2 of this bill is in conflict with SECTION 7 of the bill. SECTION 2 would have the Department provide for a rigorous standard to be met prior to the enacting or amending of current rules that govern the take of aquatic resources, specifically, three groups of fishes: parrotfishes, goatfishes, and jacks. SECTION 7, by contrast, proposes to establish take levels for at least two of these groups (parrotfishes and three goatfish species), but does not require that the standards in SECTION 2 be met. It would appear that this same dichotomy prevails in regard to the species of opihi treated in SECTIONs 4 and 5 as well.

The Department also notes that the requirements to develop a monitoring and evaluation programs to determine the effects of sedimentation, pollution, fresh water flow, etc., on the habitat of the above-mentioned species groups, and to develop a monitoring and evaluation program to assess over time, the effectiveness of proposed rules on these species groups are unfunded mandates that cannot be met due to budget restrictions currently prevailing.

Regarding SECTIONs 4 and 5, pertaining to opihi, the Department has previously testified that the input controls being proposed are incomplete solutions. The spatial closures are not comprehensive, either geographically or in terms of habitat. Oahu would be completely closed for five years, while other islands remain open, and harvesting would be permitted above the waterline in the open areas, but not below. The closed seasons are also not comprehensive, with complete closure for five years on Oahu, but only six month alternating open and closed seasons each year on all other islands. Finally, the social extent of these proposed regulations is not comprehensive, given that an exemption is allowed for "ahupuaa tenants". The Department is opposed to this inefficient set of input controls to regulate the taking of opihi.

Fishery regulations tend to be very complex and difficult to enforce, which results in many confrontational situations, and frustration on the part of the fishers as well as the public, who desire to see improved fishery management, and discouragement with governmental regulations in general. As an example, the Department considers the prohibition on taking opihi from below the waterline to be very difficult to enforce and opposes this proposed regulation. The Department also considers it likely that many persons will claim to be members of the class of individuals defined as "ahapuaa tenants" who are excluded from the provisions of this measure, a claim that will be problematic for enforcement officers to disprove.

The Department does support SECTION 4 as amended to include a daily bag limit. A seasonal closure combined with a bag limit is among the most powerful combination of management tools available to the Department because of its enforceability. Bag limits and seasonal closures are also more easily understood by the public. The daily bag limit will mitigate both redistribution of effort from closed to open areas (i.e., from Oahu to other islands), and render the question of who is or is not an "ahapuaa tenant" far less debilitating to the overall management effort, by effectively limiting harvest across all islands at all times. Therefore, the Department suggests this section of the bill be amended to include only the closed seasons and bag limit. As previously stated, the Department also prefers that such regulations be developed through administrative rule making.

Regarding SECTION 7 dealing with parrotfishes and goatfishes on Maui, the Department reiterates its previous testimony in support of the sunset provision, predicated on the Department successfully promulgating administrative rules dealing with these species. The Department notes that the bag and size limits proposed could provide useful interim management. However, because SECTION 7 is in conflict with the provisions of the bill's SECTION 2 (as explained above), the Department opposes this provision and prefers to develop such regulations via administrative rule making.



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i Supporting H.B. 1712 SD1 Relating to Fishing Senate Committee on Ways and Means April 2, 2009, 9:30AM, Room 211

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1712 SD1, particularly as amended by the Senate Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs to:

- Place manageable requirements on the DLNR related to uhu, weke/moana kali, and ulua/papio
- Incorporate the provisions of S.B. 1 SD 1 related to protection of 'opihi; and
- Incorporate the provisions of S.B. 378 SD1 related to parrotfish and goatfish on Maui.

There is already clear and abundant scientific data, analysis and evidence being utilized by the DLNR that points to serious declines in near-shore fish populations, especially among the large fishes that are so important for replenishing the reef. A recent analysis of DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) and federal National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data shows that 75% of targeted reef fishes in the main Hawaiian Islands are in critical or depleted condition as compared to the same species in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.<sup>1</sup> Another study recently published in the journal *Environmental Conservation* compared both healthy and degraded habitat and found that over-harvesting is the chief threat to popular reef fishes in the main Hawaiian Islands.<sup>2</sup>

There is particular concern for local populations of *uhu*, or parrotfish (family *Scaridae*), and other herbivorous fishes, many of which are depleted and appear to be targeted more heavily in recent years by commercial fishers. More scientific evidence points to the vital role herbivores play in maintaining reef health and to their positive impact on reducing the level of invasive algae. A 2007 study of Hawai'i Marine Life Conservation Districts and comparable fished areas published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, shows that reefs with abundant herbivorous fishes tend to have little or no problem with algal blooms, whereas reefs with few grazing fishes often have abundant seaweeds.<sup>3</sup>

'Opihi shells in archaeological layers are some of the earliest evidence of human habitation in the Hawaiian islands. Indeed, 'opihi have been an important and prized food source for Hawaiians for centuries. Although limpets grow throughout the world, Hawaii's 'opihi are only found here, evolving over thousands of years in isolation to become unique species in the world. Sadly, Hawaiian 'opihi are severely depleted and becoming increasingly difficult to find in the main islands. We are in danger of losing not only a marine animal that is unique in the world, but also losing an important direct connection to Hawaiian history and culture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Friedlander, A.M., presentation at the International Coral Reef Symposium, July 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Williams, I.D., et al., Assessing the importance of fishing impacts on Hawaiian coral reef fish assemblages along regional-scale human population gradients. Environmental Conservation, 2008. **35**(3): p. 261-272.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Friedlander, A.M., E. Brown, and M.E. Monaco, *Defining reef fish habitat utilization patterns in Hawai'i: comparisons between marine protected areas and areas open to fishing.* Marine Ecology-Progress Series, 2007. **351**: p. 221-233.

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We believe that the most important steps we can take to help restore fish populations are:

- 1. **Encourage responsible fishing** Take what you need not what you can. Indiscriminate fishing methods, like lay gill nets and fishing on SCUBA, should be tightly controlled or banned.
- 2. **Support community-based marine management** Help the communities that are managing marine resources, working to ensure compliance with laws, and monitoring human use and biological change over time.
- 3. Create replenishment areas for fish The process must be based on the best available science and credible local knowledge, involving all stakeholders. Examples include Maui's proposed herbivore replenishment area and the Fisheries Replenishment Areas on the Big Island.
- 4. **Strengthen enforcement capacity** Everyone agrees that there needs to be more and better enforcement.
- 5. **Manage statewide threats** Invasive species and land-based sources of pollution (*e.g.*, sewage injection wells, cesspools, illegal grading, stream channelization) are killing our reefs and must be reduced statewide.

Hawaii's coral reefs generate more than \$350 million of income annually in recreation, fishing, aquarium capture, research and other uses. They provide for our unique way of life in Hawai'i, and are a source of sustenance as well as recreation. Taken together, the actions outlined above form a comprehensive program that will enable the State to turn the tide on reef degradation and begin to preserve the biological, cultural, and economic values of Hawaii's reefs.

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#### Comments:

I applaud the concerned citizens of Maui taking the initiative to adopt resource managment regulations based on their observations of the stocks there. I fully support their efforts. I understand some individuals' call for further scientific study, but the bottom line is the fish stocks are undoubtedly down and there are observed abuses in the harvest of these fish. Better to regulate now while studies are made -- if the State is able to adjust the regualations once they have adequate data, these limits will be repealed.

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Please pass as written.

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#### Comments:

Please support bag limits. Support this bill.

Bag limits are more easily enforced than other methods.

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Gordon Nalu Yen

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#### Comments:

I support HB1712, Maui can be the model for the rest of the state, we desperately need to protect and preserve our near shore reefs & amp; marine life. When its gone, then its too late!

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#### Comments:

- -I support HB1712, but wish it be changed to an outright fishing ban at certain reefs in most stress.
- -I have participated in outrigger canoe paddling daily, mostly along Maui reefs, 4 times a week for several years. Each time we go out, we look for fish. It is remarkable to actually see a fish, because the fish are almost completely gone! This is particularly true for uhu and goatfish.
- -The Maui reefs are almost dead in many places. The lack of grazing fish appears to be a major problem for the reef. This bill, HB1712, can be of major contribution to reef
- -Please make every effort to pass this bill. Consider making it more restrictive.
- -Thank you.

Richard Fairclo

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Submitted on: 3/31/2009

#### Comments:

I strongly support the ban on SCUBA gear with opihi gathering or any sort of fishing. In fact, it should be illegal to have any sort of fish while in possession of SCUBA gear. These SCUBA divers are sneaking out at night and decimating our reefs.

I strongly support §188-A(e) the 1 quart limit on opihi.

It is imperative that §188-A(i) be retained giving kanaka maoli the right to gather below the waterline. However it should be made clear that NO ONE can use SCUBA gear -- even kanaka maoli.

I strongly support adding §188-A(j) It shall be illegal to sell opihi.

"§188- I strongly support the uhu and kumu bag limit. However, you should NOT allow sale of these species but I guess that won't fly.

Add §188 (g) It shall be unlawful to take uhu or goatfish while in possession of SCUBA gear.

THANK YOU! PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. WE ARE DESPERATE!!!!

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#### Comments:

Please SUPPORT HB1712. It's an important bill that deserves to be passed. Mahalo!!

# THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

#### NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

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# Strong Opposition of H.B. 1712 HD2, SD1 and Recommend an Amendment to revert to HD2; Relating to Fishing

Good afternoon Chair Mercado-Kim, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. I am Roy Morioka, a retiree, fisherman and resident of Waialae-iki, Oahu, and most appreciative for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. During this 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I have testified in strong support of the House version H.B. 1712 HD2 version of this bill and I have testified through its hearings in the House committees and Senate WTL committee since it sought to hold the department accountable to follow the process and direction provided in HRS Section 187A-2. Over these past four years, I have come before you and have consistently sought to have the department follow this section and provide the public with data it has collected and science it has conducted in developing proposed regulatory changes or rules and NOT simply rely on public opinion. I have also asked that the science and statistical data consider and include obvious direct and indirect impacts that have caused the need for a specific action and to include a mechanism to monitor the effectiveness of the action.

I now sit in total disbelief and in <u>strong opposition to the SD1 version of this bill</u> as the Senate WTL amendments to the original bill inserted opihi and Maui specific regulations that are under the administrative purview and the responsibility of the DLNR's HDAR. Not the legislature.

Alternatively, I recommend your amendment of this bill to restore it to its HD2 version as the intent of the House bill was to cause the department to be held accountable and do its job as mandated. Each year there are several bills calling for the regulation of one ocean resource such as the opihi and Maui specific fisheries bills that are introduced during the legislative session. Isn't this a RED FLAG that the department is failing to do its job? To further exacerbate the problem, the department when hearing of a concern conducts listening sessions to gather public sentiment and not science or data to determine the perceived condition of the resource and actions that should be taken. The recent sessions held throughout the state that were conducted for parrot fishes, goat fishes and jacks, did not present consistent information from the department, nor were the contents nor formats of these meetings consistent, and then we are told that the information gathered at these meetings will be used to develop regulations for these families of fish, I am dumbfounded. How does one develop consistent regulations after conducting a series of "apples and oranges" meetings to produce a "cherry pie?" Or it may be the process for DLNR to say that it did go through the motions mandated. This does not say much for "transparency" in resource management.

To hear the head of the department testify before a house committee that it does not have the financial resources to properly conduct the science necessary to effectively manage the resources it is entrusted is another indicator that the system is broken. Then to hear that such science and data collection would require extending the studies to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). Such a statement is bogus! For one, the coral reef ecosystem

Roy Morioka Senate Testimony HB1712, HD2, SD1

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there is totally different from those of the main Hawaiian Islands as it is predator dominated, meaning little fish are at the pointed end of the pyramid of the hierarchy of fishes there. Additionally, the federal government has assumed the role of resource manager there for decades and conducts the science and data collection of the NWHI to better understand the nature to maintain the "pristine" conditions that exist. Further, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been the manager of Midway Island and have conducted numerous studies and data collection of the flora and fauna of that island ecosystem.

This then begs the question, what has this department been doing with the monies it has spent on monitoring coral reefs and their associated resources? Aren't fish a part of the coral reef ecosystem and an indicator of its health? Where do the reef fishes such as parrot fish, goatfish and jacks go when a reef is devastated by siltation, urban runoff, pollution, etc.? What happens to our native species when alien species invade their habitat? What happens when rivers and streams are diverted, hardened, or reduced? What happens when injection wells are constructed and its discharge percolated through to the ocean? What happens when fertilizers and pesticides wash into the ocean after heavy rains or because of unchecked or broken irrigation problems? What happens when harbors are created and channels built? What happens when an artificial reef is constructed offshore from an existing reef? What happens to fish stocks when other ocean activities such as jet skis, parasailing, high-speed boat activities increase unchecked and unregulated from private marinas? When will the legislature stand up for the protection of our natural resources? Eliminating fishing will NOT solve the bigger problem!

As a citizen of this state and one facing discrimination because I fish, I seek your support and action to cause the department to fulfill its mandated duties to its people and its ocean resources as described in Section 187A-2 before developing or changing fishing rules and regulations. As such it is <u>imperative that you remove the</u> <u>opihi and Maui-specific fishing regulations from the bill and return it to its original HD2 version</u> to cause the department to do its job! If you find that the department is unable to fulfill these duties, then it is time to realign this function to one that can effectively do the job. Is it time for the legislature to designate another department as the State's natural resource manager?

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully, Roy N. Morioka

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I vote and support HB 1712, as written. Please help process this legislation.

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Comments:

Honorable Committee Members:

In light of overfishing that is taking place in some locales of the Hawaiian Islands, I support the bill HB 1712 and respectfully request your moving this bill forward as written:

Requiring the DLNR to consider relevant data to support the adoption of rules to regulate the taking of uhu, weke/moana kali, and ulua/papio, and develop a monitoring and evaluation program to determine the effectiveness of rules adopted and the effects of specified habitat threats on the regulated fish. Establishes a five year moratorium on the harvesting of opihi on Oahu, and a ban on taking or harvesting opihi statewide, subject to open and closed seasons, bag limits, and the traditional rights of certain ahupuaa tenants. Establishes a fishing bag limit and size restrictions for Maui for uhu and goatfish.

Mahalo, Brad Parsons

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Submitted by: Lynn Allen Organization: Individual

Address: Phone:

E-mail: <a href="mailto:lynn.all@maui.net">lynn.all@maui.net</a> Submitted on: 4/1/2009

From: Sent: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov Wednesday, April 01, 2009 7:56 AM

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Diane Allen Organization: Individual

Address: 1800 No. Bayshore Dr. #3614 Miami, FL 33132

Phone: 305.377.0916

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Sent:

Wednesday, April 01, 2009 7:53 AM

To:

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Cc:

elamm001@hawaii.rr.com

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Michael Elam Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 4/1/2009

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Submitted by: Lisa Kwon Organization: Individual

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Phone: 661.251.2135

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Submitted on: 4/1/2009

From:

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Sent:

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To:

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Cc:

jshore@route66la.com

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Submitted by: Jane Shore Organization: Individual

Address: 14013 Old Harbor Lane #207 Marina Del Rey, CA

Phone: 310-200-8553

E-mail: jshore@route66la.com

Submitted on: 4/1/2009

#### Comments:

This bill is so important for Maui's fish, reefs and shorelines. I am a frequent visitor to Maui and have seen the reefs decline over the years. Stop the over fishing now and save the reefs and fish for future generations.

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Cc: Subject: salgard@ix.netcom.com Testimony for HB1712 on 4/2/2009 9:30:00 AM

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Sylvia Gardner Organization: Individual

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Danielle Kornfeind

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Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:52 AM

To: WAM Testimony
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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Harold Hubert Organization: Individual

Address: Makena Road Kihei, Hawaii

Phone: (808) 874-2501 E-mail: DOCARE205@aol.com Submitted on: 4/1/2009

#### Comments:

We need something to protect the reefs, and fish population, Many will claim rights, bu fail to follow, proper practice. Hawaii being the only state which does not require fishing licenses (oddly) has released a whosale rape of the ocean resources. so we must have limits on howmuch damage we will allow. There are many who go out and do things properly, but there are also as many who would do things like take too much, with the answer If I did'nt take all, somebody else would.

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DOCARE205@aol.com

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Address: Makena Road Kihei, Hawaii

Phone: (808) 874-2501 E-mail: <u>DOCARE205@aol.com</u> Submitted on: 4/1/2009

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Sent:

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To: Cc: WAM Testimony pt@philipt.com

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Philip Thomas Organization: Individual Address: Maui, Hawaii

Phone:

E-mail: pt@philipt.com
Submitted on: 4/1/2009

#### Comments:

I support this bill because it puts restrictions on take of parrotfish (uhu) and goatfish (weke/etc.).

These fish are essential to the health of Hawaii's reefs, and they are currently being grossly overharvested.

In truth, it would be best to completely prohibit take of these species, but this bill at least recognizes the current overharvest and is a step in the protection of our reefs.

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, April 01, 2009 12:19 PM

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Florence Bahr Organization: Individual Address: Kauhale Street Kihei

Phone: 808 874-0661 E-mail: FloB2@aol.com Submitted on: 4/1/2009

#### Comments:

Please pass this bill to insure bag limits for these important reef fish. Now, I hear that Parrot Fish (Uhu) are being taken in large numbers at night when they are at rest on the reef. This is so important. Please, pleas, pass this bill.

Thank you for accepting my testimony.

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Sent:

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Meghan Dailer Organization: Individual

Address: Phone:

E-mail: <u>dailer@hawaii.edu</u> Submitted on: 4/1/2009

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nadineo@earthlink.net

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Nadine Ornburg Organization: Individual

Address: 40 Lamy Downs Lamy, NM

Phone: 505-466-6164

E-mail: nadineo@earthlink.net

Submitted on: 4/1/2009

#### Comments:

As a frequent visitor to Maui, I am in support of protecting one of Maui's great natural resources - her beautiful fish. The Hawaiian marine life is a big draw for me. I have noticed a decline in the fish population as I have visited over the years. Please pass this initiative.

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Sent:

Wednesday, April 01, 2009 11:40 AM

To:

WAM Testimony zitoon1@cox.net

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Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Linda Anderson Organization: Individual

Address: 18008 n. 20th Place Phoenix, Arizona

Phone: (602)

E-mail: <u>zitoon1@cox.net</u> Submitted on: 4/1/2009