HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 7, 2012, TO BE RECOGNIZED AS "HAWAII FISHING AND SEAFOOD WEEK".

WHEREAS, living in Hawaii, the heart of the Pacific, the sea and its bounty have sustained Hawaii's residents by providing food, recreation, transportation, and spirituality; and

WHEREAS, fishing is a tradition woven into local culture that has been passed down for generations; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents have learned to care for and sustain these resources through active participation, use, conservation, and management; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents consume more than three times the national per capita average of seafood each year; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's fisheries produce fresh, wholesome, and healthy seafood for Hawaii's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, supporting local seafood production in Hawaii is recognized as a priority to reduce dependence on imported goods and provide essential food security for our island state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that this body recognizes the week of October 1 through 7, 2012, as "Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this week, the State is requested to focus on highlighting the importance of fishing and seafood traditions in Hawaii, culminating with the "Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival" hosted by the Pacific Islands

Fisheries Group at Pier 38, Honolulu Harbor, on October 7, 2012; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the President of the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group.

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