

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Establishment of the Hawaii Fisheries Coordinating Council.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER
HAWAII FISHERIES COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Sec. -1 Establishment of the Hawaii fisheries coordinating council; membership. There is established within the department of land and natural resources the Hawaii fisheries coordinating council, hereinafter referred to as the council, for the purpose of advising the board of land and natural resources on matters relating to fisheries and the coordination of fisheries activities among the various federal, state, and county agencies and private industry. The council shall be composed of eleven voting members, and no more than ten nonvoting members, as follows:

- (1) Four shall be voting ex-officio members to consist of the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, the director of planning and economic development, the director of transportation, and the marine affairs coordinator.
- (2) Six shall be voting members representing the fishing industry appointed by the governor pursuant to section 26-34; provided that at least one member shall represent and be selected from each of the several counties of the State.
- (3) One shall be a voting member appointed by the governor pursuant to section 26-34 selected from the State’s recreational fishing population.

- (4) There shall be no more than ten nonvoting ex-officio members to consist of the respective economic development directors of the city and county of Honolulu, the county of Hawaii, the county of Maui, and the county of Kauai, and may include the director of the University of Hawaii's sea grant program, the chairperson of the Pacific tuna development foundation, and the chairperson of the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and such other members as deemed appropriate by the chairperson of the Hawaii fisheries coordinating council.

The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall serve as the chairperson of the council. All members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of duties and responsibilities of the council.

Sec. -2 Powers and duties of the council. The council shall advise the board of land and natural resources on matters relating to fisheries development including:

- (1) Proposing and preparing programmatic fisheries development plans and policies;
- (2) Coordinating all state fisheries activities as they relate to the federal and county governments, public and private organizations, and commercial enterprises;
- (3) Coordinating state agency requests for federal grants and technical assistance;
- (4) Promoting communication between industry and government sectors, including the consideration of problems, requirements, and available financial and technical assistance;
- (5) Performing such services as may be required by the governor and legislature; and
- (6) Preparing and submitting an annual report on the implementation of this chapter to the governor and the legislature prior to each regular session.

Sec. -3 Personnel. The department of land and natural resources shall provide staff support for the council to perform its duties and responsibilities.

Sec. -4 State agency cooperation. The council may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof such assistance and data as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out its powers and duties."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 1980.)