

ACT 67

H.B. NO. 1982

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Fish.

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

SECTION 1. The humuhumunukunukuapua'a (Rhinecanthus rectangulus), also known as the rectangular triggerfish, was designated as the official fish of the State in 1985. However, the enabling legislation was automatically repealed by operation of law in 1990, five years after the date of approval. Many among the general public, however, mistakenly assume that the humuhumunukunukuapua'a is still the state fish. The legislature finds that Hawaii does not currently have a fish designated as the official fish of the State.

The purpose of this Act is to permanently establish the humuhumunukunukuapua'a as the official fish of the State.

SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§5- State fish.** The humuhumunukunukuapua'a (Rhinecanthus rectangulus), also known as the rectangular triggerfish, is established and designated as the official fish of the State.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 2, 2006.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.