
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE FISHING REPORTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The federal government currently relies upon
2 the State's fisheries reporting system and the resultant data
3 for the management of fisheries in state and federal marine
4 waters. Because of a declared decline in bottomfish fishery due
5 to overfishing, the federal government recently voiced the need
6 for the State to better monitor bottomfish catches. In an
7 effort to address these issues, the federal government proposes
8 to reduce overall take to a specified annual total catch and
9 then to monitor fishing more closely by requiring reporting by
10 trips, rather than reports solely based on monthly catch.

11 The department of land and natural resources (department)
12 has agreed to assist and cooperate because it involves a fishery
13 with shared jurisdiction and agrees with the reporting
14 requirement. Should the department agree to alter its
15 requirement on fishers to report by trip, the current reporting
16 frequency by month would need to change. The overall authority
17 wording in section 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is sufficient
18 for this purpose, but the section's title, which presently



1 references "monthly catch", should be amended to accommodate a
2 more flexible approach.

3 The purpose of this Act is to amend the title of section
4 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to more accurately reflect the
5 need for flexibility in reporting requirements.

6 SECTION 2. Section 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending the title to read:

8 "§189-3 [~~Monthly catch report.~~] Commercial marine fishing
9 reports."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Commercial Marine Fishing Reports

Description:

Amend the title of section 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from "monthly catch" to "commercial marine fishing reports" to more accurately reflect the need for flexibility in reporting requirements. (HB3175 HD1)

