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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:  
4           "§188-    Ornamental fish; bag limit; prohibition; yellow  
5 tang stock assessment. (a) There shall be a combined bag limit  
6 of twenty fish per person per day of ornamental fish, including  
7 but not limited to, yellow tang, flame angels, and butterfly;  
8 provided that the combined bag limit may include a maximum of  
9 only five yellow tang. No person shall catch, net, or trap more  
10 than the bag limit. The department of land and natural  
11 resources shall formulate an annual stock assessment of the  
12 yellow tang, beginning September 1, 2008, based upon data  
13 existing as of that date to provide an estimated inventory for  
14 preservation purposes; provided that the assessment shall be  
15 made publicly available.  
16           (b) No person shall catch, net, or trap certain ornamental  
17 fish in a no-take category, including but not limited to, all



1 puffer fish, all box fish, potter's angel, cleaner wrasse, all  
2 coralvores, and all eels.

3 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "ornamental  
4 fish" means salt water fish, usually found in or around reefs,  
5 that are commonly kept in aquariums.

6 (d) The department of land and natural resources shall  
7 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for purposes of this section,  
8 including adding other types of ornamental fish."

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
12 yellow tang fish stock assessment as provided in section 1 of  
13 this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
18 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report Title:**

Fishing; Ornamental Fish; Bag Limits; No Take Category;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Imposes bag limits on certain ornamental fish; prohibits  
catching of certain ornamental fish; appropriation

