

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii
Supporting H.B. 3175 Relating to Commercial Marine Fishing Reports
House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 9:00AM, Rm. 312

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii supports H.B. 3175 Relating to Commercial Marine Fishing Reports.

This bill allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collect reports and monitor bottomfish catches consistently with recent federal declarations of overfishing in the shared state-federal bottomfish fishery. With this legislation, the State will be allowed to collect data by individual trip rather than monthly and, thus, be consistent with federal data collection requirements in this fishery.

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Aloha Chair Represenative Ken Ito My name is Carl Pao Jellings from Waiane Oahu In Opposition to HB 3175 the monthly catch report allows full time fishermen such as my self the flexibility to do catch reports on a more convenient basis the 10 days after the month gives us ample time to do reports without bringing unnesasary **Burden to fishers who do not target the deep seven species Paka Onaga Ehu etc.**

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In Support of HB 3175 – Relating to Commercial Marine Fishing Reports

Good morning Chair Ito, vice chair Karamatsu and honorable committee members. I am Roy Morioka of Waialae-Iki, Oahu, a retiree and fisherman. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support. I support the measure as it simply revises the title of section 189-3, HRS from “monthly catch” to “commercial marine fishing reports.”

Thank you again for your consideration and this opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely Yours,
Roy N. Morioka