
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONDUCT A STOCK ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN MARINE LIFE TO
DETERMINE A BASELINE FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's reefs are vibrant, living organisms,
2 which support over 7,000 known species of marine plants and
3 animals; and
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5 WHEREAS, the ocean and its living creatures, who occupy its
6 reefs and waters, held great significance and continue to hold
7 great importance in native Hawaiian culture; and
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9 WHEREAS, the health of Hawaii's reefs and ecosystems
10 associated with these reefs are an integral part to the health
11 of Hawaii's visitor industry and to the more than 200 small
12 businesses directly involved with the ornamental fisheries
13 industry; and
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15 WHEREAS, the ornamental fisheries industry is the most
16 economically significant near-shore fishery in the state, and
17 the commercial ornamental fish industry, as a whole, has
18 experienced gross sales of more than 20 million dollars per
19 year; and
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21 WHEREAS, the ornamental fisheries industry understands the
22 need to manage the resource in a sustainable manner and has
23 engaged in extensive dialog with the Department of Land and
24 Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, and
25 adversarial groups; and
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27 WHEREAS, the majority of collectors in the industry adhere
28 to a code of conduct published by the Hawaii Tropical Fish
29 Association and is focused on the need for continued sustainable
30 harvest of Hawaii's marine resources; and
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1 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Legislature has
2 received a barrage of requests to take action on measures
3 relating to fishing rights, and the development and
4 implementation of rules regarding the regulation of taking
5 ornamental reef fish for aquarium use will assist in the
6 protection and conservation of Hawaii's reef fish and the health
7 of their fragile ecosystem; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
12 Natural Resources is requested to conduct a statewide stock
13 assessment of the Ornate butterfly (*Chaetodon ornatissimus*),
14 Reticulated butterfly (*Chaetodon reticulatus*), Oval butterfly
15 (*Chaetodon lunulatus*), Cleaner wrasse (*Labroides phthirophagus*),
16 and White spotted puffer (*Canthigaster jactator*) to determine a
17 baseline for future management measures should they become
18 necessary; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources is also requested to conduct a statewide stock
22 assessment of the Manybar goatfish - moano (*Parupeneus*
23 *multifasciatus*), Convict tang -manini (*Acanthurus triostegus*),
24 Sleek unicornfish - 'opelu kala (*Naso hexacanthus*), Paletail
25 unicornfish - kala (*Naso brevirostris*), and Bluespine
26 unicornfish - kala (*Naso unicornis*), currently prohibited to
27 commercial aquarium fish collectors, to determine a baseline for
28 future repeal of the prohibitions on the collection of these
29 species; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tropical Fish
32 Association be involved in the design of the baseline study to
33 ensure that it accurately reflects the nature of the fishery;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
37 Natural Resources submit a report on the stock assessments to
38 the Legislature twenty days prior to the start of the 2012
39 legislative session; and
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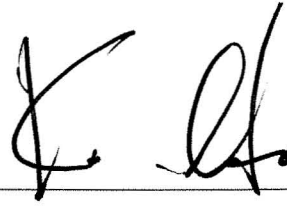
41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
43 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

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