
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TO CONSULT AND CONFER WITH LICENSED SPECIALIZED FISHING PRACTITIONERS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING REVISED OR NEW REGULATIONS AFFECTING THESE STYLES OF NEAR-SHORE COMMERCIAL FISHING AND TO SEEK ADVICE FROM AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEM ON ANY AND ALL FUTURE REGULATIONS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL FISHING.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is special because of its past and many
2 traditions, cultures, values, and most importantly, its people;
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5 WHEREAS, as islands in the center of an ocean, the people
6 of Hawaii have and continue to rely on its natural resources as
7 a means for sustenance, health, culture and being; and
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9 WHEREAS, the social, cultural and economic value of
10 Hawaii's natural resources have always been and will continue to
11 be immeasurable, unquantifiable and priceless; and
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13 WHEREAS, whether facing times of economic challenge or
14 prosperity, food from the land and ocean fill a constant and
15 growing demand from locals of and visitors to our state; and
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17 WHEREAS, specialized cultural practitioners, unique to
18 Hawaii, with intrinsic and learned knowledge passed down through
19 countless generations, trained, skilled, and proficient in
20 numerous techniques of fishing, including surround bag/gill net
21 fishing, fish trapping, and aqua lung and free dive spear
22 fishing, continue to demonstrate responsible use of and caring
23 for the bounties of the ocean by studying, nurturing,
24 cultivating, and managing these resources on a daily basis for
25 perpetual use; and
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1 WHEREAS, these specialized cultural practitioners, the only
2 providers of locally-caught fresh seafood to our State, are
3 regulated by nature, the community, and the State, and accept
4 their kuleana and responsibility to provide the Department of
5 Land and Natural Resources with the only measurable and
6 consistent source of data to record, interpret and analyze, and
7 utilize as the best-available science in determining the
8 condition of the resource; and
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10 WHEREAS, as responsible experts of their trade and
11 providers to our communities, these specialized cultural
12 practitioners depend on the fair management of our resources for
13 their livelihood and perpetuation; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature, of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land
18 and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, is urged
19 to consult and confer with these licensed specialized fishing
20 practitioners prior to implementing revised or new regulations
21 affecting these styles of near-shore commercial fishing and to
22 seek advice from and work collaboratively with them on any and
23 all future regulations relating to commercial fishing; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
27 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY: _____

