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Date Submitted: March 13, 2009

Testifier's Name/Position/Title: Dan Polhemus, Aquatic Resources Division Administrator

Committee the comments are directed to: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND &
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The Date & Time of Hearing: Monday, March 16, 2009
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Measure Number: SB 378 SD 1 RELATING TO FISHING

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Monday, March 16, 2009
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 378, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO FISHING**

Senate Bill 378, Senate Draft 1 would: 1) Establish bag limits of two fish per day for 8 species of parrotfish (uhu) and two fish per day each of 3 species of goatfish (kumu, munu, moano ukali) and; 2) Establish a minimum size for take of kumu, munu, moano ukali of 10 inches in length, and any uhu no less than 12 inches in length. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is agreeable to this version of the bill as it would provide for a sunset provision the Department had previously sought, predicated on the Department successfully promulgating administrative rules covering these uhu and goatfish species.

Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, transferred many of the marine life regulations from statutes to the Department's administrative rules. The Department argued in favor, and the Legislature agreed, that the creation of regulations for such matters as minimum sizes, seasons, bag limits, etc. were better handled through the administrative rules process.

The Department is currently conducting statewide public meetings on many marine species in need of further conservation including the species in this bill. At these meetings, fishers are being asked for their input on a variety of management options including: minimum sizes, bag limits, restrictions on take based on commercial or non-commercial purposes, open and closed seasons.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's support for the Department to continue its efforts to promulgate these proposals through administrative rules.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting S.B. 378, SD1 Relating to Fishing
House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
March 16, 2009, 9:00AM, Room 325

The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 378, SD1 as an important step toward protecting some of Hawaii's most heavily impacted reef fish species.

Hawaii's coral reefs generate more than \$350 million of income annually in recreation, fishing, aquarium capture, research and other uses. They provide for our unique way of life in Hawai'i, being a source of sustenance as well as recreation.

However, scientific evidence points to serious declines in near-shore fish populations, especially among the large fishes that are so important for replenishing the reef. A recent analysis of DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources and federal National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration data shows that 75% of targeted reef fishes in the main Hawaiian islands are in critical or depleted condition as compared to the same species in northwestern Hawaiian islands.¹ Another study published in the journal *Environmental Conservation* shows that over-fishing is the chief threat to popular reef fishes in the main islands.²

There is particular concern for local populations of uhu and other herbivorous fishes, many of which are depleted and appear to be targeted more heavily in recent years by commercial fishers. More science points to the vital role herbivores play in maintaining reef health and to their likely positive impact on reducing the level of invasive algae. A 2007 study of Hawai'i Marine Life Conservation Districts and comparable fished areas published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series* shows that reefs with abundant herbivorous fish tend to have little or no problem with algal blooms, whereas reefs with few grazing fishes often have abundant seaweeds.³

We believe that the most important steps we can take to help restore fish populations are:

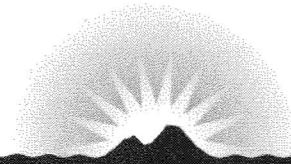
1. **Encourage responsible fishing** – Take what you need not what you can. Indiscriminate fishing methods, like lay gill nets and fishing on SCUBA, should be tightly controlled or banned.
2. **Support community based marine management** – Help the communities across the state that are managing marine resources, working to ensure compliance with laws, and monitoring human use and biological change over time.
3. **Create replenishment areas for fish** – The process must be based on the best available science and credible local knowledge, involving fishers, local communities, scientists, and government. Examples include Maui's proposed herbivore replenishment area and the Fisheries Replenishment Areas on the Big Island.
4. **Strengthen enforcement capacity** – Everyone agrees that enforcement needs to be improved. Hawaii's enforcement capacity is underfunded and understaffed.
5. **Manage statewide threats** - Invasive species and land-based sources of pollution (e.g., sewage injection wells, cesspools, illegal grading, stream channelization) are killing our reefs and must be reduced through statewide action and policy.

Taken together, these actions form a comprehensive program that will enable the State to turn the tide and begin to preserve the biological, cultural, and economic values of Hawaii's reefs.

¹ Friedlander, A.M., presentation at the International Coral Reef Symposium, July 2008.

² Williams, I.D., et al., *Assessing the importance of fishing impacts on Hawaiian coral reef fish assemblages along regional-scale human population gradients*. *Environmental Conservation*, 2008. **35**(3): p. 261-272.

³ Friedlander, A.M., E. Brown, and M.E. Monaco, *Defining reef fish habitat utilization patterns in Hawai'i: comparisons between marine protected areas and areas open to fishing*. *Marine Ecology-Progress Series*, 2007. **351**: p. 221-233.



MAUI TOMORROW FOUNDATION, INC.

Protecting Maui's Future

March 14, 2009

SB 378 SD1

Mark Sheehan
President

Measure: Relating to Fishing

Rob Parsons
Vice President

Report Title: Uhu, Goatfish, Bag Limit; Size Restriction

Trip Lynch
Treasurer

Description: Establishes a fishing bag limit and size restrictions for Maui for uhu and goatfish (SD1)

Judith Michaels
Secretary

Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. urges support of this important bill, critical to protection and restoration of Maui's marine resources, by assigning bag and size limits to uhu and goatfish. Parrotfish are currently being taken from our reefs in large numbers and are showing up for sale in small local markets. Protections must be put in place to stop this practice.

Lance Holter

Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. supports the practice of sustainable fishing techniques and observance of size and catch limits. Unregulated fishing practices have left 75 percent of reef fishes depleted or in critical condition around the main Hawaiian Islands. Many of these species are important native food fishes; they also play a critical role within Hawaii's unique reef ecosystem.

Richard Michaels

The declining fish stock is disrupting the ecological balance of many reefs which rely on herbivorous fish to keep algal growth in check. Over-fishing is one of a growing list of pressures on Hawaii's coral reefs; uhu are a lynchpin species—our reefs may suffer a complete collapse if these fish are decimated.

Maury King

Maui Tomorrow Foundation supports the passing of SB 378 SD1 to require bag limits for uhu and goatfish.

Elle Cochran

Thank you,

Michael Duberstein

Kai Nishiki

Irene Bowie
Executive Director

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Executive Director

~~COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & NATURAL RESOURCES~~

Rep. Ken Ito, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 16,
2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania
Street

Say no to SB 378

Dear Committee members,

We need to base our ocean management on science. These Bills are heading in the wrong direction. DNLR has laws in effect for these fish already. Bag limits will not work. 5000 divers at two Uhu each could devastate an areas Uhu population. Impacted areas on Maui are near population areas. Also this law makes no consideration for areas around Maui not impacted by fishing. Northeast, North, East and South East Maui are hard to reach areas and are mostly untouched. The problem needs to be addressed for south Maui. This bill would restrict food supply in hard times for many. Non science based cries from ecology groups once again lead us down the wrong path.

DNLR has laws protecting Uhu to L 50 breeding size 12 inches. Adult breeding Omilu lay four million eggs. There is no need to rush into bad legislation.

If certain areas are indeed depleted a wiser decision would be small protected areas closed to all! Tourists also impact reefs. Familial genetics of fish, radio labeled fry studies and science backs this approach to ocean management. Closing large areas just increases demand on unclosed areas as fish do not travel much. We must be careful not to make more mistakes as the solution is not a simple as bag limits.

Most of the Uhu species listed are not even taken for food and are extremely abundant. Smaller species of Uhu are already over populated in some areas due to loss of predators. Reefs are being over grazed by smaller Uhu species and laws protect them. Goat fish during young stage run by thousands near shore during certain times of the year and are important catch for Aku fishing. Goat fish are very abundant and I cannot believe they are even considered for further restrictions. Goat fish are caught by us 10 feet to 180 feet when fishing. Sandy areas are so abundant and supply a vast area for goat fish. Goat fish should not be on this bill.

This law does not make since! I do not take or eat Uhu or Goat fish I just want to see the right thing done. This bill is not it.

Ron Tubbs B.S. N.D.

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Testifier will be present: No

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Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I respectfully ask and urge the legislature to adopt SB378 and/or take action to reduce the current untenable practice of unlimited harvesting of uhu and goatfishes. It is critical that our marine ecosystems are protected--such ecosystems are vital components of Hawaii's economic, cultural, and environmental health. Our state needs to limit the catching of uhu--parrotfishes and goatfishes--such that the populations of these important reef fishes is restored to sustainable levels. These fishes play an integral role in maintaining and preserving the health of our ocean reef systems and even create new beach resources!

Please adopt SB378 and/or other bills or provisions to protect the vital Uhu and goatfishes.

Mahalo for your considered action.

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Submitted by: Michael Reed Gach

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I urge you to protect our marine resources through supporting SB378.

Mahalo.

Michael Gach

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Submitted by: Kira Sabini

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Everyone loves sandy beaches. Without parrotfish there would be no fine sand. Let's protect our beaches, the fish and our future.

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Organization: Individual

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Duane Erway

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Aloha!!

Uhu are almost wiped out on Maui . Something must be done.

Duane Erway

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Organization: Individual

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Submitted by: Michael S Howden

Organization: Permaculture Maui

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please help preserve our marine resources.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kenneth B. Kepler, MD

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

As a life long Maui resident, I strongly support the proposed bill on bag limits. I have personally seen the dramatic decline in the mentioned fish as an avid spearfisher. I do believe we need drastic, immediate action. I would support bag limits on further native species as well. Thank you.

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Submitted by: Rachel Bianco

Organization: Individual

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Carrie DeMott

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

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E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I am a teacher on this island and an avid diver. I have spent many days with my head in the water at Airport counting fish and monitoring algae and coral disease.

This proposition would help buy us some time. The reef is degrading fast and if nothing is done it will be gone in a matter of years. There will be no fish, no coral, no beach. We need the time to fix the problems of construction, waste water, and pollution. This proposition might just give us that time.

Please support this measure.

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Organization: Individual

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Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I enjoy spear fishing but also have participated in herbivorous fish counts. The reef by Airport Beach has tons of invasive algae and small fish anyway. This proposition would help restore the balance to the area and possibly provide larger fish for the surrounding fishing spots.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Takeo Miyaguchi

Organization: Individual

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Phone: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Regards bag and size limits on uhu and goat fishes:
The decline of these fishes on Maui has accelerated drastically and we need your help desperately to manage these populations. Please support SB378.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Bob Schmidt

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please do what you can to support this bill, I feel it is important to protect our uhu and goatfishes. I feel it would be helpful to let our uhu and goatfishes to increase their numbers again by requireing bag and size limits.

Parrotfish are currently being taken from our reefs in large numbers. Protections must be put in place to stop this practice or we won't have any parrot fish and goatfish for the coming generations. I fully support this bill and request that you do also. It is the only sensible thing to do.

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Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

These fish are a vital element and feature on our reefs. Their population appears to be decreasing and this is tragic. Please pass this measure as a means to control harvesting of these animals. The reefs will suffer, then we will suffer if fishing is not regulated.

Mahalo

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Shane Sevey

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I have been a dive instructor and a recreational diver here in Hawaii for nearly a decade. I have witnessed the decline of our fish, especially the targeted species such as parrotfish and goatfish, through the years. I can't tell you how many times I have had return clients disappointed about their dive experience because of the decreased fish numbers in our waters. We must act to limit our catches to ensure the richness of our species diversity for the future, not only for our children, but also for ecotourism dollars.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: mike cesere

Organization:

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Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

we really need to take some action to protect our local hawiiian reefs and fish... we need to have limits set forth or there will be no fish left in our water.. we have to act now

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Submitted by: Warren Blum

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I am a working divemaster on a scuba charter boat out of Kihei on Maui. I have been working in these South Maui waters now for 8 years and have done over 3,000 dives here. I have personally seen the decrease in uhu and goatfish along our costal waters. Please support this bill.

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Submitted by: Lance Holter

Organization: Hawaii Democratic party

Address: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

The Hawaii Democratic party at the 2008 State Convention passed the resolution ENVIR 08-15 Protect Hawaii Marine Resources and therefore made this part of the Hawaii Democratic Platform. The sustainability of those resources, including fisheries, are of paramount importance to all who live in Hawaii Nei, as well as, for future generations. Please support Senate Bill 378.

Aloha, Lance Holter, Chairman, Maui Democratic party

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Dear Representatives Ken Ito, Sharon E. Har & Members of the Committee,

I'm writing as an individual to support the proposed SB378 SD1 to limit and "not ban" the taking of goatfish and parrotfishes around the island of Maui. We could never have enough regulation to sustain all of our natural resources. There must also be support for enforcement by DOCARE but the most cost-effective and greatest need would be to educate the public.

I moved to Maui from O'ahu almost 25 years ago. In addition to the decline in fishes, I'm saddened to report that I've seen a decline in the amount of fishers and divers using the ocean. Some of it because of increased conflicts with ocean recreation activities such as windsurfing, kite surfing, stand-up paddling and surf schools. The expanded development around Maui has resulted in the loss of safe public access to trails and "public beaches" used by fishers and divers. As the population grows, you know that existing facilities are being heavily used and maintenance of parks and harbors are not as efficient as we'd like them to be.

I would like to see oama (baby goatfish) fishing runs at the end of summer. It would mean that weke (goatfish) spawning was successful. When I was growing up it marked the ending of summer vacation and the return to school. Most of this current generation does not fish and most do not dive. So I'm sure they never experience the fun with family and friends just a generation ago.

Thank you for listening.

Aloha,

Skippy Hau

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Kecia Joy

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I am a concerned Marine Biologist who knows that Maui reefs need the support of this bill to protect parrotfish-- a lynchpin species and goatfish. Their populations are being very low and we don't want to see them disappear. Thank you for doing the right thing and protecting the reefs.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Cheryl King

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Our marine resources are in serious decline, and without protection and enforcement of these types of laws then our populations are sure to crash completely.

The few people who are capitalizing on these defenseless fish are depleting them in an unsustainable manner, and likely often in no take areas (reserves). This is a very sad illegal situation and needs to be regulated.

Please support this bill to help ensure fish for future generations! Mahalo.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Leslie Mullens

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

It's inconceivable that our state has not taken steps to define and enforce bag limits and size limits for uhu and goatfish across the state.

Overfishing is putting our fragile ecosystem out of balance. We must be the protectors of the resource if we wish to regain the balance and enjoy the resource for decades to come.

Please support this bill and take steps to ensure its enforcement.

Mahalo,
Leslie Mullens
Maui

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Marc Walske

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I support Maui Uhu bill hearing, Committee WLO, room 325,
hearing date 3-16-2009.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Allan Bayless

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Our Hawaiian reefs need all the protection they can get. Please pass this bill limiting the taking of parrotfish and goatfish. They are needed to keep the coral clear of algae that smother the coral. Mahalo!!!

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Patricia Stillwell

Organization: Individual

Address: Kihei

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Pauline Fiene

Organization: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Howard Rodrigues

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I fully support this bill. As a recreational diver on Maui I can see the depletion of Uhu on the inner reefs today compared to five or ten years ago.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: victoria martocci

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I support this bill to place limits on use of the valuable marine resource of parrot fish.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lynn Allen

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]@maui.net

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Darla White

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and hope you will, too.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Merri Wake

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I have seen the large barrels of these little fish at the local Kahului fish markets just rotting away. They must be protected. We never see them anymore while snorkeling around the island.

Merri

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: James Baker

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

We haven't been good keepers of our environment thusfar, but it's not too late. Let's join together and help the fishes regenerate the reefs. If we delay further we will push the fish to the tipping point as we did for the Atlantic Cod, the West Coast Salmon and many other species. Let's show some courage and do the right thing for the generations behind us. They deserve wild animals in their lives as we do.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Bruce Benner

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I grew up in Florida and have learned that bag limits are absolutely necessary to the success of fish species. I have noticed the complete absence of Maui Parrotfish and Goatfish on my many frequent shore dives over the last year. Please begin to protect our children's heritage.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Anita Wintner

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

We need bag limits on some fish. There are fewer fish now to repopulate the reefs, there are more people taking fish and no limits. Pass this bill to help save the reefs and future fish populations. Mahalo

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Rene Umberger

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please pass this bill, for the protection of Maui's marine resources.

Mahalo!

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Rick Gaffney

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

If this bill is passed it will contribute to the rejuvenation of Maui's currently depauperate reefs. Please pass this bill.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Donna Brown

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I am a research diver with UH and have been doing reef monitoring on Maui spanning 18 years. In this time I have seen drastic declines in fish populations as well as coral cover. We need fish to support a healthy reef system. I support this bill to help conserve fish for the future.

Mahalo, Donna Brown

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Ann Fielding

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

As a resident of Maui I support this effort to conserve all of the uhu and goatfish species so that the populations have a chance to increase.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Rob Parsons

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Aloha,

As a 30-year resident of Maui, I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB378. As a recreational swimmer and snorkeler, I have witnessed the shocking decline of parrotfish and goatfish populations from Maui's nearshore reefs. I strongly believe that a strong, immediate measure such as the proposed bag limits for the two species named in this bill. I personally think the bill could be stronger by prohibiting commercial trade in these species, even of reduced numbers. But, I understand that such drastic measures, however much they are needed, do not always gain public approval.

Therefore, I urge you to support the bill as currently proposed. The fact that this and similar bills (aquarium fish bill) are being submitted should be a red flag that we have failed to protect some of our most valuable ocean resources, and must do everything we can to conserve and restore them immediately.

Mahalo nui loa,

ROB PARSONS

Haiku, HI

Date: Monday, March 16, 2009
Conference Room 325
9:00 AM

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

From: Mr. Robin Lee and Fishing Community on Maui



Ref: Size limit, bag limit for Uhu, Weke, Papio/Ulua, Moana Kali
Legislative action pursuant to SB378, HB1413.

Testimony in opposition to SB378 sd1

My name is Robin Lee and I live on Maui, Hawaii. I have been fishing and diving for over 40 years, recreationally, commercially, and for subsistence. I have extensive expertise and knowledge pertaining to all types of nearshore reef fishing and diving. I fish with and extended group of fishermen and divers from Maui.

I am steadfastly opposed to an across the board bag limit for Uhu, Kumu, and weke regulation – one which does not differentiate between recreational and commercial harvesters.

I and most fishermen that I know are also opposed to a bag limit regulation that would be initiated prior to, and at the absence of sound scientific or biological evidence that states the necessity for such regulations. In addition, I am opposed to initiating a bag limit measure prior to a comprehensive stock assessment having taken place so that one can determine the effectiveness of such regulations if put in place.

We feel there is not a sharp decline in the resource. We do not agree with others on Maui who are implying that there are drastic declines that indicate the current need to subject fishermen to bag limits. Our own experience and evidence suggests that what is being reported is an astounding exaggeration – and we simply don't see it.

We understand your committee is tasked with the responsibility to address resource issues and we appreciate your frank examination of this particular issue – Please include my opposing comments for the record.

Given the situation, we don't feel there is a strong need to change the current regulations relating to size limits and bag limits.

We fear the small group of “fishermen” who have misrepresented the true condition of Maui’s Uhu, Weke, Kumu, and stocks.

We feel this misrepresentation will cause unwarranted further restrictions on fishing. A large number of dive fishermen on Maui do not agree with the representations of the small group and are very concerned about their motives.

I am opposed to bag limit and size limit regulations implemented across the board affecting both commercial, recreational, and subsistence fishermen for Uhu, Weke, Kumu, Moana Kali, I am opposed to regulations that are promulgated in the absence of verifiable stocks data that indicate the need for such measures.

I and my group are fishermen of Maui and we are opposed to SB378 SD1

Thank you for including our comments for the record.

Robin E. Lee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB378 SD1

TESTIMONY

My name is Tony Costa and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen, a loosely organized, tight-knit group of nearshore fishermen. Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen are in opposition to SB378.

SB378 arbitrarily sets a two fish per day bag limit for selected species of uhu and kumu. Restricting the take to two fish per day would effectively halt a known number of licensed reporting commercial fishermen from targeting these species - yet allow an unknown number of sport divers, recreational night divers, subsistence divers, or other fishermen to take two fish per day.

If there is no stock analysis or assessment of uhu/kumu biomass to begin with and the number of harvesters not required to report catches (sport, recreational and subsistence free divers) are not known, then the halting of a few licensed commercial fishermen would absolutely not provide any conclusive protection for this species.

The only effect with certainty SB378 would have is allow an unknown number of unlicensed and non-reporting fishermen to take two fish per day – while prohibiting licensed commercial fishermen from their traditional catches and livelihood.

One or two commercial fishermen may take 100 – 200 lb of uhu a day, while the combined catch of Maui’s sport, subsistence, and recreational divers may total 2000 lb. – Yet these figures are just speculation and unknown. Which is exactly why this bill should not move forward – It singles out one user group without any supporting data and sets a bias against an honorable, licensed, reporting, and law abiding livelihood.

Furthermore, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is currently scoping public sentiment toward this very issue and is set to address the subject through their chapter 91 rule process.

Therefore we recommend not passing SB 378 SD1

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Tony Costa

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Steve Sipman

Organization: PROJECT TSUNAMI

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: sipman@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

This seems like a minimal step but we support it. Mahalo to those who introduced it.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Ed Robinson

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help keep the Uhu and Weke from disappearing. No family of fish have a greater impact on the health of the reef than the Parrotfish that replenish the sand and keep algae cropped back. Maui's reefs say Mahalo for your support

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Steve McMurray

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Russell Sparks

Organization: Individual

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

E-mail: [Redacted]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I strongly support this proposed legislation. As a marine biologist working for the state on Maui, I am very aware of the critically low stocks of many parrotfish, and goatfish species in Maui waters. A particular concern to me is the very important role that parrotfish (uhu) species play in helping to maintain healthy coral reef. Many people falsely believe that parrotfish eat coral. They may bite coral from time to time, but they primarily feed on algae (seaweed) and they gouge into the rock and remove all of the algae plant. this prevents the rapid re-growth of these plants and encourages the growth of coralline algae (the purple and pink stuff that forms a crust over rocks). Coralline algae helps with new coral settlement, and it further prevents seaweed attachment and growth. In this way, parrotfish play a very direct role in helping keep coral reef ecosystems healthy. Healthy reefs support the bounty of nearshore marine life that we all depend on (fishers, fish watchers, tourist, etc).

Many of Maui's reefs are in trouble, with rapid declines in coral reef cover, and rapidly increasing problems with invasive seaweed growth. This is all occurring as we continue to allow important grazing species like parrotfish to be overfished at many accessible locations. Although DLNR is working on revising the regulated species rules through administrative rule making, this process is very time consuming and we need immediate action to protect the fish species listed in this proposed bill. This legislation does, however, allow for the DLNR to make any changes necessary at such time that the administrative rule making process is complete. This is a very good idea and will allow this legislation to immediately protect these critical fish stocks, while allowing for further fine-tuning of the rules by the DLNR should that be necessary.

I strongly support this proposed legislation as written.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Sincerely,

Russell Sparks
Marine Biologist,
Maui, Hawaii

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Robert Schick

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Aloha

I'm currently an electrical contractor but previously, in the 1980s) I was a scuba instructor, I've remained an avid divers but much less frequently, recently I returned to instructing part time. Over the years I've notice a drastic drop in the size and number of Parrot and Goat fish, also Grouper, Unicorn Fish and Minpochi. As underwater hunter for personal consumption I've chosen to just not harvest, they just aren't big enough. I dive in some pretty out of the way places and it seems to be a wide spread problem. The colorful fish is one of the attractions to the dive tourist industry, while the turtles population has grown considerable the consumable reef fish has taken a severe drop. I realize people need to make a living and with the new bottom fish regulations it has made it very hard for some to make ends meet but some kind of protection must be in place so the people that JUST DON'T CARE are put on notice. Big Parrot Fish are going away, fortunately the female can turn to male to replenish them selves if give a chance.

I don't know about the others.

Thank you

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Dr. Diane Shepherd

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Whereas once there were schools of uhu, weke, and kumu in South Maui waters, now the only place I see them in any numbers is in the Ahihi-Kinau reserve. Please act to stop the depletion of these key species.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Victor Holmes

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Linda Anderson

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Once the fish are gone, so are the tourists. Let's be smart about this, if not moral.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Charles Yaeger

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I strongly support bag limits on our reef fish resources. Protecting Parrotfish and Goatfish (as well as other reef fish), with bag limits improves the health of our reefs. Please pass this legislation for the good of our future generations.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: judy edwards

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Wholesale reveiw and revision of our fisheries policies are overdue. This is a good start, but just a start.

Please support the health of our reefs.

Aloha,

J*

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Marjorie Bonar

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please protect these valuable reef fish. Reef health is so vital to our well being.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Madge Schaefer

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

It is vital to the future of Maui's coral reefs that you SUPPORT this Bill. These fish are an important part of the life cycle of the reefs. Act now to preserve our ocean reefs.

Thank you.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: sylvia masella-sheps

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Erik Stein
Organization: Individual
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please impose limits on catch so that our local fishery will be sustainable. Without limits it is possible for ALL the FISH to BE caught leaving no more fish to reproduce. THE OLDER LARGER FISH ARE THE ONES THAT NEED TO BE LEFT AS DAR STUDIES SHOW THESE FISH ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AT REPRODUCING

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Suzanne Villeneuve

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Mary P Daoust

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Please support the bag and size limits on uhu and goatfishes, as these fish are disappearing from our reefs and need greater protection. I have done many reef surveys in the past and have witnessed this first hand. Mahalo.

March 14, 2009

Aloha Honorable Members of the WLO committee,

My parents were avid fishermen and would pack up my two brothers and myself every weekend to go fishing for both recreation and to put food on the table. There were many trips where we would be the only people on the whole beach the entire weekend. I remember arriving at Oneloa (big beach) in Makena and there would be no footprints on the entire beach. This was over fifty years ago and a lot has changed since.

I have done a lot of fishing since those trips with my parents. A spear fisherman for over 43 years, I have also commercial fished for decades for everything from the deep seven bottom fish to pelagics to crabs. I have also speared fish using scuba and a boat to get to inaccessible areas.

It was possible to fish this way because there were only a few of us and we would regulate ourselves on when, where and how much to take.

Today, there are more fishermen and the near shore reef resource cannot sustain a take at will method. A limit on size and number to protect the population of parrot and goat fish is commendable. However, if one truly desires to protect fish or reefs, the entire ecosystem must be protected and/or regulated.

The Hawaiian ahupua`a and kapu system worked because they controlled a large, significant part of the ecosystem. The consequences of breaking the kapu were severe.

Creating laws to protect and create a sustainable resource is good but we also need enforcement for those who lack respect, appreciation and an understanding of our goals.

I support SB378 for the sake of my children and grandchildren who are also fishermen.

Thank you.

Paul Hanada

Kula, Maui

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Submitted by: jeb kaneshiro

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Rob Phillips

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

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Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I'm in strong support of Uhu restrictions.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Michael Elam

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Bill Seaton

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Robert Wintner

Organization: The Snorkel Bob Foundation

Address:

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

Uhu are vital to reef survival. You know this. Please pass SB 378.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Mike Moran

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Gordon Nalu Yen

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I support the UHU BILL (SB378) as I am a fisherman as well as a DLNR Enforcement Officer. Our oceans are being depleted faster than we can imagine, and I witness this first hand day after day. Presently, our only tool to fight the greed is EDUCATION, but unfortunately there are more fishermen taking then giving back. Please protect Maui from over harvesting our oceans, because what we do now will directly benefit our children.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sean Stodelle

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

I am in support of a bill to create bag limits for the species listed and mentioned in this bill. Our ocean fish populations have dwindled to low levels and the new economic crisis is driving more people into the water to provide sustenance for their family. We are at a very crucial point in which we may not be able to recover these popular fish stocks/species.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Maureen Ross

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

We've been fishing outside our home here in Kihei and for many years. Now there are no fish. The goat fish in particular are "setting ducks". It won't take long before they are gone also.

Please allow these fish to continue to exist and reproduce by enforcing strict bag limits.

It's very sad and even unbelievable that we live in Maui and can't catch fish in our oceans.

We need bag limits and even smaller bag limits on all of our fish and other sea creatures, but this is a good start.

Maureen Ross

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: BRIAN YOSHIKAWA

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

All,

please have the vision and wisdom to support this bill. Maui needs this to salvage what little is left based on my own personal observations. If we had the TIME for a SCIENTIFIC study to be done prior to passing this bill we wouldn't need it so urgently. Let common sense and the support of fellow fishermen direct you to passing and supporting this bill.

mahalo nui,

Brian Yoshikawa

fisherman

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Richard Fairclo

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/13/2009

Comments:

-I support SB378, but wish it be changed to an outright ban at certain reefs in most stress.

-I have participated in outrigger canoe paddling daily, mostly above Maui reefs, 4 times a week for several years. Each time we go out, we look for fish. It is remarkable to actually see a fish, because the fish are almost completely gone! This is particularly true for uhu and goatfish.

-The Maui reefs are almost dead in many places. The lack of grazing fish appears to be a major problem for the reef. This bill, SB378, can be of major contribution to reef recovery.

-Please make every effort to pass this bill. Consider making it more restrictive.

-Thank you.

Richard Fairclo

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: Darrell Tanaka

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/13/2009

Comments:

Taking unlimited quantities of fish from a reef whose fish numbers are finite, is not a sustainable way of management. Maui's reefs are small and easily plundered, we don't have the amounts of fish we once had, this bill will help to ensure fish for the future. Thank you for hearing this bill.

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jeff Chong

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/13/2009

Comments:

I am in support of this bill and any bill that will slow the wreckless taking of fish from the near shore reefs. Fishing needs to be regulated, it cannot sustain itself with the techniques being used to catch them.

Commercial taking of reef fish does the most damage, wether it be the scuba nite divers, or taking of other means, the industry needs regulation.

I am not against taking fish for home consumption. Keep in mind that no home needs to take 10 uhu's in a dive, usually one or to will feed a normal family. Also if you regulate one species of fish I think they will just move on to a next unregulated species.

Aloha Jeff

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Elizabeth Flint

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I support this bill that institutes limits on the number of these reef fish that may be taken. Healthy wildlife populations will simply not persist if we harvest them at rates greater than their breeding rates.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Marielis Jepson

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I have been snorkling and long distance swimming in Maui for 25 years. I have seen a drastic and alarming reduction in reef fish especially in the past 5 years. Years ago, there were schools of Tangs, Butterfly, Parrots, eels, squid, octopi etc. 5 years ago I used to see at least some fish along the Kam beaches, Charley Young and Keawakapu. There are so few fish left it is astonishing. Tourists complain there are no fish at Molokini and say they are never going back. Please pass this bill to help protect what is left. Mahalo

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jackie "Mililani" Krause

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

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Conference room: 325

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Eric Brown

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I would prefer to expand this bill to include more restrictions on additional species (e.g. Surgeonfish) that are currently being overfished.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: janice palma-glennie

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

this legislation is critical to the well-being of parrotfish and goatfish on Maui by assigning bag and size limits to Uhu and goatfishes.

Mahalo for supporting this legislation

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Keith Christie

Organization: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to protect the uhu.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jill Monroe

Organization: Individual

Address: 149 [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

I have lived on the north shore of Maui for 30 years and swim and dive frequently. I noticed that I have not seen parrot fish in these waters for many years where as they were previously quite common. I have also seen small boats with people laying nets and leaving them over night or for most of a day. The uhu are an important part of our ocean and shoreline's health. It is extremely important for us to help save this species.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: lafayette young

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

As a reef fisherman for the past 40 years I have witnessed the decline in all types of reef fish. I heartily support bag and size limits for UHU & Weke.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jenna de Buretel

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

Please help save our important species. Not only is the Parrot fish an important member of Hawaii's ecosystem but it is also a vital sand producer.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Barbara Guild

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

Please ban fishing of Parrot Fish. Our beaches desperately need the sand this fish creates.

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Louise Severson

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 3/15/2009

Comments:

Parrot fish should be protected as they are industrious sand makers