

TESTIMONY

SB 378

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STATE OF HAWAII
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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, February 2, 2009
3:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 378
RELATING TO FISHING

Senate Bill 378 would 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). This bill would also 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) has concerns with this bill and prefers to develop new harvest restrictions through administrative rules.**

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 therefore asks the Legislature's support for the Department to continue its efforts to promulgate these proposals through administrative rules. However, should the Legislature decide to pass this bill, the Department requests consideration of an amendment to provide for a sunset provision based on the Department successfully promulgating administrative rules covering these uhu and goatfish species.

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/1/2009

Comments:

Please protect our sea and limit the catch so that future generations will also have fish.
Mahalo,
Carole de Angelis Eiserloh

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Submitted on: 2/1/2009

Comments:

Please support this bill on bag limits on our Uhu. I am a Maui filmmaker, fisherman and serve on the Board of Director's of the Maui Trailer Boat Club and have been diving and filming underwater for well over 20 years on our islands. I have witnessed a huge decrease in the number of Uhu and size.

This destruction must be stopped! Please support the Bill.

With warm Aloha

Kenneth K. Martinez Burgmaier

Maui, HI

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Submitted by: Esten Williams
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Submitted on: 2/1/2009

Comments:

I agree with this bill. The Uhu is part of our reef system. The system is not only important to our residents but to the visitor industry and to our economy. We should encourage our reefs in every way.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2009

Comments:

Please support this much needed action to limit uhu and kumu being taken from the reef.
Healthy populations are essential to reef health.

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