
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TO DETERMINE THE POPULATION OF THE AKULE SPECIES AND ESTABLISH A MANAGEMENT PRACTICE TO PRESERVE THE SPECIES.

1 WHEREAS, the akule, or big-eye scad, is among Hawaii
2 residents' favorite fish to consume, for it can be eaten raw,
3 fried, sun dried, or fermented; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is a growing fear among commercial and
6 recreational fishermen that the akule population is declining at
7 an unusually fast rate and the resource will be depleted for
8 future generations; and
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10 WHEREAS, a "Management Plan for Hawaii's Akule Fishery" was
11 prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
12 Division of Aquatic Resources, in 2001; and
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14 WHEREAS, the management plan, while successfully
15 establishing boundaries that restrict commercial fishermen and
16 setting bag limits on the amount of akule that may be caught,
17 did not include a study of the population of akule in Hawaii;
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20 WHEREAS, a population study of akule, including its
21 migration habits, reproduction patterns, and natural and
22 unnatural predators, would help alleviate the fishing
23 community's concerns about the dwindling supply of akule and
24 ensure the survival of the species; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2011, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
29 Division of Aquatic Resources, is urged to determine the
30 population of the akule species; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once a determination has been
33 made as to the akule population, the Department of Land and



1 Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, is urged to
2 consult and confer with commercial and recreational akule
3 fishermen to establish a management practice to preserve the
4 akule species for future generations; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Land and Natural Resources.
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