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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE  
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE'S  
ENDANGERED MARINE ANIMALS.

1           WHEREAS, marine and aquatic life is a vital and important  
2 source of food sustenance and living for the people of Hawaii;  
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5           WHEREAS, the State has an interest in ensuring the survival  
6 of the marine life in the State; and

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8           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has  
9 partnered with the United States National Oceanic and  
10 Atmospheric Administration to study marine life in the State,  
11 including endangered marine life species; and

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13           WHEREAS, currently, there is no information or an up-to-  
14 date report of endangered marine life species in Hawaii that is  
15 available to the public; and

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17           WHEREAS, obtaining the most current and relevant  
18 information regarding endangered marine life is important to  
19 preserving the balance of the aquatic environment; and

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21           WHEREAS, a publicly available current report on endangered  
22 marine life species in Hawaii will enable the public to be more  
23 informed of populations of endangered marine life species and,  
24 thus, more respectful of their aquatic habitats; and

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26           WHEREAS, a public, current list of endangered marine life  
27 species would allow for more accurate and helpful fishing  
28 regulations, thereby allowing for more flexible regulations for  
29 non-endangered marine life species and stricter regulations on  
30 species that are currently endangered; and



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 2 WHEREAS, an annual updated report from the United States  
 3 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding the  
 4 State's current endangered marine life species would benefit the  
 5 fishers in the State and other commercial and recreational users  
 6 of the ocean; now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
 11 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is requested to  
 12 provide an annual report of the State's endangered marine life  
 13 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 16 Natural Resources is requested to make the report available to  
 17 the public by posting the report on their website; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 21 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Acting Administrator  
 22 of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
 23 Administration.

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