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Committee on Water & Land

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Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Friday, February 1, 2013

Testimony in Support of HB 989, Relating to Fish

I am a full time commercial aquarium fisherman on Oahu. I am proud to be part of what I know is a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable fishery that contributes to our economy, while providing thousands of people in Hawaii and around the world an opportunity to enjoy the ocean and its creatures. I also understand that the privilege of being allowed to earn a living from the ocean carries with it a certain amount of responsibility, both to conserve the resource upon which we depend and to be conscious of the needs of others in our community.

As such, I am in support of HB 989, which would increase the fines that can be levied for fishing violations. This bill will provide a deterrent to individuals who may otherwise try to violate our fishing regulations, which will in turn be beneficial both to responsible fishermen and to other ocean users.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ross', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Ross

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marshall Meyers	Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council	Support	No

Comments:

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Anthony Nahacky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Stronger penalties for not abiding by fishing regulations are needed whether it be aquarium fishing or not.

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Ulla Carmiencke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While I support this bill it falls short in that it should be applied to all fishing regulations. One group should not be singled out. Sincerely, Ulla Carmiencke

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Testimony of
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Chairperson

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WATER AND LAND
and
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013
8:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 989
RELATING TO FISH

House Bill 989 proposes to increase criminal penalties for violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §188-31, relating to aquarium permits by authorizing a *per specimen* fine. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) supports this measure, but suggest amendments.

The Department is currently authorized to impose criminal and civil fines for violations of aquatic resource laws. Prior to 1999, there was a *per specimen* fine in HRS §188-70. That was repealed by Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999.

The Department recommends amending proposed HB989 as follows:

1. Move the *per specimen* fine provision from HRS §188-31 into the penalty sections: HRS §187A-13, §188-70, §189-4, and §190-5. This would authorize the Department to use *per specimen* fines and penalties for all aquatic resource law violations instead of only aquarium fishing violations.
2. Amend HRS § 187A-5 to authorize the Department to adopt administrative rules specifying how *per specimen* fines are to be calculated and applied.

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christiane schmidt	SAIA	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee, As organization that works to sustain the marine aquarium industry and hobby, we are fully supportive of the bill to increase fines for unlawful collection and illegal aquarium collection. Hawaii is in a rather unique position to have a management for an aquarium fishery in place and this system should be further strengthened. Irresponsible and illegal collection of marine life outside these regulations needs to be eliminated and incentive to adhere to the rules should be given. The bill will strengthen those who are in full compliance with existing regulation and will help to disburden the industry from any black sheeps, which are a disgrace to a whole community of responsible aquarium collectors in Hawaii. Kind regards, christiane

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Ben Casuga	Individual	Support	No

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Bertha Basabe	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Buerner	Quality Marine	Support	No

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January 31, 2013

State of Hawaii
House Committee On Water And Land
House Committee On Oceans, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Re: Proposed Bill H.B. No.989

To whom it may concern,

We are submitting testimony in support of House Bill No. 989. This measure which increases penalties for violators of aquarium fish regulations should be supported and endorsed by all responsible trade participants. Further, these measures should be embraced by law-abiding operators with the view that increased fines and penalties for violators will deter any potential illegal fishing activity.

Sincerely,

G. Christopher Buerner

President, Quality Marine

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Nicholas Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Fernley	Coral Fish Hawaii	Support	No

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