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Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY

Friday, February 27, 2015
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 873, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE

House Bill 873, House Draft 1 proposes to establish an aquarium fish conservation program within the division of aquatic resources to regulate the collection and trade of aquatic life for aquarium purposes. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) opposes this measure.**

The Department has required commercial aquarium collectors to report monthly fishing effort information under Section 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) for over forty years. The Department has also collected extensive underwater visual survey data on the status of reef fishes along the Kona coast of Western Hawaii island for over fifteen years. A report of these surveys has been submitted to the 2015 Legislature in compliance with Section 188F-5, HRS. These data indicate that the aquarium fishery is currently operating at a level that does not indicate significant population declines and major shifts in species diversity in areas where collecting is occurring.

The Bill would require significant resources to implement the provisions described, but does not provide any funding for such a program. The Bill also requires a limit on the number of permits to be issued. Traditionally, such “limited entry” licensing systems are used to maximize economic efficiencies in a fishery, but this fishery does not appear to need this measure as there is no indication that there are currently too many participants in the fishery nor is there any expectation that there will be a significant increase in participation in the near future. If the concern is that too many animals are being taken, then more direct controls on catch should be considered, rather than an indirect control on the number of participants, which by itself would not necessarily limit catch. In either limiting the number of permits or the total catch, there is no need to implement such measures at this time for this fishery.

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February 24, 2015

TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALI'I
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
HB 873, HD 1, RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE
House Committee on Judiciary
Friday, February 27, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on HB 873, HD 1, Relating to Aquatic Life. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair and as an individual Councilmember on the Kaua'i County Council.

As you are all aware, it is a known fact that Hawai'i's reefs are one of the largest sources of wildlife for aquarium hobbyist. Our reefs are also severely over-harvested for coral and other marine life. This loss of wildlife poses a significant threat to our main economic stimulus, tourism. Our reef ecosystems also provide sustenance for many of our families in Hawai'i. Current regulations have so far proven ineffective in protecting our coral reefs and surrounding habitats from aquarium hobbyist. As a Native Hawaiian and as the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair, I strongly support any effort to protect our coral reefs, as it not only provides the sustenance for our families, but also serves as a socioeconomic benefit for our tourism industry.

Though the Bill was amended to have an effective date of December 24, 2088, to encourage further discussion, I strongly feel this is a step in the right direction. This Bill has moved forward the discussion about the importance of protecting Hawai'i's reefs and their critical importance in our ecosystem. It is my hope that the State will continue to move forward this discussion in efforts to put more stringent regulations in place to protect our coral reefs.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide comments on this measure.

Sincerely,

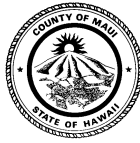
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February 26, 2015

TO: Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Kaniela Ing, Chair
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2015; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 873 H.D. 1, RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure establishes an aquatic like conservation program in the Division of Aquatic Resources to implement conservation measures, including limited entry areas and certification requirements, to regulate the collection of fish and other aquatic life for aquariums purposes.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Hawaii's reefs are the world's third-largest source of wildlife for aquarium hobbyist. Aquarium collection causes a loss of wildlife that threatens Hawaii's reef environments and the socioeconomic benefits that they provide.
2. Hawaii's decline in herbivorous fish is a known stressor to coral reefs. Abundant and diverse communities of herbivorous fish are vital for coral reefs to recover from events like the recent unprecedented coral bleaching that occurred throughout the State.
3. No person shall take the aquatic life for aquarium purposes or enter into a limited entry area designated by the department without an aquarium fish permit that is no longer than one year in duration.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Hajek	Big Island Association of Aquarium Fishermen	Oppose	No

Comments: "HB 873 is redundant. Most of what you seek already exists in this most regulated fishery in the State. See the recent DLNR rules packages applicable to this fishery." "This bill is simply not needed. The Hawaiian aquarium fishery is recognized worldwide as the gold standard in tropical fish collection. No one does it better than Hawaiian aquarium fishermen." "The latest version of HB 873 has not been vetted with any of the affected party's. You should at least be respectful enough to do so before proposing such a bill." "HB 873 wants our aquarium fishermen to be certified by an outside agency? Hawaiian aquarium fishermen are the experts and should be the ones doing the certifying!" "Why would you want to over-regulate a proven sustainable fishery by passing the bill? You should be proud of its success, and not try to tamper with it." "HB 873 proposes limiting areas open to aquarium fishing. This already exists, with FRAs in place for over 15 years on the Big Island, proving to be extremely successful." "This bill has so many loose ends. I would be very concerned about proposing a bill that is so ill conceived and poorly worded, and then having to defend its legitimacy." "HB 873 would like to see quantity and size limits put on our fishery. They already exist, and have been very successful in maintaining a robust and vibrant fishery." "The idea of limiting the number of permits has been previously visited by the state, found problematic and abandoned as a practical fishery management concept." "HB 873 would implement all these enhanced penalties for non-compliance, consistent enforcement, etc... Check with DLNR. No issues exist in these areas. Superfluous."

Hui Ho'omalulu i ka 'Āina

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Testimony in support

HB873HD1

Ocean Marine resources and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Judiciary Committee

Hearing: 3:00 pm February 27, 2015 Room 325

RELATING TO
AQUATIC LIFE.

Report Title: Aquatic Life; Aquarium Fish Permit; Conservation

Description: Establishes an aquatic life conservation program in the Division of Aquatic Resources to implement conservation measures, including limited entry areas and certification requirements, to regulate the collection of fish and other aquatic life for aquarium purposes. (HB873 HD1)

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair Lowen, Chair Rhoades, Vice Chair Buenaventura and committee members,

Hui Ho'omalulu i ka 'Āina is a taro root organization founded in 1983 to respond to threats to cultural practices and resources in moku Halele'a on Kaua'i.

We support this proposed legislation as it seeks to address a very serious problem in our near shore areas. We are losing our reef fish just at a time when other impacts are reducing the resilience of these resources.

It is vitally important to keep the whole story and big picture in mind. Our reefs protect our lands and feed our people. With rising temperatures and sea levels, land based pollutants and fewer placed based managers, we stand to lose the very things that support life.

We do not think this legislation goes far enough but it is a start. We are concerned that since this bill is calling for the full Chapter 91 process, not much will change in actuality. The Ha'ena experience tells us that process takes eight years. But this is a start.

If folks want to conduct a commercial aquarium fish industry, those fish must be captive raised. Our reefs can no longer afford to be exploited for this purpose.

The reefs are what matters here, not an industry that can adapt, and must.

Me ka pono,



Makaala Kaaumoana
Vice Chair

Opposed to HB 873
Aquarium Fish Regulations House Draft 1
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How big of an impact is the Hawaii Aquarium Fishery?

One large shark consumes twice as much fish in weight than all the aquarium fishermen in the whole state take combined. One shark eats 20% of it's body weight per day.



If a large 800 pound tiger shark consumes 160 pounds of fish per day then one shark eats two time more fish than all aquarium fish collectors take for the whole state of Hawaii.

The average reef fish taken for aquarium fish purposes weighs 1 ounce making one sharks daily diet equal to 2560 small reef fish a day. In one year 486,000 reef fish were taken state wide by aquarium fish collectors. This

helps to put it into perspective. The fish we take are then saved from sharks eels and other predators. Life on the reef results in high 90% plus DOA rates. Unlike aquarium DOA rates of 1-3%!

The main idea in HB 873 is Limited Entry. To do limited entry is a tough one to understand. The attorney General ruled on limited entry for the fishery already during the Kona Aquarium Fish Rules package hearings and reviews. **The Attorney General already opposed limited entry for legal constitutional reasons.** More details below.

We already have DLNR DAR (Division Of Aquatic Resources) division and they have done a great job just spending years understanding the fishery and implementing many laws. The need for another reduplicate division is not needed. More funding for DAR is needed.

Endemic species are doing fine statewide and none are listed as threatened on the number one website for all scientist to contribute too and review species for population issues. Fish Base

Link: <http://fishbase.org/search.php>

Many of the endemic species live from shallow to deep depth with wide ranges making them well established in Hawaii. Dr. Bill Walsh's 2015 Legislative Report also support the fact endemic species have no serious population concerns.

Link: <http://westhawaiifisherycou.ipower.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WHRFMA-Report-to-Legislature-Jan-2015.pdf>

Many with DAR already agree the fishery is already sustainable.

Issuance of permits for aquarium small mesh nets already state fish collectors must have containers to support the fish held in a healthy way.

There are many books on fish care and longtime divers who share information which allows fish to be kept alive and healthy for long periods of time by new comers. We have very low death rates 1-3% already so further educational requirements are not needed.

HB 873 section on limited entry areas is not accurate? Limited entry to me is defined as limiting the number of fishing permits given. It has many legal issues to be discussed below. Making a limited entry area for Hawaii is not a good idea. Details below hopefully will clarify the misuse of Limited Entry in HB 873.

HB 873 section on Limited Entry has nothing to do with current catch sustainability but looks to potential future problems if divers permit numbers increase. The new version of HB 873 was not thought out very well. Alaska's limited entry laws are nothing like HB 873. To understand the issues we must first look at the reasons why not to do limited entry and then look at the form of limited entry that we can live with.

The HB 873 has also opened itself up to action by the Attorney General for violation of Anti-Trust laws specifically Restraint of Trade. Individual lawsuits could be filed if HB 873 continues as it is. It is a perception problem that a few members are out to eliminate competition or just shut the industry down. Or it is a way of implementing restriction not needed or supported by science and fish counts. Ocean law states the ocean and its resources are the common heritage of all men not just a select few.

Alaska had similar lawsuits and the fishermen won. You cannot favor one fishing group and eliminate others from specific areas. There is already legal precedence against this draft. This is the problem with Limited Entry. But if something happened and too many applied for permits what could be done? Act 306 allows for DLNR to implement rules to stop the issuing of more permits in an emergency situation if needed. Why do a limited entry then? Because at some point in the future we may need to allow DLNR to be able to use this tool for management.

Limited entry mistakes of the past. Alaska limited the entry of certain fishing grounds in 1974. It was necessary to do so as 25,000 to 15,000 permits were to be issued. (This is no comparison to the 94 active commercial aquarium fish permits in Hawaii). As a result non limited fishing areas have been hit hard. By catch of less abundant species in important

breeding grounds not limited have been issues according to fishermen and NOAA scientists in Alaska.

I would support a legitimate limited entry proposal but HB 873 could be viewed as an attempt to put me and many of my divers out of business. We all have families and love the ocean. My ecology teacher took me aside after class one day and said there is another side to the story. I had been so immersed in the ecological and demographic problems I had not even considered the human factor. Yes we need to protect and respect the Ocean and learn to share the Ocean with all others. Many depend on its resources to feed their families and care for sick family members! Those of us who use the Ocean for our income wish to give back and protect what needs to be protected.

What changes could be made for us to support HB 873 limited entry section:

1. Ensure every permit holder now has the option to never lose their permit unless the fish populations are proven scientifically that permit revocation is needed.
2. Make sure every existing wholesalers can have permits for the divers who support the shops they now have. If not many will go out of business. Family of the current permit holders should continue to be able to get a permits to support the future of existing business.
3. If the number of permits requested exceeds the potential for the resource to supply sustainably then DLNR should be able to stop issuing new permit requests.
4. Allowances need to be made for those taking long vacations or breaks from fishing for health reason etc. No revoking of longtime permit holders who have a big stake in the fishery.

As for closures on Oahu (limited Entry areas? HB 873 wording inaccuracies) Kona already has an FRA (Fish Replenishment Area) system and it is working. Oahu does have much more preserve than Kona fishermen did before the Kona FRA's were implemented. Kona FRA were mostly done to prevent user conflict not for fishery management but it has be useful for management.

For Oahu the big MCLD Pupkea on the north shore just increased size, MCLD Pokai Bay west, MCLD Waikiki Diamond Head Shoreline Fisheries Management Area (with new bill this year with restrictions we do not oppose), Coconut Island Refuge, all Harbors and Warfs, Hanama Bay and of course the ones everyone does not know about the big military shut down at barbers shooting range, Makapu shooting range buoy system shutdown and all of the Pearl Harbor area which was once open but now closed due to post 911 security. These military areas are big areas enforced by fast patrol boats with 50 caliber machine guns. No one dives from Kaneohe bay to Haleiwa Harbor mainly for weather purposes and we do not have to go far away to get our fish.

We have our 30% and more closures here already that is why there is no need to push for more. A great system of representative ecosystems is already in place on Oahu! The Oahu fishermen do not take the higher numbers of fish as do the Kona fishermen either. Oahu preserves and closed areas for the most part are closed to all to not just aquarium fishermen like the Kona FRAs so we do not have eating fishermen taking from FRA areas issues. The aquarium fishery takes only a small percentage of actual fish take on both Islands. In Kona the recreational and commercial fisheries combine to take nearly 3X the number of reef fishes caught by aquarium collectors. 80% of the fish mass taken on Oahu is from other fisheries other than the aquarium trade.

Oahu is nothing like the Kona aquarium fisheries we are sustainable too. I take maybe 10 to 20 fish a day not hundreds. 70 % of the aquarium fish taken in the state comes from the Kona fisheries. There is a big difference in the fisheries. Some Oahu guys take up to 100 fish a day far from the 300 a day Kona divers can take. Expensive variety is what Oahu fishermen concentrate on and spreading take over many different fish species makes us have much less of an impact on one species or area.

Yes FRA's and white list were good for Kona but on Oahu we do not take fish like they do in numbers. We did our Oahu Rules package soon to be signed and it has no take fish, bag limits and size limits and many other restrictions to strengthening the hundreds of laws and the nearly 30%

closed areas on Oahu to ensure a sustainable fishery. Both Kona and Oahu are highly regulated.

Please hold HB 873

Truth about aquarium fish website link:

<http://hawaiitropicalsaltwateraquariumfish.com/>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Owens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in very strong support of HB 873. We in West Hawaii have been hoping for this for a very long time. We believe that the establishment of a limited entry fishery for the aquarium industry would be a great help in keeping the industry at the highest professional standards. I would like to suggest one amendment, however. The provision specifically requiring protection for endemic species of fish is not scientifically founded. Studies have shown that endemics are some of the hardiest and most populous species because of their long adaptation to this environment. For substantiation, please see the DLNR 2015 Report to the Legislature, the section on Endemics. It would be wise to remove this one section. Mahalo, Tina Owens LOST FISH Coalition

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Comments: Please pass this bill to save West Hawaii from overfishing

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>As a long time dive master in Hawaii, I am deeply concerned at the dwindling fish population. I have heard many tourists say that Hawaii is no longer a viable place to come for scuba dive vacations. This is impacting tourism, as well as being unethical.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>It is more important to save our reefs for the good of the general population in Hawaii than to support a few fish hunters for their personal profit.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to show respect for the fish and our communities' well being.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

Name:	Lon Wallace
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>With all due respect, I would like to share that I strongly support amending HB873 HD1. I have been diving Kona side waters for decades, and have seen both the drastic change for worse from over harvesting our reef fish from the aquarium trade, as well as the moderate gains some of the reefs have made in repopulating due to \"no harvest zones\" (especially up North Kohala). We very much need more regulation to ensure our waters and reefs can get back to and stay at healthy, sustainable condition. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Mahalo, Lon</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>Reef Wildlife BELONG IN THE WILD! KEEP US TOURISTS COMING. #1 REASON I SPEND MY VACATIONS IN HAWAII.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I wrote this letter and this is how I feel about the Reef Wildlife Traffickers and the people that support taking Hawaii natural wonders. I am today in Guam on vacation and I am seeing lots of salt water aquariums in stores and shopping centers full of Hawaii Reef Fishes.</p> <p>I am concerned and upset about the loss of coral reef fish due to the insatiable voracious appetite of marine salt water aquarium fish collectors.</p> <p>This all started long ago as a hobby for people that loved nature and marine aquariums, that grew into an industry. In the 1970-80s marine salt water tanks took off because of salt water mixtures and the acrylic aquarium manufacturers.</p> <p>Now the aquarium hobby has been transformed, it has reached epic proportions that are not sustainable in nature. Marine salt water fish Do Not Reproduce well in captivity, people cannot duplicate the breeding conditions found in nature. Decades of marine aquarium reproductive research has proved futile. Unfortunately, that means when people decide to own a piece of Hawaii in their homes and businesses they are essentially killing off a small piece of Hawaii. Those small pieces add up.</p> <p>Aquarium collectors are also taking and killing off the Future of Hawaiian reefs because the fish maintain the delicate balance of the coral reef ecosystem. The reef all works together in natural harmony, the Circle of Life.</p> <p>When the fish are removed the coral dies, it does not regenerate and come back to life, once dead it stays dead, The Circle of Death.</p> <p>What began as a personal aquarium hobby has exploded into a multi-billion dollar industry spanning the Earth in every country. Hawaii reef dwellers are sold as a commodity all around the globe.</p> <p>The ratio of live vs. dead in shipping is shocking and totally wasteful. Once these animals are captured and taken from Hawaii reefs they All 100% fatal, eventually die in tanks with no offspring. They are dead without any thought given to their unique lives because the aquarium collectors just return to the reefs and capture more to start anew the Cycle of Death once again.</p> <p>I personally do not think it is morally correct to allow such actions to continue.</p> <p>I believe there should be an immediate halt a ban to all collecting</p>

of marine aquarium fish in the Great State of Hawaii. What the people of Hawaii have here is extremely unique found nowhere else on Earth. The fish are being scooped slurped and netted up as a relentless daily business, the people doing the collecting are not fishermen, they are Wildlife Traffickers.

Fishermen by definition catch, sell and eat fish. These people are only collecting dollars under the surface. They do not have Respect for the Hawaiian cultural heritage treasure. The wildlife traffickers do not Respect your children or the future of your grandchildren.

The aquarium industry has been given legal free rein to take and take and take from Hawaii. What does Hawaii get in return for all the taking away of wildlife?

Full aquariums equal empty dead barren coral reefs.

I believe enough is enough, it is time for the Hawaiian people to take control of this situation and contact your local city, county and state representatives in government. Tell them how you feel about the disrespectful attitude shown by wildlife traffickers taking away Hawaii's beautiful unique reef fishes.

People know the difference between right and wrong, it is dead wrong to continue taking away Hawaii native fish one net, one aquarium at a time. Eventually Hawaii is running out of fish and living coral reefs. It is up to each person to decide if they want to make a difference now or to turn away from the wholesale aquarium trade and just blindly allow them to take away everything they can haul off in Styrofoam boxes.

I could not watch the wildlife traffickers continue their insult to Hawaii so I am asking all Hawaii people to show Respect and try to stop the wildlife removal. All the aquarium fish ever taken off Hawaii reefs will eventually die in a tank.

Preserve and Protect your heritage treasures, stop the insulting behavior of the aquarium fish collectors. What do you have to lose? everything that makes Hawaii so unique.

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of HB873. As a thirty plus year resident of the Kona coast one of the benefits I have enjoyed over the years is time spent in our beautiful ocean. I was first certified for SCUBA in 1983 here with Jeff Leicher, owner of Jack's Diving Locker, and shortly thereafter got my NAUI Advanced card with them. I have been an avid snorkeler here since before I got certified.

There is no doubt in my mind that there are significantly fewer exotic fish than there were in the 80's. The aquarium trade has been extremely voracious here, and the results are quite clear. We need to do more to protect this valuable resource from export to aquariums, benefitting a small part of our community, while threatening a much larger economic component.

I am, of course, speaking of all the dive shops and snorkel cruises that are dependent on these fish for their businesses. It would be an interesting study to find out more specifically just how large a component of the Big Island economy is devoted to ocean tourism. It is safe to say that it is far, far larger than the aquarium trade.

It is past time to protect that important part of our economy. If the perception, in this networked age, that the reefs have fewer fish, and there are better dive/snorkel destinations elsewhere ever takes hold, the Kona coast economy would take a very large hit. The other side of the coin is that if the word goes out that we're protecting our reefs the way other countries with valuable reef fish are banning the aquarium trade this will show we are proactive and protecting this valuable asset.

In summary, I hope you will succeed in getting this bill through and signed. There are many, many people in the community that depend on the reefs and a healthy fish population for their livelihood, and they greatly outnumber those in the aquarium trade. Thanks for this bill; it is way overdue.

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my opinion, and for your service to our community.

With aloha,

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I think it is imperative that we cause minimal disruption of the underwater wildlife in the oceans and that we leave the reefs as unharmed as possible. Encroaching on these waters to pluck out pretty fish and corals from an already sensitive habitat for the aquarium trade is just selfish, greedy, and unnecessary. The sensitive oceanic ecosystem needs the beautiful life that thrives in its natural waters more than our homes, restaurants, and doctors offices do. Please support amending HB873 HD1.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come. Do this for generations of unborn who deserve the opportunity to enjoy the reef and its inhabitants. It's the right thing to do.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. I don't dive in Hawaii any more. The reef life has so greatly diminished in the past twenty years. I would go back to spending my tourist dollars in Hawaii if the reefs were restored. I am hardly the only one.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I have been diving these waters fir 3 decades abd an appalled at the decimated fish populations and disheartened when I attempt to show visitors our disappearing fish. This resource is worth billions in tourism. I strongly support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature, Hawaii's coral reefs are suffering from the highly unregulated trade of reef wildlife for household aquariums. Most of the state's reefs are open for collection, and most species are also open for collection, with no limit to the size, age, or number taken for nearly all of the targeted species. With a majority of Hawaiians opposed to this practice, a statewide ban is long overdue. Not only is this practice decimating Hawaii's fragile reef ecosystems, it is an affront to Hawaiian cultural values. Native Hawaiians prioritize caring for their land and sea. According to Kaimi Kaupiko, a native Hawaiian, "They have destroyed our reefs, killed our fish, and are taking away a cultural practice that we, Kanaka maoli, have practiced since we inhabited the Hawaiian Islands. A ban is needed." Hawaii cannot allow the continued destruction of its reef ecosystems in favor of profiting from the household aquarium trade. Tourists from around the globe are drawn to these unique and beautiful environments, so it is in your best interest to protect them. Please ban the commercial collection of reef wildlife throughout Hawaii today. Sincerely & Mahalo,

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>As we've snorkeled the beaches of Maui over the last 10 years, my husband and I have seen drastic reductions in the number of our reef fish life.</p> <p>Therefore, we support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly IMPROVES the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and REDUCES their needless waste and death; RESTORES depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and PROTECTS our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>Please protect our reefs! Let the aquarium trade can breed the fish they want to sell. Maybe they will take better care of them!</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members, I am a long time boating person in Hawaii with a Captain\'s License with boat slips in Kona, Honolulu, and Kaneohe. My experience with the beautiful fish that we should treasure as priceless is that they are being depleted and our reefs are losing a precious asset which will harm out tourist industry. We should treat these animals with respect and protect their well being.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Dart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The highly regulated aquarium fishery has no negative effect on tourism. Kona is a snorkeler's paradise due to all the protected areas (FRA's) surrounding all the west coast resorts, Kailua town, and the villages to the south. According to the five year report there are more fish in the open collecting areas of West Hawaii to see than in the best MPAs of Maui. We are limited on take due to weather days, currents, and high surf. Market conditions limit the take. Weather on the mainland also dictates whether fish will be shipped out or not. On West Hawaii we have size limits, bag limits and trip limits. The number of active collectors in West Hawaii has been going down for the last two years. I was in favor of a limited entry program 20 years ago when it would have done a lot more good. Now with a limiting and selective market, plus a decrease in collectors I don't see the need. This fishery is by a wide margin, the most regulated in Hawaii already. I am required to have right now, a state commercial fishing license, an aquarium permit and a West Hawaii endorsement. I have daily catch reports with several fields to fill out. There are dealer reports to match up to the collectors reports. 25% of Hawaii's reef fish are endemic. 27% of the fish on the white list are endemic. Several researchers have commented on the relative abundance of endemic fishes. Gosline and Brock (1960) noted "that many of the endemic fish of the Hawaiian Islands are the most abundant of their genera" and similarly Hourigan & Reese (1987) state that "many endemic species are the most abundant Hawaiian fishes in their families." Randall (2007) commented that "native species have evolved in isolated outposts such as Hawaii for long periods of time and therefore have had ample opportunity to become fully adapted to their environment." From the five year report "... indications are that aquarium related impacts on these (endemic)species are very low. Instead of piling on more unnecessary regulations on the aquarium fishery, the legislator should direct DLNR to implement management on other reef fishes that comprise 3X the take of biomass off the reef than the aquarium fishery. Use the aquarium fishery as a model of successful fishery management. Implement closed areas not just for aquarium fishers but everyone. As Dr. Walsh states in his five year report, "there are as many yellow tang in West Hawaii as there was 30 years ago". How can anyone argue that management hasn't been successful?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
NIKHILANANDA	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOHA: I support amending HB873. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.

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Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>The Committee must consider the incredible value of healthy reefs to Hawai'i. The continued value/revenue of a live fish on the reef to the state far exceeds that of removed and doomed for a tank.</p>

Name:	Lance Duncan
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine ecosystems and wildlife, and reduces their needless waste and death; please ensure it restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Lou Martarano
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State	NY
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Linda Wright
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>In 1990 when I first entered the water off Maui I was surrounded by an abundance of reef fish. Now when I go in the water it is a struggle to find fish. I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Brenda Bridgett
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State	CA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>When I see photos of the fish that are killed in the gathering process, I feel sick. Only SeaWorld and places with trained scientists should be allowed to take aquarium fish from public waters...and then only with a permit to limit take. Save our Oceans.</p>

Name:	Rochelle Maloy
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State	florida
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Bruce Lowrey
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Mahalo, Bruce Lowrey</p>

Name:	Heraldo Farrington
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Robert Hubbell
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Friends who come to visit always remark on how there were more fish to see. The numbers are declining and snorkeling is not the fun it was several years ago. I urge you to work together to protect this natural wonder.</p> <p>sincerely,</p> <p>Robert Hubbell</p>

Name:	Sammarye Lewis
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State	CA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Extinction is Forever! Protect your tourist attractions</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure.

Name:	Jeffrey Hill
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Island or City	Kailua Kona
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Please remember that viewing our marine wildlife is a major reason for tourism, especially in the outer islands. Anyone who has observed reef fish populations in the last 20 years know they have fallen dramatically. this bill is a major step in restoring reef fish populations.</p> <p>respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Hill, MD Kailua Kona</p>

Name:	michelle anderson
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Island or City	Grass Valley
State	California
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1 to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death. We must restore depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade and protect our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>You have the power to secure this irreplaceable public resource that is key to a healthy reef system, which in turn promotes a healthy beach that protects the shoreline.</p> <p>As reef grazers, Yellow Tangs are a keystone species that must be protected.</p>

Name:	Mike Rostron
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Island or City	Bellingham
State	Washington
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>As frequent visitors of the islands and avid snorkelers, we support the termination of all reef fish collection for any reason other than scientific research. Hawaii's tourism business will suffer greatly if the reef fish population continues to go down hill.</p>

Name:	Alice Hughes
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Island or City	Hawaii island
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Keith christie
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Island or City	Maui
State	hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Other island nations that truly value thie natural habitats such as Palau and St. Croix, Virgin Islands have BANNED the commercial collection of their reef fish for the aquarium trade. WE VALUE OUR NATURAL HABITAT and recognize the more important value of having the fish on the reef.</p> <p>Please do the right thing for the future of our reefs, because they are dying as we speak.</p> <p>Thank you, Keith Christie</p>

Name:	christy vail
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Island or City	1865@gmail.com
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	MARJORIE BONAR
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Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1 to protect our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Do not confuse the taking of fish for decorative purposes with the careful stewardship of public aquariums and educational programs.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan McAndrews	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing briefly in regards to proposed bills HB606 and 873, which, if enacted, would impose a 10 year moratorium on aquarium fisheries in Hawaiian waters. As a marine ecologist with some experience in studying fish populations of Australia's Great Barrier Reef (including the tightly controlled, yet well managed aquarium fishery there), I feel that I have valuable input that may concern your vote on this bill. - Most notably about the Hawaiian aquarium fisheries is the level of regulation imposed by government agencies. Best of all in this context is that such regulations are followed by the fishermen, including reporting of a great deal of information regarding fishing effort, catch, and methods. This is in stark contrast to some other aquarium fisheries in other countries. - The regulations imposed on Hawaiian aquarium fisheries is well informed by scientific information (including many well-conducted scientific surveys). The aforementioned points give Hawaii an outstanding opportunity towards maintaining it's renowned position as a well-managed fishery. Management practices that have been enacted, such as the "Fisheries Replenishment Areas", are useful tools towards ensuring sustainable fisheries. A moratorium is not necessary, as there is no sign fish populations are significantly threatened (certainly not beyond the repair of adaptive management schemes). Such a ban would then necessitate the dismemberment of businesses and livelihoods, not to mention millions of dollars on re-training and assistance programs. Such legislation needs to be responsive to scientific investigations into the subject. Of course, if studies show significant declines of targeted fish populations, and/or other deleterious effects of the fishery, management can adapt to these obstacles. There are scientific and governmental entities working in tandem to provide informed management to prevent such problems. As Hawaii has been setting the standard for management of aquarium fisheries worldwide, it would be a major step back (with global repercussions) to ban it outright based on claims contrary to facts, rather than utilizing tools already available to managers. Regulation vs bans work for the fishers, for the fish, and for the reefs in other countries, as well as in Hawaii. Thank you for your time, Ryan McAndrews, B.Sc. (Marine Biology) M.Sc. candidate, Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology, Bremen, Germany
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Sue Klein
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State	Ca
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter! -Sue Klein</p>

Name:	Janna Ahu
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Matthew Gurewitsch
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Island or City	Kihei
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>Our priceless marine wildlife need every protection possible. The galloping spectacle of their extermination over the past decades, and over the past five years in particular, is heart-breaking. Friends of the islands who remember the fish stocks 20 or 10 or even 5 years ago ask us, with a dismay we share: "Where are the fish???" The health of the reefs is the very foundation of tourism to the islands. For the sake of our economy as well as for the sake of what is right for the environment and the aina, it is vital that we protect the coral, the fish, the marine mammals, and all the other fauna that belong to our unique ecology.</p> <p>For these reasons, I passionately support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Mahalo for your attention.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
julie klaz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB 873 is redundant. Most of what you seek already exists in the most regulated fishery in the State. See the recent DLNR rules packages applicable to this fishery. The Department of Aquatic Resources here in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii does a wonderful , thorough job of regulating and studying our industry . This bill is completely unnecessary . Aquarium fishermen are already the most heavily regulated fishery in the state and we work closely with our DAR marine scientists to create recent the Rules Package to further regulate our industry . This bill is completely unnecessary as everything addressed in it is covered I the latest Rikes Package .

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State	hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I can't say it any better than this.</p>

Name:	Kathleen Warren
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Island or City	Cheney
State	WA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Kathleen A. Warren</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Tam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The proposed legislation is without basis in need. It is absent scientific basis. Further, establishment of legislation that creates a program within the Division of Aquatic Resources requires accompanying resources. Are the resources available? If not, will they be provided? Please be aware that the Division of Aquatic Resources has not had a permanent person in charge for the better part of a decade. The most recent permanent full-time person in charge resigned within less than a year.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sarver	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I support HB 873 and urge you to do the same. Our fish populations are badly overfished and everyone recognizes it. Everyone also constantly complains about the lack of enforcement of the few regulations we do have. The DBOR and DAR badly need the power to inspect boats and coolers for illegal harvests. We need to do a far better job of managing our resources if we expect anything to be left for the future generations. Dale Sarver, Ph.D. Marine Ecologist

Name:	James Elder
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Island or City	Kamuela
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I oppose Bill HB873 HD1. The regulation of the tropical life fishery is well regulated by the state and DLNR. Many people depend on this fishery for employment! The Aquarium trade brings in much needed money for Hawaii. The fish that are taken from the reef are far out on the end of the reefs where very few people ever go! Leave the regulation of this fishery to the experts and the DLNR! Thank you.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Brien	BIAAF	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose HB 873

Name:	Daniel Houlihan
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State	CA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>As a frequent visitor to Hawaii, I am greatly disheartened by the depletion of reef life. Please save the reefs and all their wildlife for future generations!</p>

Name:	Kecia Joy
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support doing what is Pono and treating our wildlife with care.</p> <p>Hawaii is in view around the world. Please know that what you do here will set an example. I know you will do what is right. If we do have to ship these animals, we must have a 1 gallon minimum for each creature shipped for the aquarium trade or stop this shipping all together!</p> <p>I am therefore supporting the amending of HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you kindly for doing your part and doing it with heart, Kecia Joy</p>

Name:	Anita Wintner
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come. I STILL WANT TO SEE THE AQ TRADE BANNED IN HAWAII. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN EVER CHECK TO SEE HOW MANY DIE OR WHAT IS BEING SHIPPED OFF THE ISLAND . THE COLLECTORS (MOST ANYWAY) DO NOT REPORT WHAT THEY ARE SHIPPING OUT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY TAX. THERE IS NO WAY THEY WILL HONESTLY BE REPORTING HOW MANY DIED.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kilpatrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Schacht	Green Divers Productions	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support taking action on a complete ban on aquarium reef fish harvesting, to be phased in over a period of 1-2 years. HB873 should be amended to accomplish such a ban. The current version of the bill does appear to create a somewhat more protective regulatory framework over the commercial trade of Hawaii's reef fishes, but, because it falls far short of the objective of outlawing it entirely, is likely to merely preserve the status quo. We strongly urge the Committee to take concrete steps toward a complete ban. Thank you.

Name:	Joseph Varet
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Island or City	Captain Cook
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>The reefs are Hawaii's legacy -- do not let them die!</p> <p>Joseph Varet</p>

Name:	marc walske
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Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Let's do the right thing, protect the aquatic life and the reefs.</p>

Name:	Tom Plouffe
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State	Ontario, Canada
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Reef wildlife is a product of nature; it's beautiful and should be left where it is, not put in someone's home aquarium. It is not needed for us to survive, leave it alone; let nature take it's place.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill is an important step toward resolving the aquarium collecting conflict through proper management. However, it contains a poorly worded amendment as follows: "No person shall take aquatic life for aquarium purposes or enter into a limited-entry area designated by the department pursuant to section 188- without an aquarium fish permit." As written, this states that no person who does not hold an aquarium permit may enter an area in which aquarium fishing is managed - i.e. no snorkeling, diving, or fishing for food. This is clearly not what the authors of the bill intended, so it needs to be revised to state that no person with an AQ designation on their boat, or carrying aquarium collecting equipment may enter a limited-entry area.

Name:	Dionne Miller
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I don't understand why the caring public has to continually beg those supposed to represent the best interests of Hawaii to protect public resources for the benefit of all while you continue to allow a few to profit. Where is your responsibility to the protecting Hawaii?</p>

Name:	Chris Quarre
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>As a diver I see first hand the impact of the aquarium trade. Seeing animals disappear from our reefs, they are adversely affecting our reefs and slaughtering our reef life, and for what? Please make it stop, protect our reefs!</p>

Name:	Colleen Miyose-Wallis
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Michael Utt
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and most importantly protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,

I support HB873 HD1 with the amendments as stated. The Aquarium trade in West Hawai'i is being managed for sustainability, as 15 years of monitoring data has shown. However, right now there are no limits to the number of fishers who are collecting. To ensure the sustainability of the fishery, there needs to be caps or limits to the number of AQ permits and to the certification of the most qualified fishers. In addition, there needs to be limits to the size and number of AQ fish that can be taken, along with the ability for DAR to modify those size and bag limits depending on population size changes.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
TODD SHIRAKI	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill. It's jepordizes the livelyhoods of many local fishermen.

Name:	Neil Frazer
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I strongly support amending HB873 HD1. We should do whatever we can to restore depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade</p>

Name:	John Vail
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Island or City	Makawao
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Elaine Mullo
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Island or City	Kihei, Maui
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Please be proactive and save the remaining species. Our oceans are our last hope . We do not need another degrading force. Thank you for being environmental conscious .</p> <p>Sincerely Elaine Mullo</p>

Name:	Su Johnson
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Island or City	Kittery
State	Maine
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members, PLEASE MOVE FORWARD AND RETRACT PERMISSION TO TAKE SEA LIFE INTO AQUARIUMS . GLASS BOTTOM BOATS ARE BEST AND AQUARIUMS ARE HORRIBLE PRISONS FOR FISH AND ALL SEA LIFE. We want to admire nature in Hawaii, not see imprisoned fish or animals.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Mary Groode
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Make your decision based on what will benefit the economic and environmental interests of all the citizens of Hawaii and our visitors. Letting Aquarium Collectors take the fish off the reef is like killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.</p>

Name:	Madge Schaefer
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Island or City	Kihei
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members, Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about this Bill.</p> <p>Please consider the long term effects of continuous, unregulated taking of aquarium fish on future generations of Hawaii residents and visitors. Shall they only see those beautiful fish behind glass in an aquarium?</p> <p>I have seen the delight on the faces of my children and now, my grandchildren as they swim with the fishes on shallow reefs for the first time. Sadly, there are far fewer fish now than when my children were kids.</p> <p>Many Pacific island governments have implemented bans and/or restricted taking of tropical fish. They recognize that these small creatures keep reefs healthy, are important ambassadors for tourism, and simply deserve protection.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Madge Schaefer On behalf of the entire Schaefer family</p>

Name:	Nancy Bannerman
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State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Marine Biologist and former aquarium fish and invertebrate collector, I strongly support this bill so that we can protect and preserve the faunal riches of our reefs today so that we and those who come after us can continue enjoying them sustainably for generations.

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State	ca.
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>A gallon of water is the minimum amount needed to support the life of the fish you are transporting; surely your profits are affected by the arrival of DEAD fish? Please call upon your compassion and integrity in this matter.</p>

Aloha from the Big Island!

I oppose HB873 for the following reasons:

It is redundant. Most of what you seek already exists in the most regulated fishery in the State. Please review the recent DLNR rules packages applicable to this fishery.

HB 873 is not needed. The Hawaiian aquarium fishery is recognized worldwide as the gold standard in tropical fish collection. No one does it better than we do in Hawaii.

The latest version of HB 873 has not been vetted with any of the affected party's. You should at least be respectful enough to do so before proposing such a bill.

HB 873 wants our aquarium fishermen to be certified by an outside agency? Which outside agency- someone in Washington? Hawaiian aquarium fishermen are the experts and should be the ones certifying!

Why would you want to over-regulate a proven sustainable fishery by passing HB 873? You should be proud of its success, and not try to tamper with it. Please refer to DLNR's Marine Biologist, Dr. Bill Walsh, for some expert testimonials.

HB 873 proposes limiting areas open to aquarium fishing. This already exists, with FRAs in place for over 15 years on the Big Island, proving to be extremely successful.

HB 873 has so many loose ends. I would be very concerned about proposing a bill that is so ill conceived and poorly worded, and then having to defend its legitimacy.

HB 873 would like to see quantity and size limits put on our fishery. They already exist, and have been very successful in maintaining and robust and vibrant fishery.

Limiting the number of permits, as in HB 873, has been previously visited by the state, found problematic and abandoned as a practical fishery management concept. Let's not repeat past mistakes.

HB 873 would implement all these enhanced penalties for non-compliance, consistent enforcement, etc... Check with DLNR. No issues exist in these areas.

Finally, I feel that there are many far more legitimate and needy projects to spend your time and our tax money on. Rather than trying to repeatedly, (year after year) shut down a mature, sustainable, and legitimate industry that provides livelihoods for many, many local families and tax revenue for the State, issues such as poverty, homelessness, and our infrastructure are a few that should be a priority for Hawaii's representatives.

Mahalo for you time,
Scott Mudd

Kona resident 8 years
Honolulu resident 10 years

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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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State	WA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Rob Simonsen
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State	WA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>As a scientists (studying the coral reefs of Oahu), I have seen first hand what a difference healthy and thriving populations of fish can make on a reef, especially considering the other taxing anthropogenic stressors we as a society place on these ecosystems. Many of the fish exploited for the aquarium trade are crucial to coral reef health and will affect their ability to resist future stressors as a result of a rapidly changing climate.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

Name:	Susan Douglas
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

Name:	Lisa Marten
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State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending and then passing HB873 HD1.</p> <p>We do not need to spend money on a new conservation program. Let DLNR and DAR do their jobs. 90% of each island should be off limits to aquarium fishing, including all areas where layouts are currently banned. In the areas where collection is to be permitted, an EIS should be completed to determine catch limits by species. This will avoid decimating the fish populations and keep our reefs healthy.</p> <p>Thank you for protecting our oceans. Lisa Marten</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Bradley Jones
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Island or City	Los Angeles
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>The coral reefs on all the Hawaiian Islands are under threat from disease which has been declared an epidemic by Dr. Thierry Work of the USGS in Honolulu. Taking fish off the reef upsets the balance of the already stressed reefs. Now more than ever it is imperative to ban collection by the aquarium trade. These fish and animals are live resources of the State of Hawaii and should not be harvested and exported anywhere. They belong on the reef where each species has a role to play.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Jespah Koja
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Island or City	Honolulu
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Grant Heidrich
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State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1.</p> <p>Though I personally support a complete ban on the collection of marine wildlife in Hawaii, I would like to ask you to please amend HB873HD1 to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; it will also help to restore depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>God gave us these precious resources, the land, the sea and all the animals, and we as stewards need to protect and nurture these resources. Please act humanely, responsibly, and intelligently and amend the bill.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments,</p> <p>Grant Heidrich</p>

To: Representative Karl Rhodes, Chair
Committee on Judiciary

From: Kate Zolezzi, General Manager Maui Ocean Center

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015

Subject: HB873 – **Relating to Aquatic Rights**

I am the General Manager of the Maui Ocean Center, Hawaii's Top Rated Family Attraction and the only licensed aquarium in Maui County. We currently have 120 full time and part time employees. Under Special Activity Permits issued by the State of Hawaii, aquatic life is held for education, display, propagation, and release. As such, we are very interested and have a significant stake in any action taken by this Committee which involves aquatic life.

Our company opposes HB873, a bill to establish an aquatic life conservation program in the Division of Aquatic Resources to implement conservation measures, including limited entry areas and certification requirements, to regulate the collection of fish and other aquatic life for aquarium purposes. While MOC supports efforts to protect our marine environment, including its aquatic life, passing of this bill would result in an unnecessary duplication of the oversight and requirements that we are already bound by under our Special Activity Permit.

Maui Ocean Center collects marine life for the purpose of public display, propagation and education at our world class aquarium facility. We do not collect any marine life to ship or to sell which differentiates us from other aquarium collectors.

MOC believes it should be exempted from HB873 due to the already existing oversight by the DLNR and DAR and the nature of our permitted activities which have tremendous value for our community and the visitor industry. Along with Waikiki Aquarium and other facilities in the state of Hawaii, public aquariums are excellent resources for school children, residents and visitors to learn to respect Hawaii's marine life and become better stewards of our marine environment.

There is precedent for exempting Maui Ocean Center along with other public aquariums and exemption language already exists at the Maui County level.

I do not believe that it is the intention of our elected lawmakers to cause duplicate oversight for additional costs to oversee these valuable facilities as the oversight already exists. Exemption language will ensure that we along with the taxpayers do not suffer the unnecessary burdens, cost and consequences of HB873.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Kate Zolezzi

Cc:

Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura

Rep. Della Au Belatti

Rep. Tom Brower

Rep. Richard P. Creagan

Rep. Mark J. Hashem

Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami

Rep. Chris Lee

Rep. Dee Morikawa

Rep. Mark M. Nakashima

Rep. Gregg Takayama

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Your support is critically needed to not kill the "goose that lays the golden egg" for Hawaii tourism. There are reefs on Maui today that had an abundance of fish 15 years ago, that have none today. It is just a matter of time before the entire state is without fish unless you and your colleagues protect what remains. Mahalo for your support.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I am a divemaster who takes visitors scuba diving for a living. The reef fish are much more valuable here on the reefs of Hawaii than they are in fish tanks only to die an early death. The aquarium trade is not pono and it should be stopped or at least severely regulated.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Miltimore	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose all forms of collection of fish and other aquatic life other than individual consumption

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State	hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	For the Fishes	Support	No

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>There is no need to upset the ecosystem in favor of greed. People do not need to possess endangered animals or sea life. The reefs and associated wildlife should be restored and replenished.</p> <p>Don</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miki Hajek	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I can't believe you guys actually consider bills like this - so badly conceived, badly researched and badly done. I expect more from you all. Kill the whole thing now.

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State	hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Name:	Shayla Middleton
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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Name:	Gail Grabowsky
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I am a marine life educator with a PhD from Duke University and 18 years experience teaching marine science at Chaminade University. It is time that we take more steps to protect our reefs - especially when the extraction we are doing with the aquarium fish is really "want" and not a "need." We NEED our reefs intact and healthy. These fish and organisms are a vital part of the reef COMMUNITY and altering the community unnecessarily can lead to its collapse. For our future generations, so that may know the beauty and importance of Hawaii's reefs please pass this bill. It will help restore respect for and wise use of our resources.</p> <p>Mahalo, Dr. Gail Grabowsky</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>



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**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary
Friday, February 27, 2015, 3:00 pm
Conference Room 312**

RE: OPPOSED OF HB 873 AS WRITTEN

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura & Members of the committee;

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify, my name is Toni Marie Davis. For the last 17 years it has been my honor to serve the activity & attraction industry of Hawaii through my position as the Executive Director of the Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii (A3H). A3H represents over 200 businesses statewide. Our members range in size from very large (over 300 employees) to very small (1-2 employees). **A3H Opposes HB873_HD1 as written. Please exempt Aquarium Attractions, specifically Waikiki Aquarium and Maui Ocean Center.**

There are 8 bills covering Aquarium fisheries this session. They range from added management, restriction to an all-out 10 year moratoriums. None differentiate resellers of fish to pet stores from collectors for our islands' aquarium attractions.

Please protect these valuable assets to our community. The preservation and responsible management of fisheries is paramount to the health of our reefs and ocean. Awareness of this fact often begins at an Aquarium Attraction at a young age. I still remember my first trip to the aquarium and how it sparked my love of marine life. These locations collect and display Aquarium fish for educational purposes.

These attractions have annual special activity permits, which are reviewed monthly and overseen by DLNR/DAR. Their collection plans and reports are monitored and their permits subject to annual renewal. Their business hinges on the privilege, not the expectation, of annual renewal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Toni Marie Davis
Executive Director

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>Tourists come to your islands from all over the world to enjoy your beautiful beaches for many water activities including snorkeling and diving.</p> <p>They want to see the fish in their natural habitat; not in an aquarium!</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joni Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Robert Likins
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February 26, 2015

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

TESTIMONY OF AN AQUARIUM ENTHUSIAST FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWAII HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 873 To be heard February 27th at 3:00 PM

I support a well regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the state for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable at current levels.

Management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. Hawaii's aquarium trade is considered to be one of, if not the best regulated near-shore fisheries in the state. Despite claims that the Yellow Tang is disappearing, its abundance over the entire West Hawaii coast has increased by over 1.3 million fish (up 58%) from 1999 to 2013.

We all want a vibrant, sustainable and diverse reef. While HB 873 HD1 appears to be well intentioned, much of what it proposes is poorly defined and would be difficult for the state to properly implement. Moreover, the permit requirements call for certification from a non-existent entity and thus would be impossible to comply with. Please do not pass this bill in its current form.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert Likins

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State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>My son grew up learning to free dive and fish in Keauhou, Kona Coast-his personal daily witness is less fish.</p> <p>GREEDY aquarium takers do NOT GIVE BACK. Only \$50 a year is not enough!! I say BAN this archaic practice!!! Fish, well respected in the Hawai'ian way, will feed us in an emergency. PLEASE regulate these people who live indulgent life styles!!</p>

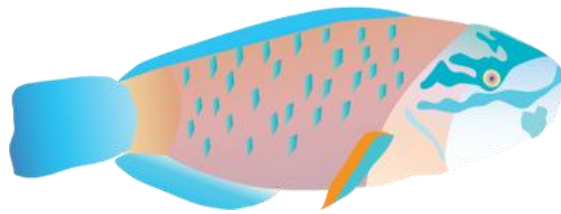
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Mālama kākou iā Ka'ōhao

er to care for Lanikai's coral reef ecosystem



Date: February 26, 2015

To: Hawaii State Legislature

RE: Testimony to Amend House Bill 873 HD#1

This testimony is submitted on behalf of Mālama kākou iā Ka'ōhao, the Mokulua Fishing Club, Lanikai Beach and Park Foundation, and the Lanikai Association, the community-based organizations in Lanikai. The Mokulua Fishing Club is one of the oldest fishing clubs in the State.

We appreciate the efforts expressed through House Bill 873 to improve the sustainability of the aquarium fish collection industry; however, this industry is not compatible with nor does it contribute in any significant way to quality of life of Hawaii's residents or Hawaii's economy which is largely based on ocean tourism and recreation. The establishment of a "conservation program" as described in the amendment just adds bureaucracy and cost to an already overburdened, underfunded, state agency, the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Post-capture mortality is a given in this industry and this waste is unacceptable. This industry is not enforceable. Even existing fishing rules, such as catch limits and size limits for recreational or commercial fishing are rarely enforced due to underfunding and lack capacity of the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement.

We strongly request the following amendments to this bill:

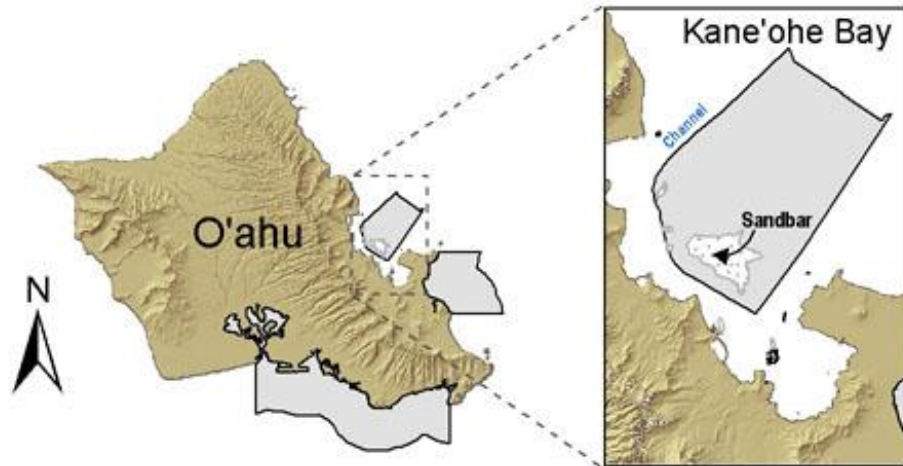
1. Establish a 3-year phase out of commercial and recreational aquarium fish collecting:

- a. Issue no new permits
- b. Prohibit transfer of permits
- c. Only allow those individuals with valid permits in good standing as of December 31, 2014 and who have submitted catch reports as required for 2014 to continue to collect aquarium fish in accordance with existing rules during the phase-out period.
- d. Over the 3-year phase-out period, work with other state agencies and private sector to assist the remaining aquarium collectors obtain other employment preferably outside the fishing industry as an effort to reduce the existing overcapacity in the fishing industry.

2. Designate no-take areas for commercial and recreational aquarium fish collecting:

At a minimum, areas should be designated where no commercial or recreational fish collecting is allowed. On Oahu –commercial or recreational aquarium collecting should be completely banned from areas where the use of laynets is currently prohibited. These areas are already

designated by DLNR as: an area in Kaneohe Bay, Kailua to Lanikai, and Maunalua Bay to Pearl Harbor (see map from Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 13-75-12.4 below).



Areas of Oahu where the use of lay net is banned (HAR) 13-75-12.4

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Kitty Courtney, Ph.D.
Marine Environmental Scientist
Coordinator, Mālama kākou iā Ka'ōhao
Board Member, Lanikai Association
Project Manager, Lanikai Beach and Park Foundation
Advisor, Mokulua Fishing Club



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HB873

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for JUD on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lois crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rep Rhoads, Chair Rep Joy San Buenaventura Vice Chair I support the intent of HB873 restricting commercial fish collecting but still have some issues with the wording. Regarding the specifics of the bill, I do not think that setting up special enforcement is necessary. The DLNR/DAR already are in charge of monitoring our ocean resources, we just need more enforcement officers. The few in charge cannot be responsible for so much. To say they are poorly understaffed is an understatement!!! Put money into more officers at DLNR, not a new program. With ocean acidification and coral bleaching, our reefs are becoming more fragile. Our reef fish help our coral stay healthy by eating the algae, which accumulates when coral is weakened. We need our coral to protect our reefs, and we need the reefs to keep our islands in tact, especially with Climate Change and the prediction of more severe storms. A large part of our economic prosperity is due to tourists, and a main reason they come here is for the islands natural beauty. The fish are a part of that. The fish are worth more in the oceans than sold to people who want to put them in their tanks. Not only that, the fish are very sensitive and if they do make it to the tank from the ocean, they don't last long because tanks are hard to maintain. This is the end of the life cycle. I think that an environmental assessment should be done in all areas where commercial aquarium collecting occurs, and I think communities should have a say if collecting is allowed in their area. I would like to consider raising the cost of the permits to help with enforcement and cost of a certification program. I would like to see <1% mortality threshold by species at arrival and within 3 days of arrival. Thank you for letting me testify. Lois Crozer Kailua

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ulla Carmiencke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, There is no need to establish a separate department with the expense that this will entail. The overall goals of this Bill are being met by DLNR/DAR presently. The Bill also address's only one already heavily regulated fishery. The aquarium fishery is well regulated and not the cause of the issues cited such as coral bleaching. Legislature should work closely with DLNR/DAR to submit Bills based on the data they have and the recommendations they provide. Thank you.

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Brian Fuller

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Anthony Nahacky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, This Bill does not provide enough detail to support it. Currently much of the intent is already in place or being considered for the Big Island with additional regulation in process for Oahu. Currently DLNR/DAR is doing an excellent job moving forward with additional regulations. It would be best to let the Fisheries Biologists and specialists at DLNR/DAR continue to monitor and regulate the aquarium fishery using their accumulated data. Thank you, Anthony Nahacky

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Sincerely, A marine life collector for over 25 years David curls

Ryan Fran
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Sincerely,
Ryan Francesc

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Name:	bobbie acol
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Aloha Committe Members this in regard to the ocean that we all have lived and grown to love all are lives and respect to protect are marine ocean life that is being killed and demolished from companies that have no concern in the world except for money and greed. If this bill doesn't pass it will damage our culture and negatively affect our future generations. It's our duty as stewards of this planet to protect our resources the way our ancestors did.</p> <p>Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Aloha</p>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirby Kester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Rhoads and committee members, My name is Kirby Kester, my family avidly fishes and dives in Hawaii. I am opposed to this bill because it appears to be another bill which is "a solution, looking for a problem." The aquarium industry is very responsibly caring for the ocean resources, why would a successful business overly harm the very resource that sustains it, as alleged? This bill is unnecessary and not based on a strong, repeatedly confirmed, body of facts.

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Kyler Sugiyama
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Kyler Sugiyama



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TESTIMONY OF QUALITY MARINE IN OPPOSITION TO HB 873 HD1
For Consideration of The Hawaii State Legislature
House Judiciary Committee

February 26, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, please take into consideration our comments in opposition to HB 873 which prescribes additional aquarium trade regulations, particularly the need for independent third party monitoring to ensure compliance with already effective and future DLNR regulatory measures.

Quality Marine is one of the largest and longest-standing marine ornamentals businesses in the United States. For nearly 40 years, Quality Marine has imported and distributed live aquatic species for the public aquarium, education, research, and retail sectors. Quality Marine is a strong advocate of responsible aquarium keeping, supports sensible science-based regulations governing the trade in live aquatic species and sound scientific management of fisheries. We are proponents of the IUCN guidelines on Sustainable Use, and operate in alignment with those ideals. Quality Marine is an advocate for the well-being and humane treatment of the aquatic species in our trade and work with suppliers that share similar standards.

Bill 873 HD1 which originated as an Aquarium Fishing Ban Bill, alleging massive impacts to Hawaii's marine resources has been completely re-drafted as a result of actual data originating from the State's own resource managers, which illustrates a completely different picture. The facts, as we understand them, are that the aquarium fishery in Hawaii is a well-regulated and sustainable industry. The committee referring this Bill seems to agree with this fundamental premise, and has made it clear it has no interest in shuttering the most valuable, the most studied, and most regulated near-shore fishery in the State.

However, the redrafted bill 873 continues to allege that ***"Aquarium collection causes a loss of wildlife that threatens Hawaii's reef environments and the socioeconomic benefits they provide, including to tourism, which is a crucial contributor to the State's economy, and to the sustenance of local families."***

A sustainable level of harvest does not threaten Hawaii's reef environments, nor the State's economy or local families. Rather it is a benefit, and in fact is the State's most valuable near-shore fishery. The bill interestingly now acknowledges that ***"Hawaii's fisheries are sustainable at current usage rates"*** but seems to identify the need to manage beyond the DLNR's current authority ***"to ensure that fisheries remain sustainable into the future."***

Despite the recognition that the two most heavily targeted herbivores, accounting for more than 84% of the total aquarium trade catch, are increasing in population as a result of effective DLNR management , the bill still cautions that a ***“decline in herbivorous fish is a known stressor to coral reefs.... Without herbivorous fish, the long-term stability of these fragile ecosystems is in jeopardy.”***

It appears that the bill’s entire justification ***“Maintaining herbivorous fish populations and restoring populations in areas where they have declined or been lost are essential for the protection of Hawaii’s coral reefs and the current and future socioeconomic well-being of Hawaii’s people, which is tied to its unique marine environment”*** serves a need that is already being met by past, current and future effective management strategies implemented by the DLNR. The State’s own Division of Aquatic Resources 2015 WHFRMA findings illuminate that the populations of the most heavily targeted aquarium species, specifically Herbivores, have increased significantly, yet the intent of this bill is intervene in the DLNR’s management of the fishery to somehow achieve precisely the results that have been already been and continue to be achieved.

Responsible members of the aquarium trade welcome meaningful science-based regulation and governance, not sensational allegations meant to paint the industry in an unwelcome light. The trade has worked consistently with regulators over the past 20 years to seek ways to foster sustainability, reduce impact, and minimize user conflict. Measures such as Act 306 have illustrated compellingly the renewable nature of the aquarium fish resource, and the sustainability of current harvest levels. Ongoing surveys indicate sharp increases in the overall populations of the most commonly collected aquarium species. The benefits of the very recently passed WHRFMA rules package, including the white list, and slot and bag limits for other species will also yield the intended benefits. Additional recent regulations put in place on Oahu also further regulate the trade there.

Lastly, with regard to the need for the establishment of standards, and compliance monitoring by an independent third party, we question the need and expense for such measures. Again, according to the DLNR, the fishery is sustainable, and the implementation of these prescribed requirements is not only unnecessarily onerous, but also moot and purely academic for the purposes outlined in this bill. We encourage the committee members to convene with the DLNR to determine whether these additional measures are justified or warranted.

We humbly request that the committee either reject this Bill, or at a minimum defer it until which time additional discovery can be made to identify the value or benefits that these prescribed measures might provide. We appreciate the opportunity to voice our opposition to HB 873.

Respectfully,



G. Christopher Buerner, Quality Marine

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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

TESTIMONY OF ____

Betty Trihey

_ FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWAII HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL
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Sincerely,
Betty Trihey

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Submitted on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Courtney	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I was unable to attach my file. The complete testimony was emailed to Senator Rhoads. Here is the text portion. This testimony is submitted on behalf of Mālama kākou iā Ka'ōhao, the Mokulua Fishing Club, Lanikai Beach and Park Foundation, and the Lanikai Association, the community-based organizations in Lanikai. The Mokulua Fishing Club is one of the oldest fishing clubs in the State. We appreciate the efforts expressed through House Bill 873 to improve the sustainability of the aquarium fish collection industry; however, this industry is not compatible with nor does it contribute in any significant way to quality of life of Hawaii's residents or Hawaii's economy which is largely based on ocean tourism and recreation. The establishment of a "conservation program" as described in the amendment just adds bureaucracy and cost to an already overburdened, underfunded, state agency, the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Post-capture mortality is a given in this industry and this waste is unacceptable. This industry is not enforceable. Even existing fishing rules, such as catch limits and size limits for recreational or commercial fishing are rarely enforced due to underfunding and lack capacity of the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement. We strongly request the following amendments to this bill: 1. Establish a 3-year phase out of commercial and recreational aquarium fish collecting: a. Issue no new permits b. Prohibit transfer of permits c. Only allow those individuals with valid permits in good standing as of December 31, 2014 and who have submitted catch reports as required for 2014 to continue to collect aquarium fish in accordance with existing rules during the phase-out period. d. Over the 3-year phase-out period, work with other state agencies and private sector to assist the remaining aquarium collectors obtain other employment preferably outside the fishing industry as an effort to reduce the existing overcapacity in the fishing industry. 2. Designate no-take areas for commercial and recreational aquarium fish collecting: At a minimum, areas should be designated where no commercial or recreational fish collecting is allowed. On Oahu – commercial or recreational aquarium collecting should be completely banned from areas where the use of laynets is currently prohibited. These areas are already designated by DLNR as: an area in Kaneohe Bay, Kailua to Lanikai, and Maunaloa Bay to Pearl Harbor (see map from Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 13-75-12.4 below). Areas of Oahu where the use of lay net is banned (HAR) 13-75-12.4

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pete Basabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Bad bill, all over the place. Please read attached regulations file. Most of what this bill is attempting to do is already in place or can be done in house by DLNR. Limited entry is a huge legal undertaking and should not be included in such a disjointed bill. Please do not schedule bills that affect outer island stakeholders at the end of the day. We have to fly home. IN THIS CASE IT DOES NOT MATTER AS THE AIRLINES WHERE SOLD OUT BETWEEN KONA AND HNL. TRY TO POST HEARING NOTICE EARLIER SO WE CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS TO COME AND TESTIFY. IF YOU RESCHEDULE THIS HEARING WE WILL COME OVER TO TESTIFY! Thank you, Pete basabe.

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Testimony for CDB on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alma McGoldrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this amended bill 873 HD1. there has to be a change in how many fish are taken from our ocean. To have many more reserves, no fishing areas, would make a great deal of difference to the number of fish . However, setting up the reserves and the work of monitoring these new reserves would take money and manpower, so i suggest that the fee for permits is increased many times, and that the fines for taking fish in the reserves be large enough to deter any law breakers. we need to do more than has been done up til now

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Tony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support. We need to stop selling off Hawaii's natural resources for meager profit for a few to the detriment of the rest of us and the future generations. If you are concerned about any lost revenue, watch as THE generator, the Visitor Industry declines, as one after the other, they ask, : "What happened to the fish?" Please ignore the voices from outside of Hawaii, and listen to the guys who live here. Mahalo, Mike Moran Maui

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Shannon Sugiyama
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Michael King
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Honolulu, HI 96701

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mel Malinowski	South Kohala Reef Alliance	Support	No

Comments: I support HB873 HD1 with some amendments. The original version of HB873 enacted a ban on commercial aquarium collection, and our preference is that it be amended to return to closer to that. Perhaps a phase-out as Russel Ruderman's Senate bill proposes? Ending collection would benefit most Hawaiians. Continuing it benefits a very few. Entrusting the DLNR to limit it is unlikely to succeed. The DLNR sees their mission as that of managing harvest, and not that of replenishing. Act 306 directed the DLNR to designate no-take areas within the FRAs on the Kona coast, in order to replenish non-collected fish. Despite that mandate, in 15 years they have designated NONE. The DAR has been allowing the aquarium collectors to write their own, favorable rules for what to collect, and has no ability to enforce catch limits even if enacted. The Hawaii County council has twice asked the legislature to end aquarium collecting in our county, with no result. If we fail to protect this resource better than we have, our fish numbers will continue to decline, and with them, the health of our coral reef. Please enact amendments to better protect our wild reef fish, and measures that will not be subject to the whim of whoever is the current chairman of the BLNR.

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Sincerely,
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Anica Ng-Parish
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To; Hawaii House Oceans Committee
Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Legislature

26th February 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

Testimony in opposition to Amended Bill HB873 relating to the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry

OATA represents the interests of importers, wholesalers and retailers of aquatic ornamental organisms, including fish, in the UK. Some of the marine ornamental fish imported in the UK originate from Hawaii. Our members agree to abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the need to protect and enhance the welfare of fish in their care. OATA has participated in meetings of CITES, the CBD, WTO, the OIE and IATA on issues relevant to the sector. We strongly support the legal, sustainable and humane use of renewable natural populations of aquatic organisms including fish.

We oppose the amendments suggested to Section Chapter 188-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In reference to indents under "Except as prohibited by law.." we agree to the provision in the first indent "Possesses facilities etc.." . The first provision of the second indent is impossible to comply with as there is no relevant standard that could be assessed by a certification body. Thus this provision is in effect a *de facto* ban as it is impossible for a business to comply with. If adopted in any form provision should be made such an NGO could become an auditor and achieve a ban externally which could not be achieved by amending the law.

The second indent is so vague as to be impossible to comply with or indeed enforce. Does the 1% apply to the time the organism is in the facility, from the time of capture to export, by batch, per week, per year for the whole facility?

On these grounds alone, leave aside more detailed consideration of other proposals in the amendment; I believe this Bill must be opposed.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

Brittney Wolfe
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Sincerely,
Brittney Wolfe

I'm Robert Wintner of Snorkel Bob's, in strong support of HB 873 with amendments.

Banning the aquarium trade is the most responsible option. If legislators want to try stronger management first, amendments to the bill should designate islands that may tolerate aquarium extraction, with 90% of near shore reefs on those islands closed to aquarium extraction. Many reef wildlife species are gone from some reefs and must be allowed to replenish.

We have fewer fish than ever before. El Nino triggered coral bleaching and a spawning spike mostly in a single species: blacklip butterflyfish. The false claim of more abundance than ever before is on 30% of the Kona Coast closed to aquarium extraction. The other 70% of that coast shows fish populations down by 50-80% on any given year, including last year. And "ever before" is a shifting baseline that should read, "since 2004."

All Hawaii corals and live rock are protected by law from extraction. Reef wildlife gone to the aquarium trade weakens that reef habitat and the food chain. Species must return, or Hawaii reefs will continue to perish.

66 people statewide report wildlife sales for aquarium purposes. Most work part time, 3 days a week. Reported sales of \$2.3 million generated \$100,000 in excise taxes, and permit fees at about \$10,000 last year. That's far less than admin and enforcement costs by DOCARE. Hundreds of thousands of Hawaii people want the aquarium trade ended.

Continuing aquarium extraction with no meaningful constraint is a wrong evaluation and both a moral and economic loss. It's an environmental loss, a loss of the soul, a loss of connection and a lost heritage.

The big picture: trafficking in wildlife is absolute. It damages source habitat, target species and destination habitat. Lionfish and Hawaiian turkeyfish live naturally where predators keep them in check. The lionfish invasion of the Atlantic and Caribbean is a marine catastrophe. The aquarium trade shrugs, but the lionfish and Hawaiian turkeyfish did not swim there.

Now these beautiful species endemic and iconic to Hawaii are speargun targets for lionfish rodeos. Animal cruelty and mortality are integral to wildlife trafficking. We hear that many fish go for days without eating, but only carnivorous fish do that. 80% of the Hawaii aquarium catch are herbivores by the millions. Herbivores eat algae, all day, every day. Starvation kills a public trust in deference to cheap shipping. We need a 1-gallon minimum for each reef critter shipped for the aquarium trade.

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>As a visitor to the Islands since 1978, and as a former resident of Maui, I have witnessed the decline in the health of the coral reef ecosystem over the years, and strongly believe significant action must be taken NOW!!! to help preserve the fish populations and reef health.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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HB873

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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members. I support HB873 We need limited entry areas and certification requirements, to regulate the collection of fish and other aquatic life for aquarium purposes. Although I would prefer to see a complete BAN on the collecting of reef wildlife to be sold as decorations, This bill is a step in the right direction. Aloha, Angela Huntemer, North Shore O'ahu.

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DAYANA RAMGOPAUL

My name is Rufus Kimura, owner of Kaiohi Tropical Fish and I oppose this bill. I was born and raised on the Island of Molokai and began collecting aquarium fish while I was still in high school. My father, who was also born and raised in Hawaii, taught me how to dive for fish and how to keep them alive and healthy. With the money I earned from diving for aquarium fish I was able to send myself to college. When I returned from college, I started Kaiohi Tropical Fish. Our company is one of the few in the world to use cutting edge technology such as closed circuit rebreathers and portable decompression chambers to collect deep-water fish in a healthy and sustainable manner. I was recently asked to give a talk at the Marine Aquarium Council of North America to an audience of thousands of people who are enthralled by Hawaii's aquatic biodiversity.

The scientific studies commissioned and carried out by the state of Hawaii show that the aquarium industry is the only sustainable local fishery. Those opposed to the aquarium industry would rather you ignore the science and facts and instead give in to their belief that this is a moral or emotional issue. Personally, I do not agree with tourism or the mass marketing of our island to outsiders, but this does not give me the right to try and push through legislation that might jeopardize the livelihoods of those involved in tourism or real estate sales. The future of the aquarium fishery, like all of Hawaii's fisheries, should be left up to the management and guidance of the state appointed custodians of the sea, the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The DLNR has checks and balances and management practices in place to insure that the nearshore reefs are not over-harvested by aquarium collectors.

Aquarium fishermen are incredibly good stewards of the sea. They know that if an area is overfished or the coral is damaged, the fish that they make their living off of will not return to that area in the future. Therefore, aquarium divers exercise great care when collecting fish. They leave large breeding pairs alone and never fully deplete an area of any type of fish. Aquarium fish have an incredibly high fecundity rate. Many of them can spawn almost every night, sending out tens of thousands of eggs. Unlike food fish that take years to reach market size, aquarium fish are more prized in the juvenile state. Most of them can be harvested in as little as four to five months of age. As soon as aquarium fishes are removed from the reef, the larvae from new spawns are already settling in to take their place.

Currently, Kaiohi Tropical Fish provides employment for eight local divers, one warehouse manager and a handful of divers in Christmas Island, Tahiti and Australia.

It is my request that you leave the management of the ocean and its resources to those who have the skills and scientific background to properly manage it. This should not be a knee-jerk emotional issue but a sound action plan based on scientific studies and resource management. Let the Department of Land and Natural Resources continue to do the job that they were tasked by the State of Hawaii to do. If the legislature wants to interfere within the DLNR's realm of responsibility, where will it stop? If you allow people to take away my livelihood just because they have an emotional problem with it, how is that right?

Reef Rescue Alliance

House Committee on Judiciary; Hearing on 2.27.2015; 3:00 pm

Testimony on HB873 HD1 Relating to Aquatic Life -- IN SUPPORT

Aloha Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members,

The Reef Rescue Alliance supports HB873 HD1 with amendments for your consideration. Thank you for hearing this bill regulating the take of aquatic life for aquarium purposes and protecting our dwindling native reef wildlife. Broad consensus in Hawaii supports replenished populations of aquatic life targeted by the aquarium trade. The vast majority of Hawaii residents want restoration and protection of our reefs for current and future generations.

The intent of HD1 is very much appreciated, yet, we believe that a fiscally conservative and community responsive solution may be found in our proposed amendments, rather than in a new conservation program. Both DLNR and the division of aquatic resources have the ability to regulate and the responsibility to conserve. Justification is difficult on funding a new program for an “industry” that consists of 66 part time individuals with reported sales generating less than \$100,000 in tax revenue—far less than current program administration and enforcement costs.

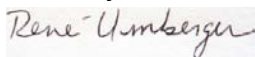
A legislative solution should remedy economic, environmental, cultural and ethical concerns of the broader communities. These concerns have not been addressed in the rules recently adopted and proposed by DLNR. The October resignation of the department’s aquatics administrator, and his reasons for opposing aquarium rules forwarded to board, confirm the need for a legislative solution. While HD1 goes in the right direction, a few key steps would allow the trade to continue—a preference indicated by the OMH committee—while addressing serious concerns raised by numerous stakeholders.

Requiring environmental and cultural assessments and impact statements would go a long way toward addressing the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the trade. Reef communities across the state have voiced strong opposition to the aquarium trade. With input from these communities, setting aside a majority of reefs where commercial aquarium collecting is prohibited may alleviate many environmental and cultural concerns.

The ethical concerns may be addressed in the certification requirement if the mortality threshold is more clearly defined. Ensuring trade practices are in compliance with Hawaii’s animal cruelty laws are also important—these animals are, after all, sold as pets, not food. Rapid surfacing that causes barotrauma to fish’s internal organs is an example of a practice that appears to be illegal and is easily prevented with slow surfacing, rather than mediated with organ piercing as is currently done.

We thank you again and urge your support of this important bill that puts Hawaii’s needs first.

Sincerely,



Rene Umberger
Reef Rescue Alliance

HB873 HD1 – Suggested Amendments

Section 1, second para, amended, as follows:

The aquarium industry has operated for nearly 60 years with no limits on the volume of take and no limits on the number of permits. While the department of land and natural resources reports that Hawaii's aquarium fishery ~~ies are~~ is sustainable at current ~~usage rates, it is important~~ levels of take, it also reports that a number of aquarium targeted species are substantially lower in areas open to aquarium collecting in comparison to those areas closed to it; and, other species have failed to respond to management measures and have actually decreased, overall. Aquarium targeted species showing significant population declines, regardless of the factors contributing to the declines, are in need of replenishment to ensure that fisheries remain healthy and optimal populations that fulfill their ecological function on the reefs and continue to do so into the future.

Section 2, amended as follows:

1. Delete entire aquarium fish conservation program.
2. Require that prior to issuing or renewing any commercial aquarium collection permit, an EA /EIS and cultural impact assessment is conducted for all areas open to commercial aquarium collecting; AND
3. Designate those islands on which aquarium collecting is allowed. On those islands where aquarium collecting is allowed, designate a minimum of ___% (would like at least 90%) of coastal waters in which commercial aquarium collection is prohibited.

- If commercial aquarium collecting is prohibited in less than 70% of the coastal waters of designated islands, catch limits by species and island shall be set to allow replenishment and maintenance of aquatic life populations at 90% of unfished levels, as represented in long term marine protected areas.
- If replenishment to 90% of unfished levels is not achieved within 5 years, permits will be reduced/phased out over the next 5 years or until target population replenishment in the fished areas has been achieved.

Amend Section 3 as follows:

1. 188-31 (a): Delete reference to limited-entry areas. As currently written, exclusive access to certain areas would be given to those with aquarium collection permits.
2. 188-31 (b) 2: Require a certification that includes a mortality rate threshold that doesn't exceed 1% per species upon arrival (DOA) and within 3 days of arrival (DAA) at each step in the chain of custody.

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I have been visiting the island for many years and have seen a steady decline in the fish populations, especially the yellow tangs, while snorkeling. The other day I was in our dive shop in Fort Collins and overheard the owner saying that people just weren't booking trips to Hawaii any more because of the decline of the fish populations. How very sad. Also, I visited Pet Smart in Longmont and took pictures of the fish in their tanks. I asked the saleslady where these fish came from. She told me they come from Hawaii. I was very angry when I heard this. Please stop the aquarium trade and let the reefs become a wildlife refuge for these beautiful fish.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p> <p>Lesley Thompson Loveland, Colorado</p>

HB873

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for JUD on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Malinowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB873 HD1, but request that it be amended to better protect the reef fish. Best would be to eliminate collection entirely. Leaving it to the DLNR is hopeless, as their track record is utterly pro-take. Please amend this bill to provide specific protections for our reef fish that are not at the whim of the DLNR.

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State	HI
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Joseph Chang
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Los Angeles, CA 90005

February 26, 2015

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Cynthia DeLillo
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Eric Francek
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Sincerely,
Eric Francek

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ronald Rodriguez
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Sincerely,
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Name:	Brittany Newman
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Ryan Voth
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February 26, 2015

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HB873

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

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Paul Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD committee members, I support HB873. DLNR says the the aquarium collecting business is sustainable if nothing changes, so please help our wildlife and coral reef remain sustainable with regulation of this business. Many of our endemic species are considered relics, with no close relatives on the planet. I have witnessed eleven different individuals collecting AQ fish in South Kona, Hawaii, some do try to practice good stewardship of our reef. But all in some degree effect the reef negatively, for the fact that moving equipment and catch requires points of fulcrum in the coral. Please view my photo documentation of two sets of collectors in South Kona. <http://atdarock.smugmug.com/Big-Island-Aquarium-collecting> Please set regulation and controls of this business as a way for us to respect the cultural traditions of Hawaii's true fishing. harvesting food with sustainability, such as observing spawn seasons. West Hawaii coastal Ahupua'a are already mutilated, with the FRA zones created to supply the AQ business with fresh "spill over". This is not good reef stewardship, and I have never heard how "spill over" can fix damaged reef corals. Please advance HB873 Mahalo, Paul Cox Miloli'i, Hawaii

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HB483

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Janet Goodmanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote to support this bill. It is so important to West Hawai'i and gives our enforcement officers the authority to do their jobs properly.

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Lori Edmond
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February 26, 2015

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Sincerely,
Lori Edmond

Eric Cohen
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Sincerely, Eric Cohen
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anthony fuller
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Ben Kikgore
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Radford, VA 24141

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Zachariah Brown
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Name:	Claire Trester
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Aloha Mai Kakou</p> <p>I am a 30 year resident of the Big Island and have seen over time the continued absence and loss of reef fish stock on our reefs. This became noticeable when areas of Oahu got closed down to the AQ trade. That's when they started coming to the BI to raid our reefs . our reefs are fragile ecosystems and have been assaulted with climate change, near shore pollution , ocean warming and over fishing. There is a tipping point , that we are on its threshold!</p> <p>I have observed a secondary black pilau fish and peacock roi fish coming in vast numbers taking residency where our reef fish once lived</p> <p>Hawaii's reefs are a treasure and should not be plundered for profit by the AQ trade. The AQtrade is an unsustainable industry with an 80% mortality rate .They are a resource that should be protected, not plundered for profit.</p> <p>Bill Walsh IS WRONG!! The West Hawaii reefs are no longer at a sustainable level.</p> <p>I am a swimmer, kayaker, and work for NOAA with the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Program. I spend a great deal of time in the ocean. It is time to MALAMA PONO OUR REEFS</p>

lonnie ready
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Please make your decision based on science. Fishing communities around the world look to Hawaii as a model of how to manage their own resources.

Hawaii is well respected among scientists for the great job it has done balancing the need to protect the environment with providing a livelihood for her people.

Thank you for your consideration.

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lonnie ready

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Sincerely,
Wayne Sugiyama

Laura Reid
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Sincerely,
Laura Reid

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Orlando Delgado
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February 26, 2015

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TESTIMONY OF Orlando Delgado of The Reef Guppies Group FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWAII HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 873 To be heard February 27th at 3:00 PM

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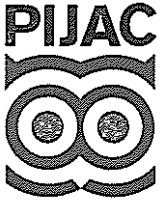
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Orlando Delgado

Name:	Jane Bowman
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Hello from Utah</p> <p>I visit Hawaii yearly for business and pleasure. I have the option of travelling to many other states and countries for these purposes. I choose Hawaii in large part because of the incredible natural beauty of your State, ESPECIALLY the ocean and the reef life it supports. Please do eveything you can to protect this priceless resource.</p> <p>I would like to continue to visit Hawaii regularly, and am very concerned about the negative effects of the aquarium trade on the health of Hawaii's reefs. The protection of underwater wildlife is important to me - not just for my personal snorkeling experience, but for the overall benefit to Hawaii's beautiful ecosystems.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Jane Bowman</p>



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**TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
BY THE
PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL
IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDED HOUSE BILL 873
3:00 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015**

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) appreciates the opportunity to offer our views regarding HB 873 as amended. As the country's largest pet trade association, representing the interests of all segments of the pet industry throughout the United States, PIJAC counts among its members national associations, organizations, corporations and individuals involved in the commercial pet trade. More specifically, PIJAC represents the interests of pet stores, suppliers, distributors, pet supply manufacturers, breeders, retailers and pet owners throughout the state of Hawaii and across the country.

Let me start by saying that nobody cares more about healthy and safe pets than do PIJAC and our members. We have for many years provided a well-respected animal care certification program that is widely utilized by not only persons in the commercial pet trade but shelters, humane societies and institutes of higher education as well. Our association has long been recognized as the voice for a responsible pet trade, and we routinely advocate legislative and regulatory proposals establishing governmental mandates where appropriate to advance the public interest and welfare of pets and the environment. PIJAC works closely with US Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior to ensure effective enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, management of threatened or endangered species and control of invasive species, and have since its inception. We regularly work with federal and state agencies as well as local governments to advance animal welfare and environmental interests.

Following a well-attended hearing before the Oceans, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee in February 2015, the Committee adopted a number of amendments in lieu of an outright ban. The Committee report accompanying the amendments found

“...that the aquarium fish trade is an important source of income for many Hawaii residents, including for those who collect fish and other aquatic species, and those who sell aquatic life and aquarium supplies. However, if left unregulated, the trade has the potential to cause serious environmental harm to coral reef ecosystems. Overfishing or taking inappropriately sized or aged specimens can decimate natural species populations. Careless practices such as anchoring boats to reefs can destroy coral. These actions, which upset the ecological balance necessary to maintain healthy reef ecosystems, have far-ranging impacts on the overall condition of the ocean and the natural resources within it, upon which Hawaii's people and economy depend. The Department of Land and Natural Resources has stated that the State's fisheries are sustainable under current conditions. It is the intention of your Committee to ensure that they remain so.

Your Committee finds that regulating the aquarium trade in Hawaii involves balancing the interests and concerns of the diverse ocean user community with the need to protect the ocean's ecology. Your Committee received testimony on this measure from over 1,200 individuals: investment in this issue is vast, strong, and sincere on all sides. It is not your Committee's intention to deprive fishers and those in the aquarium trade of their livelihood. Rather, it is your Committee's intention to prevent environmental harm caused by overfishing, wasted catch, and damaged reefs and to stop user conflicts that threaten the safety of Hawaii's true greatest natural resource, it's people.”

A reading of a number of the proposed amendments, however, reflect some ambiguities and vagueness that could result in an outcome exactly opposite of what was intended in the above findings.

HB873, as amended, is an improvement, however, several provisions are problematic and the lack of clarity could result in unattended consequences that result in crippling or shutting down portions of, or the entire, aquarium fishery.

The Section 1 assertion that the industry has “operated for over fifty years with no limits on the volume of take” is inaccurate. For more than a decade, the DNLR has adopted numerous controls and restrictions that include, depending on the area or the species, “white lists,” species-specific bag/catch limits, and other regulations as part of a well-studied management plan addressing the collection of fish for the aquarium industry. DNLR has adopted Fish Replenishment Areas (FRA) specifically designed to ensure sustainability. This section should be amended to correctly reflect the state of the industry.

Section 2 would amend Chapter 188 to include language for DNLR to establish a fish conservation program to include a number of strategies already in place as part of DNLR’s activities under prior legislation known as Act 306. The only prohibited activity within a FRA is the aquarium fishery. This amendment also calls for the development of certification requirements and other conditions of eligibility to engage in collecting for the aquarium industry. DNLR management of the fishery already encompasses virtually every requirement the Committee trying to impose.

Section 3 would amend Section 188-31 to revise existing permit process mandating procedures that DNLR may not believe are necessary in light of its history of regulating the fishery. DNLR should be afforded discretionary powers to implement permit issuance, inspections and regulations, enforcement, and other safeguards that DNLR determines are needed to ensure sustainability rather than impose a number of standards that are duplicative, unworkable and not necessary to the maintenance of DNLR’s management plans.

Section 3, Subparagraph (2) would impose a duplicative certification process that unwarranted. Apart from the fact that there is no national or international certification agency or organization, the decision as to what constitutes an acceptable operation should be left to the discretion of DNLR and not a non-existent third-party accreditation operation, especially with the likelihood that same anti-trade activists continuously seeking an outright ban will surface to take on this role. This could potentially create a situation in which a non-governmental entity would supersede the State’s constitutional authority to regulate its marine resources.

Although PIJAC appreciates that this bill is an effort to ensure the continued health and diversity of the reef, an objective we share with the Hawaii State Legislature, the ambiguity it creates and

the duplicative nature of many of its requirements require us to oppose HB873 in its current form. PIJAC appreciates this opportunity to provide our input and would welcome the opportunity to work with lawmakers to craft legislation that addresses environmental concerns without unduly threatening the aquarium trade.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Likins III', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Robert A. Likins III
Director of Government Affairs
Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC)



Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

3:00 pm, Rm 325

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Tom & Christine Russi
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>From my house I have a clear view of Papa Bay and see the almost WEEKLY visits from the Aquarium collectors. It is unreasonable to think that such an aggressive collection schedule on a single stretch of coast is sustainable.</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

Robert Lawrence
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Joshua Kennedy
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Sincerely, Joshua Kennedy
Joshua Kennedy

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>We have been visiting Hawaii 20 years and have definitely seen a decline in the fish in the reefs. We come here to snorkle, so this is very disappointing.</p> <p>The reefs definitely need help.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Rick Lewis</p>

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State	OR
My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Myself and countless other money spending tourists come to the great state of Hawaii for the sole purpose of snorkeling and diving. With the marine wildlife being devistatingly exploited, it is only a matter of a short period of time when the reefs that we know today will be a thing of the past. Please save this National Treasure of ours so my children and my children\'s children can greatly enjoy wonder of what I have in my life. Mahalo</p>

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>The collecting of reef fish for aquarium hobbyists, is NOT fishing and shouldn't be construed as such. We should not let this unsustainable practice continue. I believe it would be wiser to be thinking about preserving this precious underwater environment for us, the health of our planet, (and the tourists), and more importantly our future generations instead of letting a handful of these collectors continue decimating our precious reefs.</p> <p>mahalo for your time, Keomailani Von Gogh</p>

Dan Velasquez
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February 26, 2015

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

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IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 873 To be heard February 27th at 3:00 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

With best wishes toward a positive future, Dan Velas

Name:	Theresa Terpstra
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>Our land and oceans are for all to enjoy, not for a few to pillage and profit from.</p>

Brett Cumbia
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Chesapeake, VA 23321

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Sincerely,
Brett Cumbia

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>The health of our reef and the entire ecosystem affects tourism, which affects all businesses and people in our islands. Our ocean is suffering but can repair itself if we make changes in how much we take from and what we put into it. Amending this bill is a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Mahalo for your kokua.</p>

Name:	Captain Chris Wade
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>My name is Captain Chris Wade. A former marine aquaria collector for Sea Life Park Hawaii as well as working for a major world wide distributor of Hawaii marine animals for aquaria.</p> <p>I ask you to look closely at aquarium trade practice, the industry, the benefits that could possibly been realized by the Hawaiian people and our Ocean.</p> <p>I have seen the decline with my own eyes first hand. What was once a pristine secret reef - is now a barren waste land. What is a prime tourist dive site - is only left with the animals that are of little or no value to collectors.</p> <p>I have seen collection bags stuffed full of yellow tangs, boxes packed with nasos and endless racks of butterfly fish waiting to be sold for the highest dollar. I have seen fish having their swim bladders stuck to release the air. I have seen fish put into tiny boxes meant for organizing of screws and hardware. I have seen dead fish in the tanks, bags, boxes, racks, and throughout the process. I have seen dirty facilities sending out fish sickened by captivity. I know that many many many fish have died in transport.</p> <p>From the time time of being small kind keike standing in front of the glass while looking into the window of the sea until now - the ocean has always been my life.</p> <p>Once I felt there was a strong benefit to public aquaria and others being able to appreciate the things I love so much...at some point seeing the decline and destruction has changed me.</p> <p>I now focus all my efforts on protecting what we have left.</p> <p>I ask you to take a long hard look at this industry. I ask for you to objectively identify the stakeholders and sources of information. I ask for you not to stop the thought process when someone says it is part of their right, heritage or culture to collect fish. I am sure that you will realize what is best for the people of Hawaii and the Oceans themselves. I ask for you not to focus on lost revenue, job numbers, and potential downstream impacts from lost income. I ask you to take a stand and ask you to act BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.</p> <p>Do not let the wool be pulled over your eyes. Do not be part of the ongoing decline of our Ocean. I ask you to be an Ocean Defender and a Defender of the Ohana.</p>

Please - think back to the days when 100 pound Ulua were pulled in from shore on Bamboo poles. Please think back to talk story about the golden waters off Kona. Please - stop and think about the future of Hawaii.

It is poho not to believe this. It is true. Go dive and see for yourself.

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Mahalo for your time and efforts.

Captain Chris Wade
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>As a passionate snorkeler I see a dramatic difference in the number and variety of fish in areas that are protected. As an airline pilot who commutes to the mainland, I regularly sit for hours with our visitors and hear first hand how seeing our underwater wildlife is a primary attraction. Please help us preserve and protect our wildlife for generations to come.</p>

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Patrick Donston

Steven Hornik
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Ornamental Fish International is a worldwide organization representing all sectors of the ornamental aquatic industry.

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To: Hawaii House Oceans Committee
Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Legislature 26th

February 26, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

Testimony in opposition to Amended Bill HB873 relating to the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry

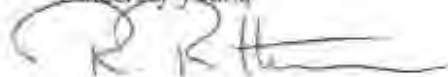
Ornamental Fish International (OFI) represents the interests of the aquatic ornamental industry worldwide. As such we have a very diversified membership, including wholesalers, transporters, competent authorities, media. Our members agree to abide by a Code of Conduct and later this year a Mandate, which includes the need to protect and enhance the welfare of fish in their care. OFI has participated in meetings of CITES, SANCO EU, the CBD, WTO, the OIE and IATA on issues relevant to the sector. We strongly support the legal, sustainable and humane use of renewable natural populations of aquatic organisms including fish.

We oppose the amendments suggested to Section Chapter 188-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In reference to indents under "Except as prohibited by law.." we agree to the provision in the first indent "Possesses facilities etc.." . The first provision of the second indent is impossible to comply with as there is no relevant standard that could be assessed by a certification body. Thus this provision is in effect a *de facto* ban as it is impossible for a business to comply with. If adopted in any form an NGO could become an auditor and achieve a ban externally which could not be achieved by amending the law.

The second indent is so vague as to be impossible to comply with or indeed enforce. Does the 1% apply to the time the organism is in the facility, from the time of capture to export, by batch, per week, per year for the whole facility?

On these grounds alone, leave aside more detailed consideration of other proposals in the amendment; I believe this Bill must be opposed.

Sincerely yours,



Roberto R. Hensen
OFI Secretary General

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francisco salazar
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February 26, 2015

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TESTIMONY OF Francisco Salazar in support of PIJAC FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWAII HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 873 To be heard February 27th at 3:00 PM

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Sincerely,
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Name:	Rick Lyon
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I do not live in Hawaii, I am just a frequent visitor and I have noticed the number of fish and reefs go down significantly over just the last 10 years.</p> <p>Please save the reefs</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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Lee Ashford
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Luci Price
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Captain Cook, HI 96704

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Name:	Vinayak Vinayak
E-mail:	vinayakeha@gmail.com
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State	HI
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Name:	Morgan Mulkey
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State	GA
My message to the Committee:	<p>Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>If populations are depleted, and the marine wildlife is impacted, I'll question my purpose in visiting Hawaii for our annual vacation. Snorkling and appreciating the local marine wildlife is what we look forward to the most when visiting Hawaii.</p> <p>Please protect our reefs for generations to come!</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1.</p> <p>Morgan Mulkey</p>

Name:	Tammy Sterrett
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Island or City	Kailua Kona
State	Hawaii
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Martin Pratt
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Marysville, OH 43040

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Sincerely,
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James Collins
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Sincerely,
James Collins

Steve Hughes
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Mark Cavanaugh
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February 26, 2015

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

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Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for JUD on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Marshall	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Please STOP treating EVERYTHING in Hawaii as a monetary commodity...Reefs, fish, invertebrates, and algae are ALL part of a very fragile ecosystem. They are living, breathing free organisms, NOT intended for BOXED HUMAN ENTERTAINMENT...If you allow the EXPLOITATION to continue, without a moratorium or complete ban, how long do you REALLY think they will survive? Please take a REAL LOOK at the condition of our coral reefs. They have been picked clean...20 years ago, I worked with High School students through the University of Hawaii's Upward Bound Math and Science Program. Our focus was Math and Marine Biology, the students were asked to conduct Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for a mock development in 3 possible reef locations. They were required to identify species and location coordinates, but most importantly, COUNT and record the number of organisms...If we return to the exact spot my group entered the ocean today, we will find most of the coral dead, extremely aggressive foreign algae, LOTS OF MUD, very few fish and almost 0 invertebrates. Is this truly the legacy you folks want to leave your keiki? Please do the right thing and help protect our reefs. Mahalo nui loa, Diane Marshall

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HB873: Nick Ramirez: Opposed bill HB 873 representing: self

HB873 is not needed. The DLNR already has rules and regulations for aquarium fishing. The aquarium fishing business is also a sustainable practice. This is a statement made by DLNR. HB 873 has no detail to what kind of permits are required. Aquarium fishing is already the most regulated fishery in the state. It is not necessary to make it so hard to get a permit. An international agency permit from HB873 is not named, has no details of cost, and there is no credential for having knowledge and scientific research on the aquarium fishery. HB 873 is a non-practical rules package. HB 873 doesn't have any evidence showing that its long list of rules promotes a more healthy or abundant fishery.

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>In the early 1980's, I tried a saltwater fish tank. I bought two Yellow Tang from Hawaii. They died within two weeks. I tried two more and they died too. I closed down my tank.</p> <p>In 1988, I made my first trip to Kona. Walking on Ali Drive, I thought I saw sunken yellow cars everywhere under the water. I later found out those yellow masses were schools of Yellow Tang.</p> <p>I love Kona and plan to come back every year (after living in Hawaii from 1999-2012). Back in Kona and snorkeling (my favorite pastime) just last month, I was heartbroken to see the great reduction of reef fish in comparison to my first visit of 88. And those schools of Yellow Tang along Ali Drive - they are now gone.</p> <p>Reef systems are delicate ecosystems and the out of control collection of aquarium fish is greatly impacting the health of Hawaii's reefs. Not only that, this practice is facilitating the loss of this great natural treasure of Hawaii. People come from all over the world to see these fish in their natural habitat. For those that say many can't come or aren't physically able to snorkel, I say, that's what major public aquariums are for.</p> <p>For the great profit of a small group of people, a great attraction of Hawaii tourism is in peril. If they are gone, many won't come. I won't.</p> <p>Living and snorkeling on Oahu from 2001-2012, I can't remember seeing one Yellow Tang outside of Hanauma Bay. (And those Hanauma Bay fish are greatly reduced since my first trip to Oahu while in the Navy in 1979. I understand that outside Hanauma Bay is a favorite collection spot for the aquarium trade).</p> <p>Taking natural stones out of rivers for profit in Hawaii is a crime, but not taking reef fish. Imagine if I started gathering Nene birds and shipping them off for sale in mainland pet stores. The Nene, once abundant, are now endangered. It is not a great leap to see the same fate for Hawaii's reef fish. The Puffer fish is a prime example. The "ET" fish has been so heavily collected that they are a rare sight in the wild. Though you can find them for sale on Ebay at \$50 a pop.</p> <p>I urge the Committee to amend HB873 HD1. Amending the Bill to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine</p>

wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.

BE BRAVE, and take a stand against this deplorable trade. Expand protected areas in Hawaii (like Hōnaunau on Hawaii - "Two Step" is the top snorkel area on Hawaii but unprotected).

It is ironic that "It is unlawful to take, break or damage, any implement, any rock or coral to which marine life of any type is visibly attached or affixed. HAR 13-95-71". Yet, it is perfectly legal to collect, export and sell the reef fish that are so integral to the health of that rock and coral.

Mahalo for Reading! Gregg Gruwell

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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>My name is Kealoha Pisciotta and I submit testimony on behalf of Kai Palaoa and Mauna Kea Anaina Hou. I support HB873 HD1 with the amendments. These amendments greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p> <p>I wish to thank you for this opportunity to speak to this very important issue and to the proper and compassionate care of our beloved ocean and reef family.</p> <p>Kai Palaoa is a marine protection group dedicated to promoting the health, well being and survival of our oceans and all life. Our family and Hanai (extended family) are Hawaiian Practitioners *, artists, grass roots activists, inventors, scientists, advocates, surfers, divers, fishers, educators and entrepreneurs who believe change in the world is possible.</p> <p>I am here to testify in support of HB 873 HD1. To be clear we wish the bill went further and we would support a complete ban on the Aquarium Fish Collection Trade altogether.</p> <p>But we are here because we believe at a minimum this bill helps to return some COMPASSION back into and otherwise cruel, senseless and totally UNSUSTAINABLE practice if taking of our reef fishes and family.</p> <p>As a Native Hawai'i I am called to reflect upon the KAPU system which was a truly sustainable system that supported a population nearly equivalent to our modern population today and feed the people and protected ecosystem for thousand so years--in Hawai'i.</p> <p>The KAPU system however it could not support the Aquarium Fish Collection industry because the KAPU system was for protecting food stocks--here with the Aquarium Fish Collection Trade we are not taking about people fishing to feed their families and/or the community --the AQ Trade Collectors are just taking the fish and shipping them off to live a stressed and very short live and all for someone's entertainment.</p> <p>So the AQ must not be confused because this issue is not about fishing at all it is simply about taking--and this is A'ole Pono.</p> <p>For a system to be construed as "sustainable" it must at</p>

a minimum be able to replenish what is taken--and in the ideal you must replace more than what was taken--so this industry can in no way be construed as sustainable --it is about taking!

Specifically, the AQ Fish Collection Trade is taking food fish, those fish that are caught for food, such as Kole and Pakuku\\'i etc. this negatively impacts Native Hawai\\'i gathering practices by limiting our ability to fish for a number of species because they are being over harvested by the AQ Trade.

The AQ Collection Trade are also collecting fish and animals considered sacred by Native Hawaiians such as Lauipala or Lauikapu (Yellow Tangs) and O\\'opu Hue (spotted puffers including Porcupine fish). These fish and other sea animals that are attractive to the AQ trade such as Puhi (Eels) are being taken -- many of these animals are [\\'Aumakua](#) belonging to different families and that is not appropriate either--as it upsets the balance of our spiritual harmony as well as that of the reef and the whole Ecosystem.

For these reasons I ask this Committee to please pass this bill and I pray that you may seek in the near future to adopt measures to ban the Aquarium Fish Collection Trade Forever !

In Aloha I remain. I thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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HB483

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Testimony for JUD on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 325

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Name:	DANIEL BOWEN
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Wildlife is on the decline the world over. Our special ocean wildlife will only survive for the future if we are resolute in protecting it.</p>

Name:	Elizabeth Alberts
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Name:	Jeannette Heidrich
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Name:	Jeasica Middleton
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>These bills should be a NO BRAINER!!! When will foresight into the future and respect for our fragile environment win over short term monetary greed??? It's time!!!</p> <p>I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come.</p>

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Name:	Robert Bruce
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Name:	DANNY MACIAS
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Island or City	MAUI
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My message to the Committee:	<p>Aloha Chair Rhoads and JUD Committee Members,</p> <p>I am a concerned resident of Maui. I support amending HB873 HD1. Please amend to ensure that it greatly improves the treatment and respect for our unique marine wildlife and reduces their needless waste and death; restores depleted populations of species heavily targeted by the aquarium trade; and protects our reefs for generations to come. We need to protect our reef fish, as well as the balance of marine life to which they comprise. It is our obligation to preserve this life for posterity.</p> <p>Thank you, Danny Macias</p>

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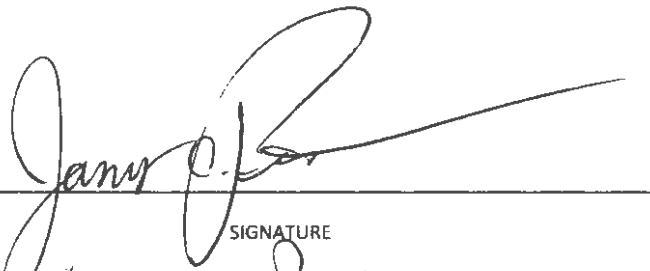
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In opposition to HB 873, relating to Aquatic Life

I am a commercial fisherman on Oahu, with the majority of my income from saltwater aquarium fish. As such, my livelihood depends on robust fish populations and a healthy marine environment. While I appreciate the intent of HB 873 HD1, the current draft has numerous problems which make it difficult to follow and, potentially, impossible to comply with:

- **The certification requirements in Section 3 are poorly defined and impossible to meet.** First, the "national or international certification agency" mandated by this section does not exist. Therefore, we would be unable to comply with this section. This language would preclude both the development of a locally based certification program, and the development of such standards by the state. Also, the requirement of a "fatality rate of one percent" is not defined, and as currently written would place us at risk of losing our permits for reasons outside our control.
- **Several of the measures listed in Section 2 are ambiguous and not properly defined.** Most notably, it is unclear what a "limited entry area" is supposed to mean. Without clear, well defined rules, it is not possible for the state to effectively implement this law.
- **The "Aquarium Fish Conservation Program" is unfunded, and is duplicative of existing programs within the Department.** For the past 40 years, our fishery has been managed successfully through the commercial and recreational fisheries programs. Several of the duties ascribed to this new program, such as law enforcement and ecological preservation, are already covered by other divisions within DLNR and other programs within the division of Aquatic Resources. Creating this program, without proper funding, would take up valuable resources that could be better spent on actual management, research, and enforcement.
- **Some of the statements in Section 1 are false and misleading.** Our fishery is one of the best studied near shore fisheries in the state. It is clear from the best available science that our fishery is well managed and sustainable at current levels. We are **not** causing a "loss of wildlife that threatens Hawaii's reef", nor are we negatively affecting tourism. Our fishery is not significantly affecting herbivore populations, as has been conclusively demonstrated through 17 years of comprehensive reef monitoring in West Hawaii.

Please do not pass this bill. It has far too many problems to be an effective solution at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Matthew Ross

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House Committee on Judiciary
Testimony in Opposition of Bill HB 873 HD 1

February 27, 2015

Chairperson Rhoads and Committee Members,

My name is Dennis Yamaguchi and I am a full time commercial fisherman for aquarium fish on Oahu. I support a well regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the state for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable at current levels. I agree with the basic intent of HB873 HD1 to create an Aquarium Fish Conservation Program, "...to ensure that fisheries remain sustainable into the future". However, while HB 873 HD1 appears to be well intentioned, part of what it proposes is very difficult to comply with.

As an example, a requirement of HB873 HD1 is certification by a national or international agency or organization. As of 2015 there is no such agency in existence. Most of the testimony on certification is associated with a non-profit organization called the Marine Aquarium Council (MAC). Unfortunately MAC no longer exists, and at present there is no independent, accredited, third party entity certifying aquarium fish anywhere in the world.

Another point of content with HB873 HD1 is the redundancy of conservation measures mandated by the bill. Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has the ability in its existing programs to implement rules. Bag and catch limits are a good example. Act 306 on the Big Island has daily bag limits on several aquarium fish, and an Oahu rules package concerning aquarium fish limits currently await Governor Ige's signature.

Please do not pass HB873 HD1. Thank you.



Dennis Yamaguchi

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 873 HD1

HB 873 HD1, as currently written, will be onerous to enforce because much of what it proposes is so poorly defined, making compliance next to impossible.

The preamble in Section 1 asserts that tropical fish collecting is responsible for declines in reef health, yet no evidence is offered to substantiate this claim.

DLNR already has authority, within existing programs, to "ensure the continued sustainability of the state's fisheries". Therefore, HB 873 is redundant and totally unnecessary.

Limited entry areas already were established by Act 306 in 1999, in the form of FRA's, (Fish Replenishment Areas).

There is NO qualified National or International certification agency in existence. The tropical fish industry is self-regulatory everywhere in the world. Either one ships quality fish or is quickly out of business.

DLNR does not have personnel or funding to "develop certification requirements", and to whom would this apply? Surely not those in this industry who have decades of experience? Is this for new licensees only?

This bill just creates more red tape for no reason, and greater burden on taxpayers to fund all of this. DLNR already has management in place to address the concerns of this bill. Enough time has been wasted by this legislature on bills regarding the aquarium trade that are ill conceived and that ignore science.

I hope that sound thinking and reason will prevail and this bill will not move forward. And that this committee will insist that claims made by supporters of this bill are vetted using science, not propoganda and rhetoric.

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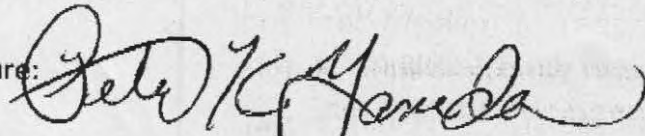
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Friday, February 27, 2015

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 873 HD1

There is nothing about HB 873 that is practical, enforceable, or necessary. It is piling on more regulation which is an overlap of the management plan already established.

DLNR is already charged with enforcing "limited entry" in the form of the established Fish Replenishment Areas – now in place for more than 15 years, and according to Dr. Walsh's 2015 report to the Legislature, are increasingly very effective.

Fish counts have increased both inside the FRA's and outside in the open areas where collecting is allowed. The current management plan is working as intended.

Many of the herbivores that feed on algae are not collected by the aquarium trade at all, yet the trade bears all the blame for any perceived problems with the health of the reef and any algae issues. Most of these species are caught as food fish by recreational or commercial fisherman, in unknown quantities, yet they have little or no restrictions on their take or any reporting requirements that are monitored or regulated. So, largely, the impact of these activities remain unchallenged.

The aquarium trade is a very small part of this larger picture and yet, in terms of biomass, a pound of yellow tangs would be the equivalent, in value, of approximately \$250, compared to any other fishery. This fishery is the most valuable near shore fishery in the state and the most stringently regulated.

The management plan is working, the fishery is thriving, and the economy of West Hawaii, specifically, is much better off as a result. Please do not pass HB 873.



Luciano Perino

Kailua Kona 96740

February 26, 2015

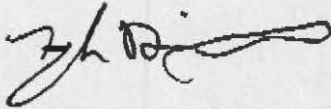
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Kyle Dixon

Date:

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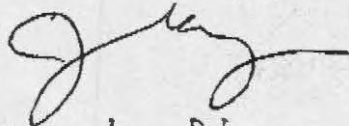
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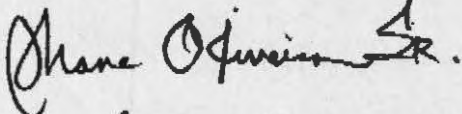
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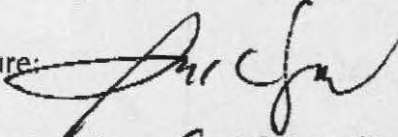
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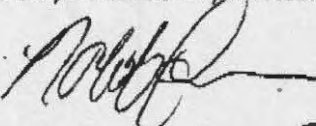
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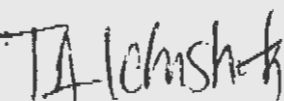
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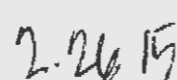
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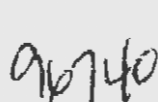
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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

too much regulation already. no need for more. focus on bigger issues not this managed fishery

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I oppose this.

Mike Garrett

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Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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venture, Vice Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

There is so much discussion about this fishery and no talk about the others that take far more fish and are less studied. It is proven sustainable, and the management in place is proven to work. Why should we over manage one, and over look the rest. This is typical of government officials catering to one group when you should be looking at the big picture. Injection wells, run off, over fishing of food fish...there are far more greater problems than adding additional management to the most managed fishery. Please oppose this bill.

Thank You

Melanie Breeze

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. **LATE** Vice Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Please do not listen to the extremist who want to end a fishery. Rules and regulations like this are proposed year after year and government is getting out of hand. Leave the businesses and fisherman alone and do not listen to the environmentalists who want all fishing shut down. **VOTE NO**

Lindy Brown

Kailua Kona

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Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventure, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

This is just more rules for a fishery that has so many rules already. A white list, a bag limit and size restriction just passed along with the existing rules and FRAs that are already in place. Please oppose this measure.

Casey Weathers

Kailua Kona

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Vote No to more management on the most managed fishery in Hawaii.

Winney Suian

Captain Cook

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventure, Vice Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I Oppose this and I encourage you to leave this fishery alone.

Mandy Chung

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re, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

With all the problems in Hawaii, I have a hard time understanding why this fishery is always front and center. Please stop listening to the special interest groups who want this banned and realize it is managed and the management plan is working and is proved to be sustainable. No more rules.

Whitney Carvalo

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ture, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I do not support restrictions on fisherman or fisheries.

Scott Kattner

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. Jo [REDACTED] Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

This proposal is a recycled version from last year, the year before that and for the last ten years. Every year the same environmentalist group tries to propose a ban and it shifts into more management. Put a stop to these people and support the sustainable, well managed fishery that Hawaii already has in place. We need to stop listening to the lies about this fishery and look to the data that says everything is okay.

Please Vote No to HB873

Rosie McDonald

Captain Cook

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Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Enough management already in place, no more.

Craig Wilkens

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I do not support this proposal as it has no scientific basis and is not needed.

Jeff Mata

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventure, Vice Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

There is management in place, more than any other fishery so why do you want more? Why focus on one fishery when other fisheries take far more and have no rules or regulations. Please do not support this bill.

Kai Hooper

Kona

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Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I urge you not support further management of a fishery until the previous rules can be validated and given time to take effect. This fishery has more rules and regulations than any other industry in Hawaii and you are trying to pass additional rules that are not necessary. Please do not support this, as there has been no information to support more management is needed.

Micha Smith

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nture, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

We dont support this, the fishery is already managed.

Kyzeah Bento

Captain Cook

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Ryan Bulacan

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Jason Keawe

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Keana Bento

Captain Cook

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

We have established rules in place, the fishery is well studied and proven sustainable. Let the people fish.

Peggy Glaw

Kailua Kona

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Frank Glaw

Kailua Kona

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Jeremy Glaw

Kailua Kona

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e, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

We do not support further management of the aquarium fishery. They are the most managed fishery in the State, its time you look to other problems and address them before placing new restriction on this sustainable fishery.

Wes Davis

fisherman

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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Ed Yamamoto

Waimea

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Too much management on this fishery. Every year we have to hear about this, worry about other more important issue>this is a SUSTAINABLE FISHERY

Len Chang

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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venture, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Please vote NO to more management, this fishery is small and highly regulated. Why put more restrictions on this extremely managed fishery? No Need for this.

Derek Jennings

Walkoloa

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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re, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

dont listen to the enviros, no need for this nonsense bill.

vote no

katie reed

kailua kona

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ature, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Please oppose this proposition. There is enough management already. Every year new proposals and rules against this fishery are presented. Please worry about land based pollution, unlimited take by recreational fisherman and golf course run off which is understudied and a major problem in Hawaii

Wendy Jennings

Waikoloa

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Rep. J. [REDACTED] ce Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Trying to micromanaged kills business and industry. This fishery is managed, proved to be sustainable and is highly regulated. I am tired of hearing about this non issue every year. Do not cater to the small group that wants this fishery eliminated.

Sylvia Kohn

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Testimony in Opposition to HB 873 HD1

HB 873 HD1 is redundant. Most of what you seek already exists in the most regulated fishery in the State. See the recent DLNR rules packages applicable to this fishery.

This bill would like to see quantity and size limits put on our fishery. They already exist, and have been very successful in maintaining and a robust and vibrant fishery.

If passed, this Bill proposes limiting areas open to aquarium fishing. This already exists, with FRAs in place for over 15 years on the Big Island, proving to be extremely successful. Please review Dr. William Walsh's 2015 WHFMA Report.

Limiting the number of permits as noted in HB 873 HD1, has been previously visited by the state, found problematic and abandoned as a practical fishery management concept.

This Bill wants our aquarium fishermen to be certified by an outside agency? Hawaiian aquarium fishermen are the experts and should be the ones certifying!

HB 873 HD1 has so many loose ends. I would be very concerned about proposing a bill that is so vague and poorly worded, and then having to defend its legitimacy. Has it been vetted in its present form? Please do not pass this Bill. Thank you.

Bertha F. Basabe

**Bertha F Basabe
Retired RN, HHSC
Naalehu, Hawaii 96772**

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, Vice Chair

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Too much management already, no more rules. Leave this fishery alone.

Riley Cooke

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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Committee

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

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Chair

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

I am getting sick and tired of submitting testimony on the same fishery year after year. They are managed enough already.

Leave the fisherman alone. No more rules

Craig Robinson

Holualoa

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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ture, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Leave this fishery alone, every year the State tries to regulate more and more. Before long it will be regulated to death.

Sincerely,

Wilma Cooper

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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venture, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Plenty fish, no need for more restrictions. Oppose this.

Mark Christensen

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

NO More Rules, we got too much
management already. Let the last
rule take effect before passing
more. Vote No

Linda Harris

Holualoa

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chris davis

kailua kona

Rep. Kai

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Rep. Joy

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In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

Please do not give attention to the extreme radicals that want this fishery shut down. Every year they propose more ideas. When is enough, enough? Too much management already.

Harvey Brekan

Kailua Kona

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair

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Friday, Feb. 27, 2015

In Opposition to HB873, relating to Aquatic Life

We dont support this, the fishery is already managed.

Trent Lim

Honaunau

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Janet Keawe

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Please support HB873 & HB1339. Protecting our marine wild life is extremely important and the aquarium trade decimates the populations and will one day leave no creatures left in our own oceans. Saltwater fish are extremely fragile and do not do well in shipping or in aquariums. Please vote to protect these creatures.

Mahalo!

Alexis