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Testimony of
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Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
10:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1240, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE

Senate Bill 1240, Senate Draft 2, proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to submit proposed legislation to the legislature by the 2019 regular session including a definition of “sustainable”, a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, and limits on the total number of species and sustainable rates of collection, and include any additional resources that would be required by the Department. **The Department appreciates the intent of the measure and supports sustainability, but with respect to setting sustainable rates of collection, could not possibly establish catch limits for all reef species by 2019, and likely not for all aquarium fish species by 2019.** The Department provides the following comments.

The Department is currently engaged in statewide marine planning efforts, and plans to incorporate sustainable collection practices into all of our fisheries management policies and rules in accordance with the intent of this measure.

However, determining take limits for all species (presumably fish species) based on existing data will be practically impossible given that relatively little is known about the life cycle of most local species, large data gaps on the abundance of most reef species in waters around the State, and very limited resources to answer develop the necessary information (i.e., stock assessments, etc.). The Department could not possibly comply with this provision given its existing resources.

The Department would need a minimum budget of approximately \$10 million/year for the next five years to begin to determine catch limits. This is based on \$1 million for each of the eight main Hawaiian Islands, plus \$2 million for boats, diving gear and other equipment to do the necessary

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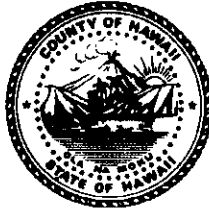
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stock assessment surveys. Even if the Department had these resources, the Department would need at least a five year timeline to collect the data necessary to establish catch limits as population status cannot be determined using only one or two years of data. Further, it is impractical to think that the Department would be able to survey the over 1,225 fish species in the Hawaiian Islands (Mundy, 2005), and over 3,000 invertebrate species (Miller and Eldredge, 1996).

If the intent of the measure is to identify specific aquarium fish species rather than all fish species, survey those, and determine sustainable rates of collection, the Department respectfully requests clarifying language to that effect, and funding to survey aquarium fish where data gaps exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Harry Kim
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March 13, 2017

Representative Kaniela Ing
Ocean, Marine Resources &
Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Ing and members:

RE: SB 1240 SD 2
Relating to Aquatic Life

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the intent and purpose of SB1240, SD2.

I agree with the findings of a prior committee that "ensuring the sustainability of aquatic life and the protection of coral reefs in Hawaii waters is vital to the long-term interests of the people of Hawaii; the economic and environmental benefits of protecting the marine environment cannot be overstated."

SD2 would seem to be a relatively modest attempt to get a handle on what sustainability means and requires. I hope that the Legislature will move forward with this bill, while providing DLNR what it needs to fulfill its directives.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry Kim
Mayor



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Tuesday, March 14, 10 am
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Support for SB 1240 SD 2 Relating to Aquatic Life

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 1240 SD 2, which requires DLNR to submit proposed legislation to the legislature by the 2019 regular session including a definition of "sustainable," a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, limits on collection, and any additional resources required by the department.

Our preference would be to ban the collection of marine life from our reefs for the aquarium traded. Please include language calling for a moratorium until a definition of "sustainable" and sustainable practices and limits are proposed to the legislature and enacted.

If commercial wildlife collectors were removing native Hawaiian birds – even common ones – from our forests to be sold as caged-bird pets, the public would be up in arms. We feel the same way about removing marine life from our reefs for commercial sale to aquarium enthusiasts. The practice of removing marine life for the aquarium trade is unnatural, unnecessary, and wasteful with high levels of wildlife mortality.

Please protect our reef ecosystems and pass SB 1240 SD 2. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Silver	Endangred Habitats League	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. We must freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: This issue is so important- please give it an effective date that is logical. If you care about tourism, please protect the fishes- snorkelers won't come here if the marine life is gone!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Kihei Community Association (KCA)	Support	No

Comments: Please support. While expect it is the price of freedom, we have been receiving spam expressing opposition to this bill, based on our testimony. However we will not be dissuaded from expressing strong support for this bill now that it has crossed over to our representative's OMH Committee for 3/14 at 10 AM. While we had hoped for stronger language, we have watched for several years any sustainable legislation for this vital Hawaiian resource blocked by those who put \$\$ first . Please help to save our reef fish. Vote Yes. Mike Moran for KCA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ziggy Livnat	For The Sea Productions	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i is losing important members of its marine ecosystem for the benefit of the few holding aquarium-collecting licenses. In respect of the Hawaiian culture and the Ahupua'a concept that put us as guardians of land and sea, I implore you to put an end to this destructive trade once and for all. Thank you.

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Environmental Caucus
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1240
March 13, 2017

Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports SB1240 and urges you to strengthen the bill language to end commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collection in Hawai'i. The time is now to take action given what we know about climate change, ocean acidification, coral bleaching and the decline in many rare plant and animal species. As the endangered species capitol of the world, we must do better at this critical moment in time, for ourselves and future generations.

The simple solution is for the state to end commercial extraction of Hawai'i native reef wildlife, as we have done for rocks and corals. This will significantly benefit the economy in the short and long term, protect and increase reef wildlife, reduce animal cruelty and decrease government expenditures. If there are concerns about the existing, small number of legal, commercial collectors, there can be an exception in the language to provide for non-transferable permits for existing permittees that can be phased out over time (making this a win-win-win solution; a BIG win for Hawai'i).

Mahalo for your consideration.

Jessica Wooley

**The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii hopes that
you will join us in securing an environmentally sustainable future for
Hawai'i and its Ohana.**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Sheehan	Sustainable Action For Environment	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of our 23,000 subscribers who support this bill, we vote: YES, I support SB1240. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits. Yes! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Hawaii's reefs aren't for sale. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits. YES, I support SB1240. I'm a frequent visitor to Hawaii and I want to see Hawaii reef wildlife living free in the wild on Hawaii reefs, not captive in glass tanks. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Wintner	Snorkel Bob's Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: I support SB1240 with amendment to end state-issued aquarium permits FOREVER. Put the guts back in the bill to benefit Hawaii reefs and people. Current permittees will also benefit from the bottom line increase in their catch value. NO NEW PERMITS EVER AGAIN! Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Lloyd	Snorkel Bob's	Support	Yes

Comments: Please no more aquarium permits. Reef based tourism is a vital part of Hawaii's economy.

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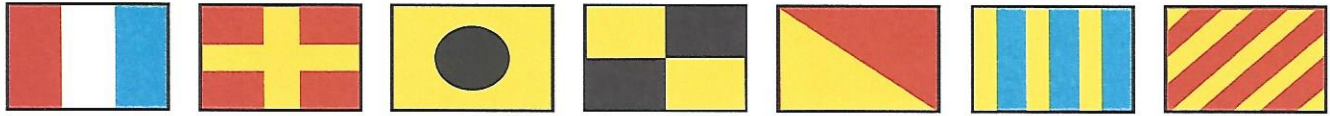
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Connie Rohal	Snorkel Bob's	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I support this bill, SB1240. I have a deep love of the ocean and its inhabitants. It saddens me when I am near a reef and there is little or no sea life. Aquarium trade must be stopped for the future of the reefs, Hawaii tourism, and right of all, to enjoy these beautiful fish in their natural environment. Mahalo

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TESTIMONY OF TRILOGY EXCURSIONS IN CONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF SB 1240

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and Members of OMH Committee:

My name is Riley E. Coon, Operations Manager, **speaking in Conditional Support of SB 1240.**

I am the third generation to work in our family business. Our company started in 1973 with my Grandparents and my Dad and Uncle. We are Maui's oldest charter boat company. We take our responsibility of stewardship for our environment very seriously. A significant percentage of our business is taking our guests snorkeling and diving. A vibrant and diverse fish population is vital to our industry.

There is strong anecdotal evidence of declining reef fish populations which has been attributed to fish collection. We support a moratorium on aquarium fish permits until a definition of "sustainable" and sustainable practices and limits are in place.

Please restore the Moratorium that was in SB 1240, SD1 on issuing fish collection licenses until this study is completed.

Please amend SB 1240 to include the moratorium.

Sincerely,

Riley E. Coon, Operations Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Riley E. Coon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Testimony For SB 1240



On behalf of Keiko Conservation I would like to voice our support for SB 1240. Our first and foremost concern is, of course, the degradation of our fragile reef ecosystems which are already being plagued with invasive species, warmer water temperatures, and increased acidity.

I am sure most are more concerned about the economic impact of this bill, especially as nearly all of those in opposition are benefiting from the personal financial gain of this exploitive trade.

However, the economical element is much different to the rest of Hawaii than it is to the fish collectors. A large majority of the nearly 8 million people that visit Hawaii each year are lured by the reef and wildlife. These visitors expenditures totaled up to 14.7 billion dollars in 2014 and continue to rise. Tourists come here to snorkel and scuba, employing thousands of Hawaii's residents, and providing the backbone of our state's financial standing, contributing to one billion in taxes alone.

If you are still leaning towards opposing this bill we urge you to please consider the question: Why allow the aquarium trade to destroy our reef and put jobs, local economy, and above all the health of the oceans and reef at risk so a small group of people who have chosen this career so can benefit?

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Victor Lozano	Dolphin Excursions Hawaii, Inc.	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Please strengthen the language to end commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collection. www.WeAreOne.cc

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF SB1240,SD2

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and Members of the OMH Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition **speaking in Support of SB 1240, SD2.** The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of these companies operate snorkel and dive excursions. A healthy and vibrant reef ecosystem is vital to the success of these excursions. Our members are responsible stewards of our environment and have led the movement of day use moorings, no fish feeding, no harvesting of stony coral, shore side waste disposal and many others.

We agree with the intent of this bill and protecting the reef from over harvesting the fish that are so vital to this ecosystem. However SD2 has not gone far enough to protect the reef and we would like the original language reinserted in SB1240,HD1:(a) The department of land and natural resources shall not issue an aquarium fish permit for the taking of near shore aquatic life for aquarium purposes, pursuant to section 188-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, until the following conditions are met:

(1) The department of land and natural resources submits proposed legislation to the legislature including a definition of "sustainable", a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, and limits on the total number of species and sustainable rates of collection; and

(2) A definition of "sustainable" and a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life, including limits on the total number of species and sustainable rates of collection, are enacted.

We urge your committee to put this important condition back into SB 1240,HD1 and pass this important environmental legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Coon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

James E. Coon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. We seek this committee to pass the bill as is. Mahalo.

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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
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TO: Honorable Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Gates, and Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaii Affairs Committee Members, 3-14-17, 10:00 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Keith Dane, Hawaii Policy Advisor, State Affairs, Humane Society of the United States, kdane@humanesociety.org, Tel: 301-312-1489; and Teresa M. Telecky, Ph.D., Director, Wildlife Department, Humane Society International, ttelecky@hsi.org, Tel: 301.258.1430

RE: SUPPORT for SB1240 SD2, Relating to Aquatic Life

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Humane Society International (HSI), support SB1240 SD2 which would, if enacted, require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to submit proposed legislation, including a definition of "sustainable," a policy for "sustainable collection practices" of nearshore aquatic life, collection limits, and additional resource requirements to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2019 Regular Session. We sincerely thank the Committee for addressing this important matter that affects the lives of more than 700,000 animals per year. The bill also answers the call of the majority of Hawaii residents who, as shown in a [poll](#), cited environmental concerns as the main reason for wanting to ban the collection of coral reef wildlife for the aquarium trade.

In 1998, a DLNR State of the Reefs report listed the collection of fish for the aquarium trade as a major cause of coral reef degradation in Hawaii (DLNR, 1998). Since then, numerous studies have documented substantial population declines of between 45 to 90 percent in certain reef fish species heavily targeted by the trade on Oahu and Hawaii Island (UH Hilo/DAR, 1998; Tissot and Hallacher, 2003; DAR/HCRI-RP, 2007; DLNR/DAR 2010; DLNR/DAR 2015; Grabowsky, in prep).

Since 2000, approximately 35% of West Hawaii reefs have been closed to collection of fish for the aquarium trade. In these closed areas, studies have since shown population size increases for some, but not all, of the top 10 targeted species (DLNR/DAR 2010; DLNR/DAR 2015). In stark contrast, these same studies confirm that fish population sizes are significantly diminished in the 65% of West Hawaii reefs that remain open to aquarium trade collection. For example, study data shows that since 2000, yellow tang populations in the open areas are 60 percent lower, on average, than populations in West Hawaii's long

term reserves which were established before 2000.

Aquarium fish catch reports show the number of fish collected for the aquarium trade in West Hawaii is enormous; to wit, at least 3.5 times more fish are taken in West Hawaii than are taken from the entire Great Barrier Reef, which comprises an area that is 21 times greater than Hawaii's entire land mass (The State of Queensland, 2011). This intense collection pressure on the 65% of West Hawaii reefs that remains open to aquarium trade collection shows no sign of slowing down and poses a serious threat to the health of fish populations and the coral reef itself.

Aquarium fish catch reports since 1976 also demonstrate the depletion by the aquarium trade of the most heavily targeted fish species. For example, five butterflyfish species were among the top ten fishes targeted by the trade in 1976. In 2008, DLNR's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) reported that butterflyfish abundance on some parts of West Hawaii had declined by an average of 70 percent, and the teardrop butterflyfish, formerly among the top ten, had declined by 90 percent (DAR, 2008). By 2016 none of these five butterflyfishes still held a spot among the top ten most captured fishes. Between 1976 and 2016, catch of these five butterflyfish species declined by a startling 91 percent; this is an indication of severe unsustainable take by the aquarium trade.

A second compelling example of catch reports documenting fish population changes comes from leeward Oahu where yellow tang populations collapsed in the 1980s as a result of hurricanes and over-collection (Walsh et al., 2004). While yellow tang catch began to inch up about a decade ago, it is still 75 percent lower than before the crash (Walsh et al., 2004; DLNR, 2013).

Yet despite the foregoing evidence, in February 15, 2017 testimony on this measure, DLNR wrote that "data indicates that the aquarium fishery is currently operating at a level that does not indicate significant population declines or major shifts in species diversity in areas where collecting is occurring." This statement is patently false but may help explain why DLNR wrote in subsequent testimony on March 2nd that, in its current statewide marine planning efforts to incorporate "sustainable collection practices" into their fisheries management policies, there are no plans to establish take limits for all the species taken for aquarium purposes. In that testimony, DLNR offered no information on whether take limits would be established for *any* of these species but did explain that establishing take limits for all of them would be "practically impossible" because "relatively little is known about the life cycle of most local species", and there are "large data gaps on the abundance of most reef species in waters around the State." DLNR concluded that they would not be able to comply with the requirement to establish take limits given its existing resources.

In fisheries management terms, "sustainable" typically refers to "maximum sustainable yield" (MSY), which is the highest possible annual catch that can be sustained by a species over time. In some cases, populations may be reduced by up to 80 percent and the catch may

still be considered “sustainable.” But this terminology does not take into account the role of the species in its ecosystem and negative impact on ecosystem function when populations of one or more species are reduced to such an extent. In complex ecosystems such as coral reefs, the reduction of a population of one fish—such as an herbivore that plays an important role in keeping algae from covering coral—can have negative, cascading effects on the function and resiliency of the entire reef ecosystem. This, in turn, will not only negatively impact the coral reef ecosystem but the people who rely on that ecosystem.

Indeed, Hawaii’s aquarium fishery exploits nearshore, shallow coral reefs. Areas impacted by this trade are literally extensions of the human communities adjacent to them and may be no more than a stone’s throw away. Community members and other stakeholders are intimately linked to these reefs and derive numerous socio-economic benefits from them (HCRI-NOAA, 2008). The diminished fish populations and degraded reefs that result from the collection for the aquarium trade, though described by some as “sustainable”, in fact seriously harm the benefits associated with healthy, abundant and beautiful coral reefs.

DLNR’s Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) leadership has recently called into question the sustainability of the collection of fish for the aquarium trade. In October 2014, a Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) meeting was held on a rule proposal fashioned by the aquarium trade to set so-called “limits” on their activities. One of the proposed limits was to allow take of 100 immature yellow tang per person per day (with no limits on the number of people doing so). The HSUS/HSI, environmental organizations, and community members voiced strong opposition to the rule package for its lack of meaningful change and maintenance of the status quo. In an unprecedented move, DAR’s administrator and respected marine biologist, Frazer McGilvray, also submitted testimony in opposition. Mr. McGilvray testified on the unsustainability of the proposed rules, noting that:

- “The majority of yellow tang taken by the trade are immature and have not contributed to the future of the species. The take of juveniles is generally prohibited.”
- “The proposal to allow take of 100 immature yellow tang per person per day, is driven by the demands of the trade and is contrary to good natural resource management. There appears to be no scientific basis for the proposed bag limits for each species.”
- “The proposed rule is akin to setting a speed limit at 400 MPH.”
- Community input is key but their concerns have been completely ignored.

BLNR approved the rule package despite strong opposition, but at the request of two board members, an agreement was made to explore additional steps in informal meetings with stakeholders (including The HSUS and HSI) and scientists who had been left out of the process. Two separate meetings of stakeholders and scientists were subsequently held in the following months. After one of the meetings, acting DAR administrator Alton Miyasaka disseminated notes from the meeting to the stakeholders demonstrating that DAR does not know what sustainable means or how it should be measured:

“...The main management questions remained unanswered. Those questions are, What does sustainable mean, how do you measure it, what are the management goals, and how do you know if you are meeting those goals” (emphasis added).

SB 1240 SD2 will ensure that, at some point in the coming years, these basic management questions are answered. However, Hawaii’s reefs and wildlife populations are in dire straits and an entire family of iconic species may be at risk. One urgent question is whether a pattern similar to Oahu’s yellow tang collapse is emerging for Hawaii’s butterflyfishes. Have decades of over-collection combined with high coral mortalities from the unprecedented and devastating coral bleaching events in 2014 and 2015 taken a toll? Hawaii’s corals serve as both as a primary food source and habitat for these fishes. A 2016 study showed that up to 90 percent of Hawaii’s bleached corals died in some West Hawaii areas. It’s imperative to protect and restore Hawaii’s remaining butterflyfish populations. Therefore, we urge you to consider amending this measure to include the original moratorium on the issuance of aquarium fish collection permits until the required definition, policy and collection limits are enacted.

Before closing, we would like to point out that the bill only addresses collection of fish with fine mesh nets for the aquarium trade; whereas, important fishes such as sharks and eels, and invertebrates are also collected for this trade. Invertebrates, taken by the hundreds of thousands in some years, feed on algae, waste and other debris, provide calcium carbonate, key to reef development and protection against impacts of ocean acidification, and perform other essential ecosystem services necessary for healthy coral reefs. Known as “clean-up crews” in the aquarium hobby, these hermit crabs, sea cucumbers and feather-dusters are taken for the same services they provide, over the course of shortened lives, in tanks. These invertebrates are not captured with nets but, instead, are plucked by hand from their environments. Those taking invertebrates and other aquatic animals without fine mesh nets are not required to obtain an aquarium fish permit under HRS 188-31. We, therefore, also suggest the bill be amended to prohibit collection by any means of aquatic life for aquarium purposes.

HSUS and HSI sincerely thank the Committee for taking up this important matter. ***We urge the Committee to pass SB1240 SD2*** and to consider amending it to reinsert the moratorium language and to include all marine life taken for aquarium purposes and restore wildlife abundance and health to Hawaii’s reefs.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

House committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs 3/13/17

Chair: Rep Kaniela Ing

Vice Chair: Cedric Asuega Gates

I do not support SB 1240 SD2

Although I support the intent of SB 1240 SD2, I am concerned that the state will not have the funds available to fund a sustainability study conducted by the DLNR.

I also am very concerned that the committee will reintroduce the moratorium on collecting permits.

Plse do not pass SB 1240 SD2

Aloha,

Randy Fernley / Coral; Fish Hawaii

Studies conducted by the Division of Aquatic Resources have indicated that the relatively small scale of aquarium fish collection has not had any negative effects upon our near-shore resources.

The greatest negative effect on our resources is degraded habitat due to runoff, pollution and the introduction of invasive species.

All management of our fisheries should be done through the DAR via the administrative rule making process, where carefully acquired data from scientific studies can provide guidance for regulations. It should not be done through inflexible legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Dean Sensui, executive producer
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chris westin	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Jim Phillips	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! Protect yellow tang, frogfish, and snowflake morays.

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Carol Hoke	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Julie Parks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

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Jana Perinchief	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a long-time visitor to your beautiful state, I want to let you know that I support SB 1240 if it is amended to stop new aquarium permits.

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jamie dos santos	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yellow Tangs are herbivores and there is a severe algae growth on our reefs, these are the main fish effected by the take. frogfish and snowflake morays need to be protected, 80% are gone for a 50.00 permit. Please stop this while sustainability actions can be put in place. YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Lee Schondorf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 and would like all marine life protected, total ban on removal! It would be the best thing for Hawaii tourism! Visit, leave your money, go home with a kiss or a lei, Aloha!

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Martina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Ed Gould	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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anthony montapert	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Ashley Ihrke	Individual	Support	No

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Paul R. Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I travel to Hawaii regularly and I need assurance that your spectacular reef fish that I have enjoyed will be there on my next trip. I spend a significant amount of money on my dive charters, food and lodging. Please take action to ensure that I will see your wonderful reef resources in the future. Thankyou. Paul Kelly

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Mark Hollinrake	Individual	Comments Only	No

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kirk francis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow NO MORE aquarium permits!!!!
Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Kelly Henderson	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Eaton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Your Committee has amended this measure by: (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include in its proposed legislation any additional resources required by the Department; and (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion. As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your

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Kathy Krause	Individual	Comments Only	No

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doug krause	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Kathleen L Moraski	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Van Leekwijck	Individual	Support	No

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Adrienne Metter	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Alyssa Raley	Individual	Support	No

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jamie dos santos	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yellow Tangs are herbivores and there is a severe algae growth on our reefs, these are the main fish effected by the take. frogfish and snowflake morays need to be protected, 80% are gone for a 50.00 permit. Please stop this while sustainability actions can be put in place. YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Len Neering	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Steve Peletz

RE: SB 1240 as amended

Submitted 3-13-17

steve@peletzco.com

415-772-7777

I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

I am a diver and dive instructor. Hawaiian reef systems and fisheries appear to be in significant decline relative to other locations such as in the Eastern Pacific at Cocos Island and in the Galapagos.

I think overfishing and the ease of getting aquarium permits are partially responsible.

Hawaiian dive tourism will suffer and the environment will suffer if this moratorium on easy aquarium licensing is not approved.

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Theresa Beard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support amended SB1240 (banning aquarium permits). It is known just how horrible aquariums are for our innocent aquatic creatures, as well as ruining beautiful reefs. You have the power to protect them and I'm asking you to do this. Thanks for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marjorie erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's time to stop the aquarium from killing our reefs. Please stop any and all new permits for such. I'd like a reply.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Warfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes I support SB1240 to allow no more aquariums. Freeze existing permits until DLNE can develop a comprehensive management plan or no new permits at all. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Reamy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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alex	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an unsustainable practice, please discontinue to give native populations time to restock.

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Evelyn Ball	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Gina Bates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammy Saied	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Please Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now!
Ban the aquarium trade now! Thank you :-)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jane De Angeli	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My family have been to hawaii multiple times . It is a unique and treasured place for us. I am concerned aquariums are taking too much and disrupting the wonderful ecosystem that is the hawaiian reef. Please freeZe permits and limit yhem appropriately to protect the reef. Also any Fish taken need to be cared for so they arrive safe and that the aquarium does not have to replace them.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard/Ric Andrews, M.D.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please end State of Hawaii. issued aquarium collecting permits. We MUST save our wildlife or we will lose everything. We, the voters, are watching and taking this VER Mahalo, Ric Andrews, M.D.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kate Ashley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Your reefs are a vital part of the environment, also tourism, so it's imperative to keep these natural wonders healthy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wayne Howard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I oppose this bill if you add LICENCE MORITORIUM TO THIS BILL. I support this bill as it is.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
salty water hawaii	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: DO NOT ADD LICENCE MORITORIUM INTO THIS BILL DLNR NEEDS TO DO THE STUDY. I support this bill if it is unchanged.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellen McCann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 if it is amended to stop new aquarium permits?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stan howden jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I support DLNR to do the study . I don't support this bill if you add LICENCE MORITORIUM back into this bill.

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

Comments: I also support an end to new collection permits entirely. The reefs need to be given a break, and it is inhumane to capture fishes for aquariums, morally and in process most of the catch dies, which is a severe unfortunate waste that causes further ecological imbalance. Our oceans need critical protection now. This includes denying the capture of animals and fishes from the waters. Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stephen cooper	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: A fishing LICENCES moritorium was taken out of this bill . I want to make sure it stays out of this bill. There is no need to change a study into closure is a entire industry .

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angie Ali	amaniek9	Support	No

Comments: This seems to be too little too late. We have personally watched teams of men pillage entire beach parks in Hilo's four mile stretch causing incredible damage and taking all they can. People from all over the world come to experience Hawaiians treasures. If you don't ban this behavior along with sunscreen the reefs now look a damaged and lifeless grey in a matter of a few short years. Sad.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott mudd Sr.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I WANT TO MAKE SURE A MORITORIUM ON FISHING LICENCES IS NOT PUT BACK IN THIS BILL. This is a good bill as it stands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
valerie clark	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill regarding the aquarium regulations. There is a balanced ecosystem at risk from fishing out species that depend on each other in the food chain, both fish and vegetation. Upsetting the balance will have consequences.

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Diane Ware	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senator Ing and Committee Members, If the state won't ban the trade, then an immediate moratorium is needed until sustainability measures are enacted A limit on permits without a limit on take does nothing to help our reefs. Butterflyfish need protection -- immediately! Please support this bill by strengthening it to limit takes of fish with a moratorium until sustainability is determined. Many fish have been determined to be depleted. Do not allow are precious reefs to decline further. This is an ecosystem once managed sustainably by Hawaiians. Let us continue that with some kaput. Mahalo nui for your efforts, Diane Ware 808-967-8642

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halekonakai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose changing this bill by adding more fishing license moratorium DO NOT ADD LICENSE MORATORIUM.

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Alexander Chow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. Fish support our reefs and if the fish are removed, our colorful reef dies, and that would be sad. And we would lose a tourist attraction, if you need an economic reason. If the reefs and fish die, it affects the whole food web, including us.

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Chris Rose	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly support SB 1240 and I believe it is necessary for it to pass, so that aquatic wildlife can continue to be protected!

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Armando A. Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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dina frigo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240! Please stop the live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now, and ban the aquarium trade. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. Do not allow any more aquarium permits and freeze any existing permits until DLNR can develop a better, more sustainable plan that is complete and comprehensive.

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Phillip Hope	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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jim hugos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Yes this is a good bill DLNR should be given time to do the study. I OPPOSE THIS BILL IF YOU INSERT AQ LICENSE MORATORIUM.

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stephen howard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not add to this bill . Do not add a moritorium on fishing licenses . Let DLNR have their time to do the study

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John Gambriel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CAROL COLLINS	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Jodi Rodar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue. Sincerely, Dr. Jodi Rodar

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Ban the Aquarium Trade now!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
minakotail	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill if you add license fishing moratorium. DO NOT CHANGE THIS BILL FROM A STUDY TO CLOSING DOWN AT ENTIRE INDUSTRY.

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Jared Brenner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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minakotail	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill if you add license fishing moratorium. DO NOT CHANGE THIS BILL FROM A STUDY TO CLOSING DOWN AT ENTIRE INDUSTRY.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leonard Bruckman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sophie deannuntis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
konocean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: DO NOT DIS HONER SENATOR K.RHOADS BY REPLACING THE FISHING MORATORIUM BACK INTO THIS BILL THIS IS A GOOD BILL.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nina Monasevitch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits. Ban the aquarium trade, it is killing Hawaii reefs. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Duncan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii is unique and priceless, please keep it that way. I support SB1240.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Sagovac	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Richerson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Caputo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: some sample testimony: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB 1240 if it is amended to stop new aquarium permits. Thank you for your consideration of this request, Brian Field

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Lynn Allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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alicia morrier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmie Lunsford	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doris Potter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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

Comments: Dear Sir and Madam, YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Thank you, Debra A. Wilson Deale, Maryland 20751

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Wood	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Ann McCormack	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management

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Maureen Porcelli	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Pellicani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claudia Wornum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Judith Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Rosie Beers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Noella Santerre	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marilyn evenson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Ing, I support SB1240 to strengthen the language to end commercial extraction of reef wildlife. Please: No more aquarium permits. Ban the aquarium trade now. Stop the live export of reef wildlife. The Hawaii reefs are dying because of man's interference capturing the ocean's wildlife. When they are gone, they are gone forever. There is no second nature". Hawaii is a beautiful state. Keep it that way. Apparently the Dept of Land & National Resources has no plan, nor funding, nor the inclination to protect the ocean environment around Hawaii. It is up to you & the Senate. Thank you

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracy A Marotta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairing and Committee Members: I support SB1240 moving forward and being strengthened, so that all native reef wildlife is protected from commercial extraction by aquarium collectors, as are Hawai`i rocks and corals. The State government has failed to protect these critical public resources from commercial extraction for aquarium collection over the years, including the fish, eels, shrimp and other creatures that feed us, keep our coral reefs healthy and drive our economy in so many ways. The Department of Land and Natural Resources currently does not have the resources or funding to develop a plan, manage, enforce and/or protect reef wildlife in any meaningful way. The agency has never even defined sustainable, placed any limit on the number of permits or said no to any permit applicant or commercial collector. To add insult to injury, the lack of a program, rules monitoring or enforcement means illegal traffickers go unchecked and have become an established part of this export industry. DLNR should end the unprofitable "program" that uses state resources to promote commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collectors. This is the opposite of how our host culture traditionally managed the nearshore waters, promoting abundance, and in stark contrast to the Kumulipo and Native Hawaiian values that cherish corals and reef wildlife. Now is an important time to change policy, protect what we have left and potentially witness a return of reef wildlife, for ourselves, the economy and future generations and to give reef wildlife a chance. Mahalo for providing me the privilege to testify in support of this bill.

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Elaine Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help the environment stabilize and take the time to work out a sustainable plan. YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Jackie Moore-Andresen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Judith S Anderson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! -Yellow tangs are herbivores. Up to 80% of the aquarium catch are yellow tangs. Hawaii reefs now suffer algae overload. -Commercial extraction is the guiding principle of Hawaii reef stewardship. Right now anyone can get an aquarium permit in Hawaii for \$50, and take fish from 98% of Hawaii's nearshore reefs. -The commercial aquarium trade can interrupt food chains, cause reproductive failure and alter habitat. YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Farwell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Please stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now and ban the aquarium trade. Do not issue new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Giovanna Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes I support SB1240, coral reefs around the world are under threat from coral leaching. The delicate reef ecology must maintained and its wild life protected. Please do not let short term economic rationalism sway your ethical duty to all life on earth.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ananda Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It was estimated that Hawaii's coral reefs generate approximately \$800 million annually to the state's economy through marine tourism, through the snorkel and dive industry. Many studies have indicated that Hawaii's fish populations are in decline. In a time where our fishery management is not sustainable, removal of reef fish for the aquarium trade doesn't make any sense.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark M Giese	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Thank you.

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Giovanna Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes I support SB1240, coral reefs around the world are under threat from coral leaching. The delicate reef ecology must maintained and its wild life protected. Please do not let short term economic rationalism sway your ethical duty to all life on earth.

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Judith S Anderson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! -Yellow tangs are herbivores. Up to 80% of the aquarium catch are yellow tangs. Hawaii reefs now suffer algae overload. -Commercial extraction is the guiding principle of Hawaii reef stewardship. Right now anyone can get an aquarium permit in Hawaii for \$50, and take fish from 98% of Hawaii's nearshore reefs. -The commercial aquarium trade can interrupt food chains, cause reproductive failure and alter habitat. YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Robin Rogers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: BUTTERFLY FISH NEED PROTECTION! An immediate moratorium is necessary!

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Hollie Hollon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenna Fallaw	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Please consider freezing existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan and stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife. Please ban the aquarium trade now. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. Thank you for your consideration.

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Lonna Richmond	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helen Wordsworth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 if anended to stop new acquarium permits - aquariums mean death to the Hawian reef and sea life. They need to be protected - NO MORE ACQUARIUMS PLEASE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanne Gordon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240 on freezing existing permits and not issuing new permits in the aquarium trade for home collection aquariums. Also, support banning collection of tropical fish for the commercial aquarium trade. I support not disturbing what's left of reef environments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yazmin Gonzalez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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David Mason	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The marine life in the reefs are an important part of the ecosystem!

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Meryl Pinque	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patti Papeleux	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240 if it is amended to freeze aquarium permits. Hawaiian reefs are suffering due to commercial extraction from aquarium permits. Please have the DLNR develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan before issuing new permits. Thanks.

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cassio saverino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a frequent visitor and scuba diver of your great state I encourage you to pass any measure including this to protect the reefs and wildlife of your state

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Theresa Beard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support amended SB1240 (banning aquarium permits). It is known just how horrible aquariums are for our innocent aquatic creatures, as well as ruining beautiful reefs. You have the power to protect them and I'm asking you to do this. Thanks for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gillian Miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now as it is killing Hawaii reefs. Please do not issue any new permits.

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David Monasevitch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Gillian Miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now as it is killing Hawaii reefs. Please do not issue any new permits.

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Gillian Miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now as it is killing Hawaii reefs. Please do not issue any new permits.

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Jörg Gaiser	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Kohman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to continue to visit Hawaii without seeing the degradation of the ocean reefs ecosystems that is occurring due to extraction of fish for use in home aquariums. Please do not issue new permits for extraction and Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a meaningful management plan.

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Lynette R	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240, if it is amended to stop new aquarium permits.

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Sarai Porretta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lilinoe Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this Bill unless it is amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Please save our reefs! Mahalo, Lilinoe Smith Kalaheo, Kauai

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Julene Weaver	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Also, SB1240 to stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife, and to ban the aquarium trade. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs and it is important to me that there are no new permits to further this distruction. Sincerely, Julene T. Weaver, MA, LMHC

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aidan Cruise	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am not sure how I am supposed to submit my written testimony. I attached a file. Here is the same letter I wrote in the file: Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members, I am a 13-year old homeschooled student and I support Senate Bill 1240 being strengthened. I consider myself a fisherman and have fished in several places around the globe and have noticed very little nearshore fish in Hawaii waters compared to other places I have fished. For example, I was recently in Costa Rica where they have a much smaller commercial capture of marine wildlife for aquarium use and noticed the reef was much more alive and the fish strikingly more plentiful. Another thing I would like to raise awareness of is that the capture methods harm our protected reefs. Thank you for reading my letter and I hope that it helps protect our marine life. Sincerely, Aidan Cruise

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Line Ringgaard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: -YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. -YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! -YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Sincerely, Line Ringgaard

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Richard Stern	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Deane Plaister	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to express my support for SB 1240, if amended to discontinue aquarium permits. Permits already in effect should be barred pending the completion of a comprehensive and biologically sustainable management plan. The survival of Hawaii's spectacular reef environments depends on your taking action to preserve it. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! NO NEW PERMITS!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marnie Gaede	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Cohen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A.L. Steiner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. In order to make this work, you must freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan, end live export of Hawaii reef wildlife and ban the aquarium trade now because it is killing the Hawai'ian reefs. No new permits, please! Mahalo, thank you for hearing the people's testimony regarding this critical matter for our oceans and our families.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Georgian Arsons	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I SUPPORT SB1240 IF IT IS AMENDED TO STOP NEW AQUARIUM PERMITS.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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KATE STEELE	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Harriet Cohen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please strongly consider the following: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits. Respectfully,

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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Asuega Gates and Committee Members,

I write in strong support of SB1240 SD1. Coral reefs all over the world are extremely important resources to the people who live near them. They are crucial to the protection of coastlines, providers of food and, of course, seats of biodiversity and beauty. Hawaii's reefs are at risk from climate change, pollution from coastal run-off and over-exploitation. Most of the reef fish species collected for aquaria are herbivores. They graze algae. Algae left unchecked smothers coral. There is a growing understanding of how the loss of reef fish, especially herbivores, impacts reef health (Hay 1981, 1985, Lewis & Wainwright 1985, Lewis 1986, Hixon 1996, McCook 1996, Hughs et al. 1999, Aronson and Precht 2000).

With the exception of West Hawaii (Big Island) the State has done an abysmal job "managing" the aquarium fish industry under the guise of it being a "sustainable" undertaking. There is no data or report to support this claim. Just because fish have been may have been taken from the reef for "a long time" or "in the same amount" does not mean an activity is sustainable. There are concerns among scientists about stock sustainability (Rhyne et al 2012, Fujita et al 2013). In addition the tools and techniques for removing fish improve all the time, so catch can stay constant (or even increase) as we develop means to remove ever-rarer fish.

The way to determine if fish are depleted is to compare areas where there is no removal with similar areas where there is removal. Friedlander & DeMartini (2002) found that "Hanauma Bay, the first no-take marine protected area established in Hawaii in 1967, had the highest biomass on the island of Oahu." Specifically it had a biomass of fish 8.4 times higher than that of the surrounding south shore area of Oahu. Williams and Walsh (2007) in an HCRI Project Final Report found that "of the 20 most collected aquarium species, 18 declined in abundance ($p < 0.001$) with the species facing the heaviest fishing pressure typically showing the greatest declines."

Something needs to be done now about aquarium fish collection and here are my recommendations:

- (1) Since all of the species collected from the wild can either now or in the future be bred and reared in captivity, we have a great entrepreneurial opportunity in Hawaii to create a commercial means of providing people with a lovely saltwater aquarium that does not put the reef at risk. By allowing the capture and removal of wild fish from the reef we are not only putting our reef at risk, we are stifling a business opportunity that Hawaii could lead the world in. Hawaii has the highest percentage of unique fish species (25%) ever recorded in the world (Randall 1998, 2007, Friedlander et al 2008). This makes our fish something special not only to the reef but potentially as aqua-cultured pets. Check out the App "Tank Watch" if you want to learn how many marine fish are already aqua-cultured. Many aquarists prefer to buy fish they know were bred in captivity.

(2) Extraction from reefs should stop until the State completes a sustainable management plan based on sound science and indigenous practice and values. Recent data (Walsh 2014) from the Big Island's FRAs (Fish Replenishment Areas) found that *Z. flavescens* (yellow tang) abundance has increased by 64.5% in the FRA's since the closure to aquarium collection in 2000. "Prior to the year 2000, the areas which would become the FRA's were not significantly different than the Open Areas [areas open to all fishing] in terms of Yellow Tang [*Z. flavescens*] abundance...." Serious science-based citizen-involved management works. Oahu is overdue for it on this issue.

In summary: I am in complete agreement with SB 1240 SD1 in terms of developing and implementing a management plan that ensures sustainability. Short of that, collection should be stopped. The reef is a public trust that we cannot afford to gamble with. In addition, the State should do all it can to incentivize the aquaculture of marine fish. Paramount to that is stopping the limitless extraction of ornamentals from the wild. Stocking aquaria with fish bred in captivity makes good business, reef and future-security sense.

Thank you for hearing my testimony,

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Candace Volz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members: I support SB1240 moving forward and being strengthened, so that all native reef wildlife is protected from commercial extraction by aquarium collectors, as are Hawai`i rocks and corals. The State government has failed to protect these critical public resources from commercial extraction for aquarium collection over the years, including the fish, eels, shrimp and other creatures that feed us, keep our coral reefs healthy and drive our economy in so many ways. The Department of Land and Natural Resources currently does not have the resources or funding to develop a plan, manage, enforce and/or protect reef wildlife in any meaningful way. The agency has never even defined "sustainable", placed any limit on the number of permits or said "no" to any permit applicant or commercial collector. To add insult to injury, the lack of a program, rules monitoring or enforcement means illegal traffickers go unchecked and have become an established part of this export industry. DLNR should end the unprofitable "program" that uses state resources to promote commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collectors. This is the opposite of how our host culture traditionally managed the nearshore waters, promoting abundance, and in stark contrast to the Kumulipo and Native Hawaiian values that cherish corals and reef wildlife. Now is an important time to change policy, protect what we have left and potentially witness a return of reef wildlife, for ourselves, the economy and future generations and to give reef wildlife a chance. Thank you for supporting SB 1240-

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Susan Lee	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Jorge De Cecco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES. I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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bronwen evans	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Robert Posch	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a citizen concerned about the health and sustainability of our reefs, I submit the following comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Braude	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Existing permits should be frozen until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Testimony on SB 1240, SD2

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I support this bill with reservations:

Section 1

Lines 13 – 17

Strike this statement. This research paper was not written about Hawaii coral reefs and there is no evidence that Hawaii reefs will require 35-59 years to recover.

Section 2. (a)

Pg. 2, lines 17 – 21:

“Aquatic Life” as defined in HRS 187A-1 is too broad for DLNR to conduct sustainability research on everything. I recommend that only herbivorous species taken for both the aquarium trade as well as food fishes be considered.

Pg. 3, line 2:

The DLNR will be able to provide strong evidence for sustainable fishing on the West Hawaii coast using more than 17 years of data. A similar analysis for Oahu cannot be accomplished by 2019 because a similar data set does not exist, and because understanding the population dynamics of reef fishes requires many years of intensive tracking.

Section 2. (b)

Pg. 3, line 6:

“Historical levels” of near shore aquatic life is not a defined term nor are there records for many species to even know what populations of many species were like 10, 20, 50 or 100 years ago. This is an unattainable standard for DLNR to be held accountable.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leah Daniel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. I'm a frequent visitor to Hawaii and I want to see Hawaii reef wildlife living free in the wild on Hawaii reefs, not captive in glass tanks. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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I am a diver and snorkeler and have dived and snorkeled in Hawaii, the Maldives, the Red Sea, and the Mediterranean. I have been snorkeling in Hawaii almost daily for the past 8 years and I live here full time. I have noticed a sharp decline in the number of reef fish both close to shore and within 100 yards of the shore in water 30 to 40 feet deep. There are so many fewer Yellow Tang than there were when I first arrived here in Hawaii. There are fewer cleaner wrasses, angel fish, Picasso Triggerfish.

Fragile tropical fish, who were born to dwell in the majestic seas and forage among brilliantly colored coral reefs, suffer miserably when they are forced to spend their lives in glass tanks. Robbed of their natural habitats and denied the ability to travel freely, they must swim around endlessly in the same few cubic inches of water.

The popularity of keeping tropical fish has created a virtually unregulated industry that catches as many fish as possible with little regard for the animals themselves. Isn't it much better for everyone, the fish especially, and including the tourist trade that Hawaii depends upon to leave the colorful reef fish in the water for people to see and enjoy.

To put a religious slant on things, if we have dominion over animals, surely it is to protect them, not to use them for our own ends. There is nothing in the Bible that would justify our modern-day practices, which desecrate the environment, destroy entire species of wildlife, and inflict torment and death on billions of animals every year. The Bible imparts a reverence for life, and a loving God could not help but be appalled by the way that animals are treated today.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nina Perino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing today to support SB1240 and ask that Chair Ing and the House Committee strengthen the language to end commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collection. Thank You.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn M. Albanese	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Charles S Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. Eliminate new permits and help preserve Hawaii's ecosystems.

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

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My Name is Jim Lovell and I am opposed to SB1240

I support sustainable fishing and support meaningful ideas that will help to support our near shore resources. This bill is a bad bill. It is made up of lies, misinformation and statements that have no relevance. The facts and the truth do not support the content of this bill. It is being passed for one reason and that is the try to appease our opponents. Why are we passing legislation to limit access to the resource of one user group for the sole purpose of favoring another user group. It is unethical and discriminatory. Our opponents will never go away. Fishermen can not continue to be penalized for their problems. When are we going to start looking at the real problem and address them. We can not just keep coming back, year after year and keep kicking the can down the road.

Please vote "NO" on this bill.

Thanks you for your time.

Jim Lovell
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Pamela Polland	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support SB1240. Hawai'i is long overdue to restrict the aquarium trade. Tourists don't come here to see fish in tanks in stores - they come to see fish and coral reef in the ocean!! Please please please support this bill, and start drafting even stronger legislation to protect our marine environment. Mahalo, Pamela

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Marc Walske	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 amended with no new aquarium permits ever!

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Eliza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members: Why should a few commercially benefit from taking public resources? Commercialization of aquarium fishing without any regulation deprives the rest of us who love to view the fish in the ocean not in a tank on the Mainland. This activity is putting our reefs and precious ecosystem at risk. Please do your job by passing this measure in order to start protecting Hawaii's vulnerable reefs and marine life from commercial activity. Mahalo for providing me the privilege to testify in support of this bill.

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Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

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sata s	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello, please support the passage of this bill!! In the coming months, as federal lands are under fire from private citizens wanting to trade them in a tract for tract grab, it is so vital that Hawaii has stood up for its natural beauty and wildlife. Hawaiian aquatic life is not meant for foreign hands to grab and use in exotic aquariums. Hawaiian aquatic life is a key component to the islands history, culture and economy and WE ALL want it to remain that way! From scuba divers to fishermen, Hawaiian aquatic life must be protected. And this bill could indeed be strengthened by amendment in the future to ensue ongoing protection! Thank you for the continued passage of this bill and all bills that protect unique Hawaiian wildlife!

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Brianne L. Rico	Individual	Support	No

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dalejamison3179@gmail.com

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

I support SB1240 moving forward. So many fish and wildlife species worldwide have been decimated due to the lack of adequate research and regulation, some to the point of not being able to recover. Please don't allow this to happen to Hawaii's reef fish and wildlife.

Dale Jamison

March 13, 2017

To: Representative Kaniele Ing, Chairman, Cedric A. Gates, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Patrick Conant, P.O.B. 1172 Volcano, HI 96885

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB1240

I support this bill, and I would like to see it move forward and ultimately include funding for U.H. to develop methods for captive breeding for the most valuable species, such as is being done with yellow tangs. Currently, DLNR-DAR is not equipped to plan, manage or enforce collecting of wild marine life for sale and therefore such collecting should not be allowed. Personally, I am opposed to all such collecting for profit, but if it is allowed, it must be very strictly regulated. Hawaii residents use reef fish for food and viewing while snorkeling, and many tourists pay to come here and see them while snorkeling. Let's not sacrifice our "cash cow" for the profit of a few people. Marine resources in Hawaii belong to all of us.

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Brian Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Ing and the House Committee, Please strengthen the language to end commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collection. Thank you for your consideration of this request, Brian Field

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Beverly Antonio	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 if amended to stop new aquarium permits, the priceless Hawaiian reefs must be protected.

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jennifer valentine	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: RE: Testimony in support of HB1457 Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members: I support SB1240 moving forward and being strengthened, so that all native reef wildlife is protected from commercial extraction by aquarium collectors, as are Hawai'i rocks and corals. The State government has failed to protect these critical public resources from commercial extraction for aquarium collection over the years, including the fish, eels, shrimp and other creatures that feed us, keep our coral reefs healthy and drive our economy in so many ways. The Department of Land and Natural Resources currently does not have the resources or funding to develop a plan, manage, enforce and/or protect reef wildlife in any meaningful way. The agency has never even defined sustainable, placed any limit on the number of permits or said no to any permit applicant or commercial collector. To add insult to injury, the lack of a program, rules monitoring or enforcement means illegal traffickers go unchecked and have become an established part of this export industry. DLNR should end the unprofitable "program" that uses state resources to promote commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collectors. This is the opposite of how our host culture traditionally managed the nearshore waters, promoting abundance, and in stark contrast to the Kumulipo and Native Hawaiian values that cherish corals and reef wildlife. Now is an important time to change policy, protect what we have left and potentially witness a return of reef wildlife, for ourselves, the economy and future generations and to give reef wildlife a chance. Mahalo for providing me the privilege to testify in support of this bill.

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Heather Rosmarin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. I'm a frequent visitor to Hawaii, and my family travels to Hawaii to see Hawaii reef wildlife living free in the wild on Hawaii reefs. Protecting reef wildlife benefits the environment and economy of Hawaii by supporting sustainable tourism. Healthy reefs are also necessary for healthy fisheries. The international aquarium trade extracts millions of fish and other wildlife from reefs and is not sustainable. Please end State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits and protect the reefs for current and future generations. Thank you.

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Sonia ImMasche	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Edna Mullen	Individual	Support	No

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Courtney Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Amrhein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our marine life in Hawaii is an essential part of our ecosystem and beauty, and I am in full support of measures that seek to create more sustainable practices protecting our wildlife. Without more stringent measures, I worry that our current practices may result in irreparable harm for countless marine life species and the overall health and well-being of our oceans. I hope that Hawaii can continue to lead by example for the rest of the country in implementing practices that support the long-term health of our environment, rather than making short-term decisions that only profit a few individuals or organizations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adena Rosmarin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1240. The Yellow Tang deserves our protection-- not only for its intrinsic beauty and its important role in the wild marine ecosystem but also because it supports the local tourist economy. My family and I travel to the Big Island every year to experience its amazing natural beauty. During our visit we contribute to the local economy -- housing, restaurants, and shopping as well as rental of cars. snorkel gear, and charter boats. On our first trip our charter boat captain described how the waters used to run golden because there were so many Yellow Tang. But now we must search to find even a small school of Yellow Tang. We learned that this decimation is a result of the out-of-control aquarium trade. This is shocking and tragic and completely unnecessary. The Yellow Tang deserves better. Please give SB1240 your full support. Thank you! Adena Rosmarin

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Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Herbivorous fish are critical to the health of our stressed coral reefs. Private profiteers should not be allowed to cruelly snatch this key public trust resource for their short term financial gain in selling our fish for aquariums worldwide. Before any more fish are taken (traditional and customary practices aside) there needs to be a showing that it can be done sustainably (with no harm to fish ecosystems and the precious coral reefs on which our environment and recreational economy depend.) Past practices have reduced not sustained fish numbers in fished areas from what they would have been. Reefs are stressed by multiple factors currently. We have to do better in protecting them or answer to future generations for our short sightedness. Mahalo!

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Tim Maloney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended with no more state of Hawaii issued aquarium permits. We need your courage now to protect our reefs for future generations.

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Let 's look at an attack of our industry and excuses to continue to bring the topic up. Defining terms and what is meant and herbivores purpose on our reef. The data shows more than adequate population of yellow tangs (herbivore), and in Kaneohe Bay they used urchins to control algae. There are many other species which use algae as their food source beside many types of tangs and surgeons. More laws are proven not to protect our pedestrians or normal citizens from the homeless dilemma. Sorry to say my view of the situation is let's attack people who we can attack.

Glenn Fukuda

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Save our reefs. I began snorkeling in Maui's waters in Jan. 1983 and have observed a steady decline from what was already a compromised reef system. Some species of fish that were abundant in "swarms" are now rare indeed. Please pass but ammend this bill and make it stronger to protect the reef fish that draw so many tourist (Think JOBS) to our Island. Remember Healthy reef systems protect beaches and the Sand therein that also draws tourist (Think JOBS.) Please protect the WEB of Life! Reefs are the home of the fish tht sustain the fry & food of our sport fishing industry, (Think JOB.)

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Lee Ann Donner Hauenstein
5 Hagan Drive
Essex Junction, VT 05452

March 12, 2017

Aloha'ano 'Aha'ōlelo,

Dear Kind Legislators,

I support SB1240, and I implore you to do the same. Please stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Commercial aquarium hunters damage the reef in multiple ways. The removal of the fish equals certain death for 90 % of them. For each one that actually makes it to market, nine or more die in transit. The removal of reef fish upsets the ecosystem and it is killing the reef. The hunters damage coral, and kill fish and habitat. The reef is the very essence of what makes Hawaii special, and your tourism economy depends on the health of the reef.

Mahalo nui loa

Lee Ann

617 480-8215

PS, I sincerely hope to celebrate my 20th anniversary snorkeling what's left of the Hawaii reefs, which is how I celebrated my 5th and my 10th. Please save the reefs!

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Gregg Gruwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The reef fish are in great decline! I am a retired Naval Officer as well as UH employee. I started vacationing in Kona starting in the early 80s. You could walk down Ali Drive and see schools of Yellow Tang from the sidewalk. Those fish are long gone. I spent three months in Kona last winter and was horrified to see such few fish. Many species seem to have disappeared! Boxfish, puffers and many wrasses were nowhere to be seen. It is time for the State to sop this horrible practice. Stop issuing permits and stop collection! DLNR HAS NO IDEA how many fish are left. Their stance that it is a sustainable practice is a joke. They have never counted the fish. Alton Miyasaka is a aquarium hobbyist himself and wrote a booklet on how to collect and remove fish rrom Hawaii. He is not a neutral party. (https://books.google.com/books/about/Hawaii_s_Aquarium_Fish_Industry.html?id=61BGGwAACAAJ) Please save the fish before it's too late. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee members, Please support SB1240. Speaking as a teacher, a mother and an avid snorkeler, it is high time that something be done to stop the pillaging of our reefs. Fish and invertebrates are taken on a one-way trip to oblivion. They do not get to contribute to the gene pool or have offspring. These animals are sold as decorations. With the number of visitors to our state increasing, shouldn't we be even more focused on protecting and preserving the natural beauty around us? Allowing the "collection" of our reef creatures is an abominably foolish idea. We do not allow the collection of coral so why is this "aquarium collecting" allowed. Please support SB1240 - I just wish that it could be amended to stop all wildlife trafficking from our coral reef! Thank you -

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Allan Atherfold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Stop aquarium trade in Hawaii, thousands of tourists come to see the reef fish many now say that there are fewer and fewer fish each year. This is due to fish being taken by the aquarium trade. Stop it now before more and more of our tourists go else where.

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Larry Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended with no more state of Hawaii issued aquarium permits. It is very important to keep the fish life IN THE OCEAN. Thank you

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
melissa bukoski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill amended with no more aquarium permits issued. I work in the tourism business. I want to see Hawaii reefs healthy & wildlife living free in the wild on Hawaii reefs, not captive in glass tanks.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Lange	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The decline of our reefs is apparent and shocking. Our reefs are one of our treasures and makes Hawaii special, why do we treat it like garbage? Water quality is declining rapidly, reef fish populations have declined significantly, even in protected waters. We should be ashamed, certainly we should do something about it. Eco systems need to be regenerated and returned to sustainable levels. We are exploiting our reef fish for company profits, when fish are gone companies move on and we are left with the destruction.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Vandenberg	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: By its very nature, the aquarium industry is destroying the reef and profits from. In order to ensure the future of Hawaii's tourism, we need to ensure the future of the reef and its creatures. Let's end the aquarium trade and keep our home happy and beautiful.

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Judith E. Levy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I DEMAND that Hawaii's Reefs are PROTECTED and that NO MORE PERMITS are allowed so that the strength and health of our reefs are PROTECTED for ALL OF US!!!

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Robert Lloyd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 ammended with no new State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits anytime. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susanne Spiessberger	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members! I support this bill amended to stop new aquarium permits and make existing ones non-transferable. Bill SB1240 repeatedly got 90% of testimonies in support of phasing out Aquarium permits - supporters representing all sorts of people. Scientists, community associations, professionals who are like the collectors in the water every single day to make a living, people witnessing unsustainable collecting and inappropriate handling practices, or plain Hawaii lovers, natives or non-natives, who realize what happens when wildlife is being removed in an unsustainable manner. I am a scientist and have been working on environmental sustainability for a long time. Our reefs, which are vital for Hawaiian culture, recreation, tourism, and protection from waves, are increasingly threatened by rising water temperatures, pollution, and ocean acidification. Reef wildlife like Yellow Tangs and other surgeonfishes are proven to play an imperative role for reef balance, resilience, and recovery. Yet those exotic, rare, and often endemic species are being removed in unlimited numbers by the aquarium industry. Most of them die through cumulative trauma in long transits and inappropriate tank set ups, fueling the demand. Catch methods like tickle sticks, sand-mimicking tarps, or dragging anchors and equipment across reefs, further damage corals that are protected by law. The DLNR keeps on failing to protect critical public resources. They have not set any limit on permits for aquarium collection and have never engaged in environmental review of this program. Enforcement is ineffective, catch report compliance low. Mean fish length, herbivore biomass, and hard coral cover have declined across most of West Hawaii. Few species in the 35% no-take areas recover. The economic value of a healthy reef for the local people by far outweighs the value of a trade that removes wildlife in an unsustainable manner from an already threatened ecosystem, serves it to an off-island decor industry and relies on a 90% wildlife mortality rate within one year of capture. Aquarium collection practices is the opposite of how Hawaiian culture traditionally managed the nearshore waters and in contrast to Hawaiian values, which recognize the importance of, and cherish, corals and reef wildlife. Please stop issuing new permits and phase out aquarium collection. Mahalo!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diego Delgado	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Hawaii's reefs aren't for sale. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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Miranda Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please save our special reef fish. Their numbers are dwindling because of collection for the aquarium trade. Most of those fish collected don't even survive to be sold. It's a terrible waste!

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richard rosenblum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please no more aquarium permits.

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Hawaii's reefs aren't for sale. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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COMMENTS ON BILL SB1240SD2

March 14, 2017

Chair Ing and Committee Members,

My name is Dennis Yamaguchi and I am a full time fisherman of aquarium fish. I Agree with the intent of bill SB1240HD2 to sustainably manage Hawaii's near shore resources, and to promote research and education on the State's near shore aquatic life. I respectfully offer the following comments.

Act 306, SLH 1998 established a West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area along the entire west coast of the Island of Hawai'i (§188F-4, HRS). Overall, the purposes of Act 306 were to:

- (1) Effectively manage fishery activities to ensure sustainability;
- (2) Enhance near shore resources;
- (3) Minimize conflicts of use in this coastal area.

As evidence of the success of the sustainability plan in Act 306, the following results were offered on page three of the "Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management Area":

-The FRAs have been very successful in increasing Yellow Tang populations. Fifteen years after closure, the population of Yellow Tang has increased 64.5% in the FRAs while its abundance in the Open Areas has not declined significantly.

-Overall Yellow Tang abundance in the 30'-60' depth range over the entire West Hawai'i coast has increased by over 1.3 million fish from 1999/2000 to 2012-2013 to a current population of 3.6 million fish.

-Two of three sites at long-term studies in South Kohala and South Kona have found Yellow Tang populations have increased to levels found over three decades ago before the expansion of aquarium collecting.

I would also request clarification on what exactly are the "historic levels" of aquatic life SB1240SD2 seeks to attain. In my lifetime there have been many populations of supposed uncommon fish which suddenly bloomed into unimaginable abundance for several years, only to decline to the point of rarity a few years later. How or why remain unanswered, all we can say is it has happened, and will happen again. The question becomes, using best science, which are the historic levels to be used by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on bill SB1240SD2.

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Katharine Morgan	Individual	Support	No

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Jerrold Barclay	Individual	Support	No

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michelle anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Amend to BAN ALL PERMITS!

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lisa miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes. I support SB1240. I want to see nature in the wild, not used for aquariums.

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Keith Christie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 and call for a complete ban on aquarium collecting from Hawaii's reefs. No more new aquarium permits! Enough! I've watched the decline in our unique and beautiful reef fish at the hands of the aquarium fish collectors. It is NOT fishing.

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Deanna Summers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Hawaiian Reef Recovery and no new Aquarian permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Ferguson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It seems rather short sighted to allow the aquarium trade to strip reefs when healthy reefs are essential to the Hawaiian economy, not to mention the environmental damage to our reef ecosystems.

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Lani Orr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please oppose the large harvest of marine wildlife from Hawaii's reefs by aquarium gatherers and sellers. This would benefit Hawaii tourism, reef regeneration, and the fish themselves.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul DeBruler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. I'm a frequent visitor to Hawaii and one of the reasons I love coming to Hawaii is snorkeling in Kealakekua Bay, and seeing reef wildlife living free in the wild on Hawaii reefs, the way it was meant to be seen, not captive in glass tanks. Please vote to end State of Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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Amy Bond
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YES, I support HB1457/SB1240. No more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

I worked at a distributor of aquatic life 17 years ago in Bensenville, IL for 2 years:

<http://www.apetinc.com/>

They received 2 shipments from Hawaii, twice a week. My job was to sell fish to all the pet shops in IL and MI, two of the seven states they delivered to. There were always at least 200 yellow tangs, 40-50 flame angel fish, 20-30 naso tangs, Hawaiian clean wrasse, and many other Hawaiian fish. Apet is only ONE destination for fish at a wholesale level. MULTIPLY these numbers for all the distributors in the USA alone, then think worldwide, such as Dubai & Europe. The numbers are daunting. Dubai is a huge receiver of aquarium fish now.

I moved to Maui in August, 2001. Scuba Diving is what brought me to Hawaii. In 15 years of diving in Hawaii, I've seen only 8-10 flame angels. Only 3 around Maui. The rest on the Big island. I have been heart broken to know that I worked in an industry that contributed to the decline of Hawaii reefs. Yellow tangs sold in pet shops for \$14.99-\$19.99 back then. Flame angels, \$49.00 and up.

Please consider my testimony to put in place a freeze on all permits, and to let the reefs recover for a minimum of 20 years. There are many salt water fish being raised/farmed to supply the aquarium industry, let them supply the pet industry. Supply a limited amount of permits to those whom are CURRENTLY "farming salt water fish" IN HAWAII to try and add species to their list not raised in captivity at this time to supply the demand for salt water fish. These folks are only on the Big island at this time.. I don't know of any others at this time.

<http://seahorse.com/shop/Marine-Fish/>

Please consider my testimony.

Amy Bond

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Rob Weltman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please take this step to protect Hawaii's reef fish.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Hawaii's reefs aren't for sale. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits immediately.

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Roxane Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
aerie waters	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: More jobs will be created through a sustained and healthy reef, than selling the reef out to profiteers who treat the fish inhumanely and who do nothing to replenish what they take. The ocean does not belong to anyone to reduce for profit. Please...look beyond this moment to the future. Protect our future. Thank you. Aerie Waters

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do not issue anymore aquarium permits. Our livelihood depends on a healthy reef.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Tanner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support SB1240. Please stop the live export of Hawaiian reef wildlife now. Hawaii's reefs should not be for sale. Please end state-issued aquarium permits. As a person who has visited Hawaii, please keep the wild animals in your ocean and not in someone's aquarium. In addition, as a person who would like to return to Hawaii in the future, I hope to see more fish because your state has taken steps to improve the conservation of the treasure you have outside your door.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Coker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240. Stop the aquarium fish trade. It can only aid destroying the beauty of Hawai'i!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Hawaii's reefs aren't for sale. End State-of-Hawaii issued aquarium permits.

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Thomas Melcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STOP THE AQUARIUM FISH TRADE!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
d friedman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support SB1240. Ban the aquarium trade. NO NEW PERMITS EVER!!!
Stop the pillaging of Hawaii reefs! STOP NEW PERMITS! BAN THE AQUARIUM
TRADE!!!

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Robin Rogers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I SUPPORT SB1240: BAN THE AQUARIUM TRADE NOW & FOREVER!

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Watts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 with an amendment to restore substance. >> No new permits, starting now. >>Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a meaningful management plan. The aquarium trade is not fishing - its plundering. It deprives the many for the financial benefit of the few. It imposes cruel and often fatal punishment on Hawaii's indigenous wildlife. It damages and depletes Hawaii reefs. It damages Hawaii's economy by reducing tourism revenue and taxes.

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

Comments: This bill is a belated start toward management of the aquarium fish collection industry, and should be passed, but is inadequate. It should also specify implementation of a limited entry system to control the number of collecting permits issued and a species restriction list to ban collection of those species that are already rare or vulnerable to overfishing.

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david amack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Those who steal fish from Hawaii's reefs must be stopped. No new permits, and revoke existing permits! As for the argument that banning the Hawaii aquarium trade will take away jobs, consider that African elephant and rhino poachers could use the same argument, but that doesn't make what they do any less heinous.

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anita wintner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to STOP SELLING PERMITS for aquarium collectors. Think of the future of our reefs. Collectors take all they want, don't report all they collect or report how many die. DLNR does not keep track of what is happening and they only tell you what they want you to hear about the fish counts. I have helped with fish counts and it is not accurate. Many of us are counting the same fish. Don't sell any more permits!!!

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Kurt Lieber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240. Ban the Aquarium trade NOW, and FOREVER!!

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Gerrit DeCambra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I sincerely believe that the Aquarium collection practice is, without a doubt, one of the contributing factors to the decline of our reefs here in Hawaii. The unique forms of aquatic life need to be protected like the rest of the unique life above the ocean waters. It's all the same Hawaiian ecosystem, it all deserves protection.

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Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

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jodi lynn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Gayle Janzen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 and think it should be amended to allow NO more aquarium permits and freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Too many fish are being taken out of the wild to support the aquarium industry and that is harming Hawaii reefs. Fish belong in the wild and without enough fish, Hawaii's snorkeling and diving industries will no longer be profitable.

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Tracey Aquino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Xander Henkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Xander Henkin. I am thirteen and I strongly support this bill. I support this because I think that the nearly unrestricted access that fishers have to our natural resources is wrong. In Hawaii, our rocks protected and you cannot take them away from our islands. Why do our fish not receive the same protection? Also, due to the high mortality rate, many of the fish never even reach an aquarium. I think that we need to have tighter regulations governing what can and cannot be done to our marine wildlife.

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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I have lived on Maui for more than half of my 62 years of age. I am a long distance ocean swimmer and I have swum in the waters off Maui's south side for over 25 years. When I first started swimming there were so many schools of reef fish I took them for granted but now I see very few fish let alone schools of reef fish. About the only place I can count on see any fish at all is at Ahihi Marine Reserve. Sad!

I know there are many reasons for the decline in reef fish but I believe the biggest reason for the decline is the aquarium fish trade. How can reef fish maintain a healthy population when the keikis are captured and sold. When the reef fish are removed from our ocean they can not reproduce which causes a decline in the population. How can reef fish maintain a healthy population when the keikis are captured and sold.

Maui, like the other Hawaii islands, depend on tourism and selling off our reef fish diminishes the tourist experience in the islands It makes no sense that we would allow our fish population to be decimated by aquarium capture.

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider this critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

Thank you,

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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

Sincerely, David Crist

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Testimony for OMH on Mar 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nina Wouk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Aquariums are nice but the reefs are more important. There shouldn't be any more wildlife exported unless there is a sustainable management plan.

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From: Claudia Kirchmayr <c.dolphin@earthlink.net>
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Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

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From: Diane Shepherd <doctord@hawaii.rr.com>
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Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

Dr. Diane Shepherd DVM, Shepherd Veterinary Clinic

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From: Janet <janetgoodmanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:42 AM
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Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

In addition, I would strongly recommend the following:

- If the state won't ban the trade, then an immediate moratorium is needed until sustainability measures are enacted
- A limit on permits without a limit on take does nothing to help our reefs.
- Butterflyfish need protection -- immediately!

Aloha,

Janet Goodmanson
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From: Patricia Cadiz <pb5@mac.com>
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted as well as an amendment that changes the effective date from "2059" to "IMMEDIATELY"!

REEFS PLAY AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHORE PROTECTION PROCESSES AND REEF FISH PLAY AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN REEF HELATH. Do not sell out the soul of Hawaii to aquarium reef collectors. You have a fiduciary responsibility to do what is best and right for the reef to protect our land, our economy and our natural resources.

Patricia B Cadiz
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From: Kathrynne <kathryne@paharriselectric.com>
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

Please know all the cauliflower coral has bleached, died and is covered in algae at the bay I have lived on for 20 years. Very tragic! Where are the parrot fish?? Please help!!

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

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To: omhtestimony
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

We all know what a terrible thing this gathering of reef fishes is. For so many reasons I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

/Rick Woodford

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From: DeborahWallace <1happygyrl@gmail.com>
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To: omhtestimony
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted. I swim with the fish daily in both Hanauma bay and Waimanalo, and I can tell you from personal observation that we have had a drastic decline in reef fish over the years. It is unfair for the prophet of a few to affect our tourism and our local experience.

Thank you for reading this

Deborah wallace

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From: Mary Sherman <spiloga@yahoo.com>
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members, I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

Please take this seriously. We need to start protecting our reefs and our reef fish.

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From: Danielle <daniellechomel@yahoo.com>
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

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From: Mary <mlj626@att.net>
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Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

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From: Anita Kelleher <anitakelleher@me.com>
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To: omhtestimony
Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted. PLEASE!!!

Mahalo Nui Loa

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From: Mark Wussler <imasprinter1@gmail.com>
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Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.

Coral reefs are collapsing worldwide...lets save ours here in Paradise/ Hawai'i!

Mark Wussler
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From: Momi V. <momiv808@gmail.com>
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To: omhtestimony
Subject: Support SB1240 SD2

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-chair Gates, and OMH committee members,

I am in strong support of SB1240 SD2. I urge you to consider a critically important amendment that places a moratorium on wildlife capture for aquarium purposes until sustainability measures are enacted.. You Must Allow Our Reefs, Oceans To Recoup And Recover From GREEDY And Aquarium Hungry People.. Please Don't Make The Wrong Decisions For Hawai'I Need To REMAIN Hawaiian..!!!! Why Choose Complete Obliteration.. Which Has Already Happening.. Thank You For Your Services.. 🦴🐟🐢🦴🦴🦴

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From: Matthew Gurewitsch <matthew@alohaheights.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 2:02 PM
To: omhtestimony
Subject: I support SB1240

The beautiful tropical fish in our near shore waters are disappearing. This is a catastrophe ecologically but also economically, since our tourism depends largely on the fabled beauty of our beaches and our marine life. Requiring DLNR to develop a definition of SUSTAINABILITY with respect to the reef and the fish is long overdue. It is also the step that may finally make more robust protections possible. It's very little, very late, but perhaps not too late. Please give this urgent matter the immediate attention it deserves. Mahalo for your attention.

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

Comments: I support SB1240 Ban the aquarium trade now and save the reefs!

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Leslie Burpo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1240 being amended so that no new aquarium permits should be issued, and existing permits should be frozen until DLNR can develop an effective management plan. Live export of Hawaii reef wildlife should stop immediately, the aquarium trade should be stopped now, and there should be no new permits.

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Bruce Booker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Over the last 50 years, I have witnessed the devastation of our reefs and fisheries. It's obvious to all of us that enjoy the ocean, the vast diversity of species and huge populations are no more. Very clearly, the fish that are the target of the Aquarium trade are being decimated! Stop it now!

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Mary Johannsen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Mary Johannsen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Mary Johannsen	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Martha Lyons	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support if amended to stop new aquarium permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Hudsick	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marisa Landsberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1240 to no longer permit more aquariums.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherrill Futrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A FEW MORE FISH WHEN I SWIM OFF THE KONA COAST. WHERE DID THEY GO? We tourists would like to see fish - why else snorkel?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen M Donnelly	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa N Ferguson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The aquarium trade, including the live export of Hawaii reef wildlife, is killing Hawaiian reefs. For this reason, I support SB 1240, if it is amended to stop new aquarium permits, and urge the Legislature to freeze existing permits until the Department of Land and Natural Resources can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeremy Golesh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes! I support HB1457/SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunshine Eckstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to protect Hawaii's fish populations. Don't sell out Hawaii's fish and ecosystem!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Water Inspired	Water Inspired	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in Support of Bill SB 1240 Aloha Senators, On behalf of Water Inspired Conservation group we request that you impose limitations on the amount of permits issued for the collection of aquarium fish from Hawaii’s reefs. According to a 2003 study, aquarium collectors in Hawaii have a significant effect on the abundance of targeted aquarium fishes. Seven out of ten aquarium species surveyed were significantly reduced by collection, with some species being depleted by up to 75% (Tissot et al.). The authors of this study also stated that current methods of reporting underestimates actual removals. Hawaii’s reefs are subject to heavy anthropogenic pressures including nutrient runoff, overfishing, and increasingly frequent coral bleaching events. In order to help build resiliency in the future, Hawaii’s reefs need healthy fish populations. Herbivorous fish are particularly important, as reduced herbivory and enhanced nutrient concentrations can independently and interactively support phase shifts from healthy reefs to benthic algal community structure in Hawaiian reefs (Smith et al. 2001). Heavy collecting in Hawaii has caused large local depletions of reef fish species. A study (Tissot and Hallacher 1999) showed that collection of fish for aquarium trade off the coast of Kona in Big Island of Hawaii revealed an overall decline in acanthus achilles by 57% and 48% decline in the pygmy angelfish Centropyge potteri. With a large scale of fish species being endemic to Hawaii these are more vulnerable to over exploitation from collection for aquarium trade (Wood 2001). Collection of local species needs to be managed and controlled to ensure the overall health and vitality of endemic species. Hawaii’s reefs are both ecologically and economically important, and the current system may result in overexploitation of this resource. By limiting the amount of permits issues, we can ensure a sustainable future for Hawaii’s coral reefs and aquarium fish for future generations. Mahalo, One Ocean Conservation mailto:OneOceandiving@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alicia Edmunds	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Please freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Hawaiian reefs are dying!! Please no new permits. Ban this practice!

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Pamela Small	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: Testimony in support of HB1457 Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members: I support SB1240 moving forward and being strengthened, so that all native reef wildlife is protected from commercial extraction by aquarium collectors, as are Hawaii rocks and corals. The current situation is untenable and can not be supported. Our reefs are being depleted at an alarming rate with no oversight. The State government has failed to protect these critical public resources from commercial extraction for aquarium collection over the years. Tourists that I meet no longer want to snorkel/dive our Hawaiian waters due to lack of fish. My family no longer snorkels/dives the oceans of the Big Island because the fish have all been taken. I have not bothered to scuba dive my home waters in about seven years. YOU have the ability the change this by stopping the wholesale taking of our fish for the aquarium trade. Allow our reefs to recover from the unlimited, unregulated and unsustainable takes of the aquarium collectors. The Department of Land and Natural Resources currently does not have the resources or funding to develop a plan, manage, enforce and/or protect reef wildlife in any meaningful way. The agency has never even *defined* sustainable nor placed any limit on the number of permits issued to aquarium collectors. DLNR has never said no to any permit applicant or commercial collector. To add insult to injury, the lack of a program, rules monitoring or enforcement means un-permitted, illegal traffickers go unchecked and have become an established part of this export industry. DLNR needs to stop this program that uses state resources to promote commercial extraction of reef wildlife for aquarium collectors. Now is an important time to change policy, protect what we have left and potentially witness a return of reef wildlife, for ourselves, the economy and future generations and to give reef wildlife a chance. Please do the right thing and protect out reefs and ocean. Pamela Small Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

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Solomon P. Kaho?ohalahala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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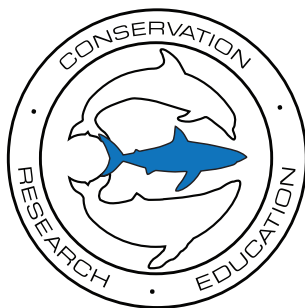
Aloha Senators,

My name is Ashley Steyaert, and I'm writing on behalf of One Ocean Conservation, and Water Inspired Conservation. We implore you to impose limitations on the amount of permits granted for the collection of aquarium fish from Hawaii's reefs. We have several marine biologists and conservationists on our team and our research and experience in the water supports our testimony in support of this bill.

If the rate at which fish are being collected from our reefs continues, our reef's fragile ecology will suffer greatly. This will greatly and negatively effect not only the reefs themselves, but the innumerable species of marine life that depend on them, as well as the tourism industry so many of Oahu's residents depend on.

It is crucial to Oahu's environmental and fiscal future that bill SB1240 be passed and that the amount of permits allotted to aquarium fishermen be limited. We thank you for your time and diligence in this matter.

Mahalo,
Ashley Steyaert
One Ocean Conservation
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On behalf of One Ocean Global I would like to send in my support of SB 1240. The reasons to support this bill are many, economic, sustainability, future generations, tourism, reef destruction, etc. Some of these fall under each other and go hand in hand, but each has its own purpose and example of why they would crumble if this bill does not get passed and the continued raping of our reefs goes on. Yes, rape is a strong word to use for something like this, but it is true. While it may be illegal as of now to take nearly as much as you want, those that it impacts are unwilling victims and it leaves the ocean community in utter distress.

Taking at such high numbers with little regard to the delicate balance of our marine ecosystems is greedy, selfish, and destructive. Being able to take up to 90% of any reef life leaves nearly no chance of that community repopulating. Often times those taking cannot tell the difference between male or female, what if they only left males? There could be no repopulation for some of those marine creatures and therefore a complete wipeout of that area. When you are hitting sections of this beautiful ocean that are already seeing population declines from overfishing, pollution, ocean acidification, and climate change, the impact of taking these animals is even greater.

Destroying our reefs destroys our economy. It goes hand in hand. Sure these aquarium traders pay out big money to keep going and try to lobby on their side, but what about the island as a whole? Without our beautiful beaches and snorkeling in our gorgeous water, who will come out here? There are many other islands with thriving underwater life because they are protected, and we are already seeing many people start traveling elsewhere for these adventures. Why not try to keep Hawai'i as a top destination for those looking to find beautiful reefs and fish? This impacts the entire tourism industry which brings in billions of dollars to Hawai'i every year. Are you willing to risk that much money for a few people who want to continue to degrade our reefs?

Then what are we leaving for our children? Destroyed reefs, no economy, no fishing for food or hobby, no jobs that are already hard to find. We are leaving a destroyed paradise for our keiki just because a few people are too concerned with their own pockets that the lives of all of those it impacts, including their own children. Can you look at your kids and honestly say that not passing this bill was a good idea when they ask why they never catch any fish, or why they can't get a job, or what happened to the reefs in the pretty pictures you used to show them? This weight is on the shoulders of those who have the power to pass this bill, and I strongly encourage you to do so. For today, for tomorrow, and for the years to come. The ocean, economy, and children will thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kayo Malik	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Sue Horwood	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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silvana borrelli	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yes i support SB 1240. The aquarium is killing hawaiiin reefs. No new permits please.

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Regan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Please stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Tracy Drake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Jennifer Lutje	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Shannon Catt	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Raeann Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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

Comments: I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marina kulakova	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of an end to new collection permits

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paige Humphreys	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon lacy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellen Moyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now. Ban the aquarium trade now.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecelia Samp	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240. Please stop the live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now and ban the aquarium trade. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

Comments: Yes, I support HB1240. It is essential that this measure is taken to properly manage and conserve Hawaii's reefs. I have personally noticed the decline in aquatic species, both in variety and number, over the past 30 years. It is imperative that you protect this native treasure for all citizens, and not allow it to be sold off for the benefit of a few. Please freeze New permits, and allow the DLNR to develop a plan the insures sustainability of the reefs. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha Turetsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Hunt-Nickerson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1240 amended to halt aquarium permits and freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dax Riner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! YES, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Jennifer Martini	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Yes, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Yes, I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade show. Yes, I support SB1240. The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
siena schaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: I am writing testimony in support of bill 1240. I am asking you to please consider amending this bill and adding a moratorium on new permits. There is currently no permit limit and hundreds of permits can be granted annually without any concern for the "take" aspect of the aquarium trade and also there still has not been a calculated MSY (maximum sustainable yield) of the species that are being ripped from their delicate reef ecosystems. Please consider the absolutely detrimental effect that the aquarium fish trade has on our Hawaiian reefs. These fish may seem small but together they rid our reefs of invasive alga and keep the system in check. Mahalo for your kokua.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather Myer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: hlmyer@hfcc.edu I support SB1240 if it does NOT allow any more permits for the taking fish from this reef.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB1240 is a good start to protect Hawaii's reefs and wildlife some day, but help is needed NOW. If the state won't ban the trade, then an immediate moratorium is needed until sustainability measures are enacted. A limit on permits without a limit on take does nothing to help our reefs. Butterflyfish need protection -- immediately!

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Stuart Coleman	Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Beavers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support amending SB1240 to allow no more aquarium permits and to freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now! The aquarium is killing Hawaii reefs. No new permits!

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Boaz Shacham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Juan Masello	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: YES, I support SB1240 amended to allow no more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote in favor of this bill which is the minimum action we can take to support our reefs and maintain a robust population of herbivorous fish, critical to the health of our stressed coral reefs. Traditional practices aside, there should be a complete ban on the removal of these fish for profit. How can we sell our collective natural resources in the name of business interests? Please understand the insanity of our current economic model which does not assess the true costs of our natural resources and apply the brakes as responsible legislators. Mahalo for your consideration.

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March 14, 2017

Dear Members of the Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of the impacts of aquarium trade in Hawai'i. I am writing in support of SB 1240. Protecting the marine resources of Hawai'i should be a priority for a state whose critical economic tourism industry is dependent upon them. To ensure the strength of SB 1240, a few amendments are necessary. First and foremost, in order for a limit on permits to be of use, bag limits are necessary. Population assessments do not exist for at least 64% of the traded species (Rhyne et al., 2012). Hawai'i is a major supplier for the aquarium trade (Tissot & Hallacher, 2003; Walsh, Cotton, Dierking, Williams, 2003). This is of potential concern as Hawai'i's collection restrictions are minimal, and maximum sustainable yields for Hawaiian ornamentals are lacking (Ogawa, & Brown, 2001). Further, the accuracy of ornamental catch reporting in Hawai'i is questionable (Rhyne et al., 2012; Tissot & Hallacher, 2003; Walsh, 2000) and can sometimes go undocumented as a result of legal loopholes regarding dealer reporting (Walsh, 2015). There is some evidence indicating the aquarium trade has impacted Hawai'i fish populations. The Achilles tang (*Acanthurus achilles*), is the third most collected species in Hawai'i (Walsh, 2015). It is also listed as an ecologically unsustainable species by the Sustainable Aquarium Industry Association (SAIA). Further, it is in the state's best interest to place a moratorium on the aquarium trade until sufficient data can be gathered on target species populations. If Hawai'i is to remain the "Paradise of the Pacific" (see Mak, 2015), rather than a last-chance tourist destination, urgent attention to the health of the marine resources is needed.

Please pass SB 1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brooke A. Porter', with a long, sweeping underline.

Brooke A. Porter, Ph.D.

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SB1240

Submitted on: 3/13/2017

Testimony for OMH on Mar 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support this bill to protect our ocean wildlife. Our fish should remain on our reefs, not die in stateside tanks. mahalo, Cory Harden

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Testimony for OMH on Mar 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 312

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

Comments: YES! I support SB1240. Stop live export of Hawaii reef wildlife now! Ban the aquarium trade now!

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SB1240

Submitted on: 3/13/2017

Testimony for OMH on Mar 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathryn Fenn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support protecting Hawaii's reefs and their wildlife. For far too long the aquarium trade has, for a pittance, raided and destroyed Hawaii's priceless nearshore reefs. The reef ecosystems are not only becoming depopulated but seriously unbalanced, with algae blooms, reproduction in decline and reefs themselves damaged. This precious ecosystem can never be replaced once it is lost and on a purely economic level, there is far more value for the State in maintaining a robust ecotourism trade around the reefs than allowing short-term and paltry gain from aquarium traders. What is more, the wild animals taken from their natural habitat are doomed to suffer and die prematurely in tiny human prisons, which is both cruel and wasteful. Keep Hawaii's reefs healthy, keep reef ecotourism robust and let the wildlife live free. Thank you for your attention.

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Testimony for OMH on Mar 14, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juan Varisco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Moving here from Southern California, and seeing the wide array of magnificent and colorful reef fish was astonishing. In very few places can the the underwater life even come close to what the Hawaiian Islands have to offer. But if this type of fishing continues and the permits see no end, the beautiful Hawaiian Islands will soon look much like a lifeless wasteland under the sea. Ask any Diver who has been to Guam. You will understand. Cut off the foolish lifestyle of Reef Fishing and don't just support the longevity of Local Reef Fish, but support a better life for local who gets trapped in the job. Thank you. -Juan

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TO: Honorable Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Gates, and Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members, 3/14/17, 10:00 a.m.

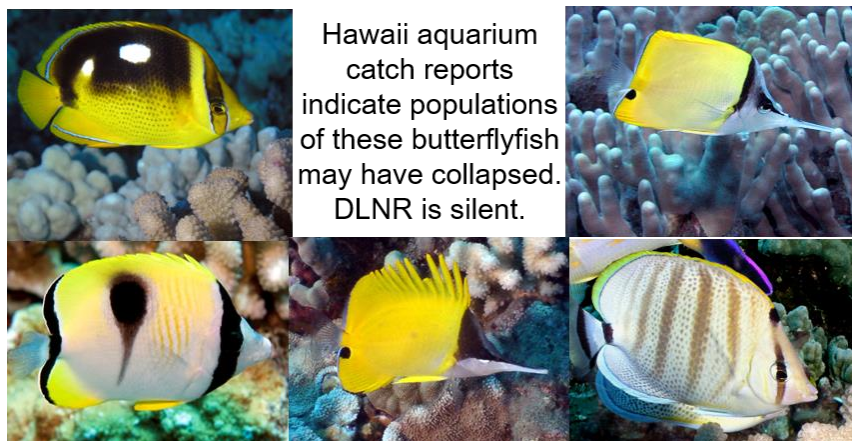
FROM: Rene Umberger, Executive Director, For the Fishes, rene@forthefishes.org; tel: 808-283-7225

RE: SUPPORT for SB1240 SD2 – with Amendments; Relating to Aquatic Life

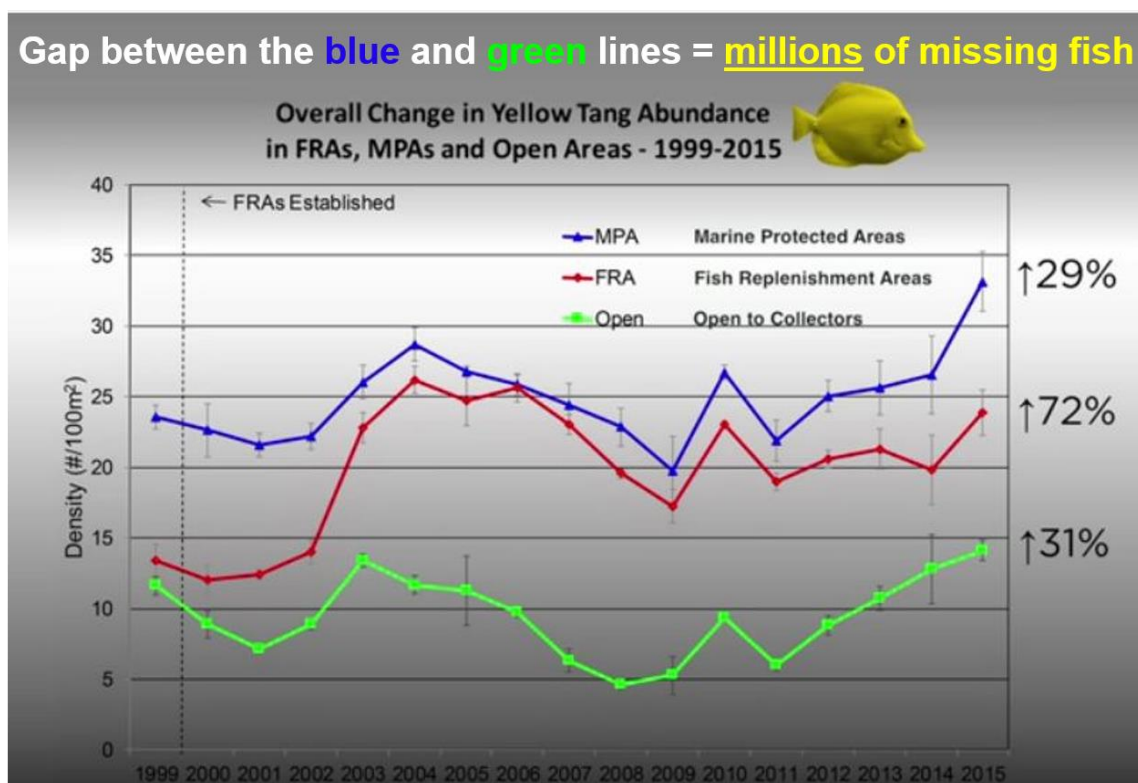
For the Fishes strongly supports SB1240 SD2 which would require DLNR to define "sustainable" and develop practices and limits designed to achieve sustainability. We also urge you to consider amending SB1240 SD2 to reinsert a moratorium on take for aquarium purposes and also ensure that the measure includes aquatic life *taken by any means* for aquarium purposes. The possession of an aquarium permit under HRS188-31 is not necessarily required to take aquatic life for aquarium purposes. For example, in its current form, the bill excludes important fishes such as sharks and eels, which may be captured by means other than fine mesh nets, and invertebrates such as hermit crabs, which are captured from tidepools and shallow reefs by hand, in numbers ranging from tens to hundreds of thousands annually.

For at least a decade, DLNR has referred to the "sustainability" of wildlife capture by the aquarium trade when opposing efforts aimed at reducing aquarium trade impacts and restoring abundance to a majority of Hawaii's reefs. These bills, rules, and resolutions, whether at the state, county or local levels, have proposed solutions ranging from take and permit limits, to area closures and total bans. In all cases, hundreds to thousands of Hawaii residents and concerned citizens elsewhere have urged the adoption of strong measures to address and mitigate the trade's degradation of Hawaii's reefs. Equally, in all cases, DLNR has based their opposition and inaction, either in part or whole, on the so-called "sustainable" level of take by the aquarium trade, inexplicably ignoring their own publications, staff reports and other experts documenting the opposite of sustainable:

- 2016 reported take of 5 butterflyfish species was down by 91% compared to historic take levels when they were among the top 10 most captured fish from 1976 – 1985 (DLNR 1976 – 2016 AQ catch reports)



- “Storm effects combined with overfishing resulted in the collapse of the aquarium fishery along [the southwest] portion of the Oahu coastline” (Walsh, et al./DLNR 2004).
 - It’s likely that recent unprecedented coral bleaching and mortalities on Hawaii’s reefs, combined with limitless aquarium take of fishes has caused a similar statewide collapse of butterflyfishes
- Aquarium fishing is a “main cause of coral reef degradation” on Oahu and Hawaii Island (DLNR, 1998)
- “a number of aquarium-targeted species have not responded to the increase in protected areas and have actually decreased in West Hawai’i since 1999” (Walsh, et al./DLNR 2010)
- Severe overfishing for aquarium trade occurs even in the United States: Aquarium fishes **outside** of reserves [in West Hawaii] experience significant declines – from 14% to 97% (U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, citing the West Hawai’i Aquarium Project Report, 2002).
- 2016 DLNR/West Hawaii Aquarium Project data shows that outside of reserves, yellow tang populations are diminished by 60% on average, compared to populations in the long-term reserves (aka MPAs). This equates to millions of yellow tangs missing from the majority of West Hawaii Reefs:



- DAR Administrator Frazer McGilvray testified against Oahu aquarium trade rules because they did not address ongoing unsustainable take and were contrary to good natural resource management. He referred to the rules as akin to setting a speed limit at 400 MPH (attached).
- Australia has sustainability measures in place for aquarium take on the Great Barrier Reef. Aimed at ensuring fish populations are not diminished by aquarium take, they allow a level of take that’s a fraction of that taken from Hawaii reefs annually (see attached).

In 2014/2015, as participants in a BLNR directed process to engage stakeholders and scientists outside the aquarium trade in developing next steps for Oahu aquarium fishery rules, we learned that a definition for a sustainable aquarium fishery has never been determined by DLNR/DAR. In a Feb. 26, 2015 email disseminating meeting notes related to this process, then DAR acting administrator, Mr. Alton Miyasaka, summarized the

outcome, as follows: “The main management questions remained unanswered. Those questions are, What does sustainable mean, how do you measure it, what are the management goals, and how do you know if you are meeting those goals” (see attached).

We received that news with enthusiasm and hope, however it was extremely short-lived. On the very next day, Feb. 27, we attended the House JUD committee hearing on HB873 HD1, a bill with extensive community support that would have effectively managed the AQ trade for the first time in Hawaii’s history. The DLNR had submitted testimony opposing the bill and alluding to the sustainability of the trade. The DAR acting administrator was present at the hearing and answered various questions posed by committee members. In doing so, he directly contradicted the message sent on the day prior by stating to the committee that HB873 HD1 is unnecessary because AQ take is “sustainable”. Additional comments from the acting DAR administrator further misled the committee by:

- Incorrectly portraying West Hawaii yellow tang abundance as having doubled.
- Neglecting to mention significant declines of other heavily targeted AQ species in West Hawaii.
- Neglecting to mention that the yellow tang fishery on leeward Oahu collapsed in the late 1980’s and has not recovered.
- Neglecting to mention that four months prior, his former supervisor and DAR administrator at the time, Mr. Frazer McGilvray, had refused to sign-off on the Oahu AQ rules because they were “contrary to good natural resource management”.

The glaring inconsistencies we’ve presented here are just some of the many examples that explain why SB1240 SD2, with an immediate moratorium on take, is so important. While we realize the financial challenges a moratorium could *potentially* cause some trade members, we urge you to consider the following when making your decision:

- “Full-time” work in the trade equates to 3 days/week (Stevenson, 2011)
- About 70 people, statewide, report aquarium fish capture and sale to DLNR – about half are “part-time” only.
- Holding commercial fishing licenses, many aquarium collectors already engage in fishing for “kau kau” fish and would be able to supplement incomes in that manner (per testimonies from trade members; and, William Aila, 2008).

We hope you’ll see the urgent need for this measure in order to reverse the depletion, collapse and degradation that’s been ongoing for decades and is surely unsustainable. We urge your support for SB1240 SD2, and we thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.


Hawaii's Heaviest Take and Nearby Impacts

DLNR
Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources

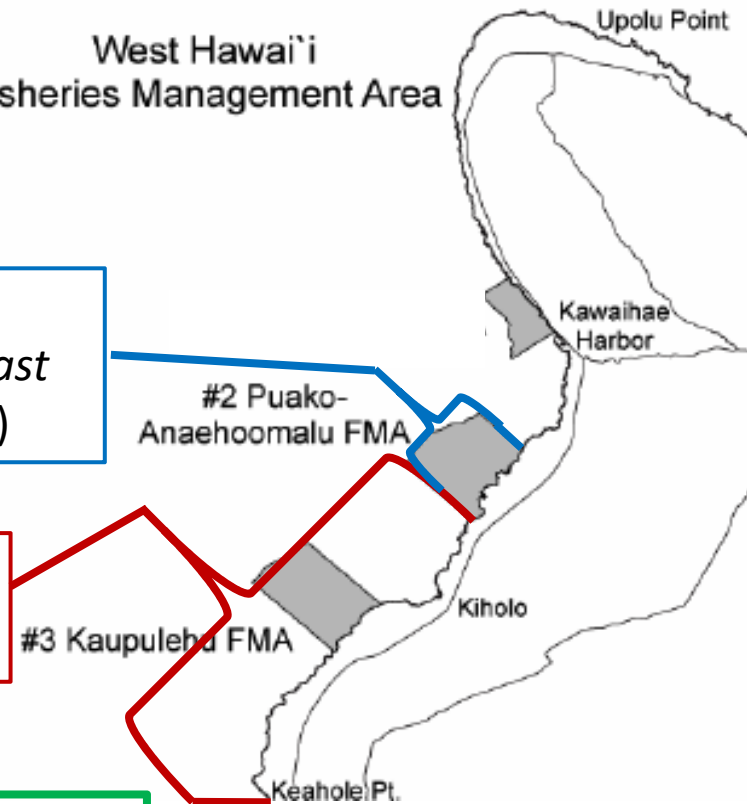
South Kohala Reefs in Dire Straits

A long-term study at two South Kohala sites on the Island of Hawai'i has found drastic declines in reef fish abundance over the past quarter century and a marked deterioration of the area's coral reef habitat.

One of the study sites is Puako which has been a Fishery Management Area (FMA) since 1985. The FMA prohibits the use of all nets except thrownets. The other site is at Pauoa Bay which became a Fish Replenishment Area (FRA) in 2000. The collecting of aquarium fishes is prohibited within the FRA. The FRA was also closed to all lay net fishing in 2005. Prior to the establishment of the Puako FMA, a comprehensive study of the area's coastal resources, fisheries and fisheries ecology was conducted from 1979-1981 by the University of Hawai'i's Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit. They surveyed 6 transects at



West Hawai'i Fisheries Management Area



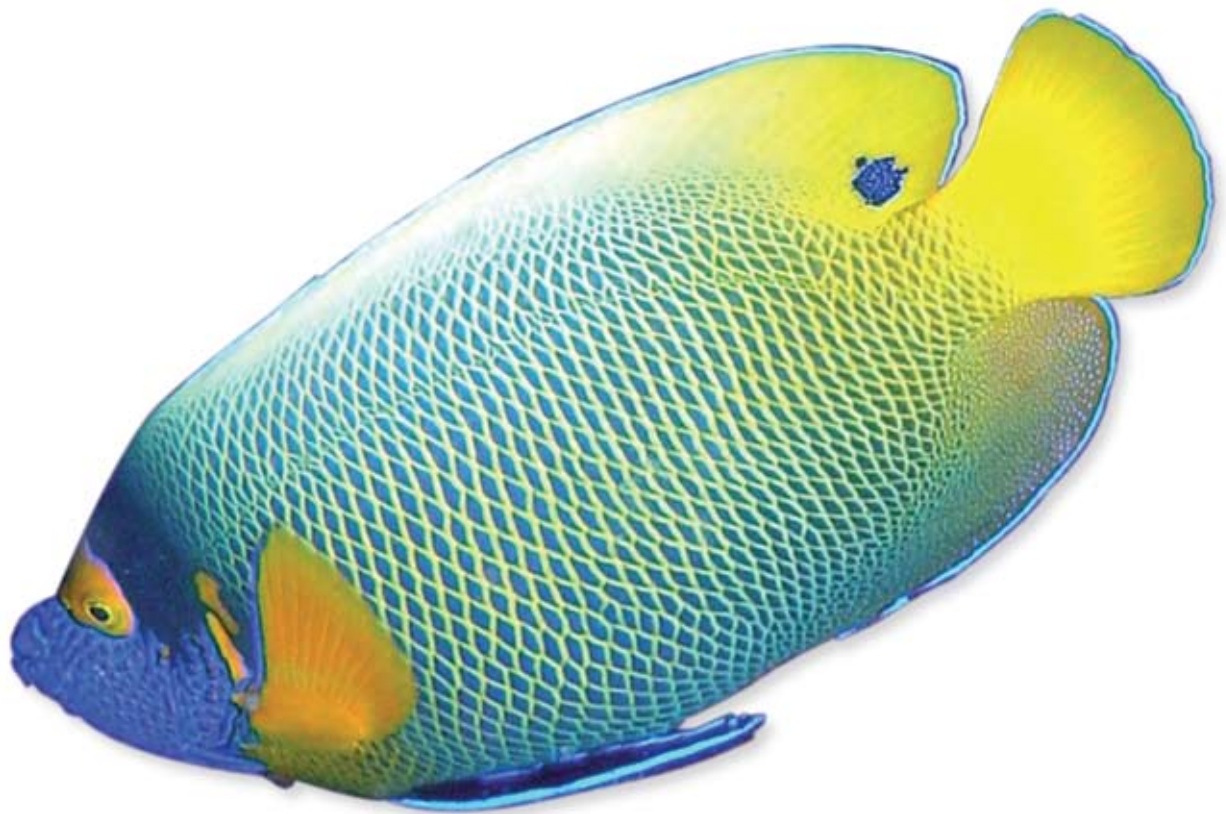
South Kohala Reefs in Dire Straits: DLNR reports *“drastic declines in reef fish abundance over the past quarter century”* at Puako and Pauoa (Mauna Lani)

AQ trade reports massive catch from adjacent areas: 191,083 fish in 2014

Take from just this portion of West Hawaii's shoreline exceeds AQ take from Australia's entire Great Barrier Reef, an area 300 times larger than Hawaii's reefs.

Annual status report 2011

Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery



Photograph courtesy of Helen Taylor

Fishery Profile 2010

<p>Key species</p> <p>Majority of targeted fish species belong to the following families; Pomacentridae, Pomacanthidae, Labridae, Chaetodontidae and Gobiidae. Invertebrate species are also commonly harvested.</p>	<p>Total number of commercial licences in 2010</p> <p>44 A1 licences and 4 A2 licences.</p>
<p>Total harvest from all sectors</p> <p>134 206 individual fish from 47 species groups.</p>	<p>Commercial licences accessing the fishery in 2010</p> <p>34 (A1 and A2 combined).</p>
<p>Commercial harvest</p> <p>134 206 individual fish from 47 species groups.</p>	<p>Fishery season</p> <p>All year (however two five-day closures applied for coral reef fin fish in October and November 2010).</p>
<p>Recreational harvest</p> <p>No estimate level of harvest for 2010.</p>	<p>Fishery symbols</p> <p>A1 or A2.</p>
<p>Indigenous harvest</p> <p>No estimate level of harvest for 2010.</p>	<p>Monitoring undertaken</p> <p>Commercial logbooks (CFISH).</p>
<p>Charter harvest</p> <p>Not applicable to the fishery.</p>	<p>FOP days monitored in 2010</p> <p>Nil.</p>
<p>Allocation between sectors</p> <p>Predominantly commercial.</p>	<p>Accreditation under the EPBC Act</p> <p>Wildlife Trade Operation expires 25 November 2011.</p>
<p>Total exports</p> <p>No estimate for 2010. 94 000 live fish, valued at \$2.8 million in 2008–09.</p>	<p>Logbook validation</p> <p>Yes—completed May 2007.</p>
<p>Commercial Gross Value of Production (GVP)</p> <p>No estimate for 2010. The GVP for the Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery and the Queensland Coral Fishery (QCF) (combined) was estimated to be \$10–12 million in 2008–09.</p>	<p>Quota managed</p> <p>No.</p>

Rene Umberger

From: Alton.K.Miyasaka@hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:20 PM
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Attachments: Science Meeting Minutes of 2-12-15
Science group mtg minutes 2-12-15.pdf

To All

Attached are the minutes from the science group meeting on February 12, 2015. You may note that while the meeting was a good overview of what kinds of studies are being done by whom, the main management questions remained unanswered. Those questions are What does sustainable mean, how do you measure it, what are the management goals, and how do you know if you are meeting those goals.

The attached document contains my meeting notes, followed by the agenda, then the handouts the various participants provided.

The main takeaways from the meeting were that the managers have to decide what the management goals are, not the scientists. The scientists have the tools or can design the tools to answer the questions but the managers have to first decide what the questions are. For example, science can tell you what the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for a stock should be but the managers have to determine if sustainable means 20%, 50%, or 80% of MSY. Should the managers use a stock assessment based on catch and effort as the measure of abundance or length-based models instead?

Ku'ulei, please forward to Ms Woodside and Mr Char

Let me know if you have any questions. I'm still trying to figure out the next steps.

Thank you,

Alton