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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 259
RELATING TO FISHING NETS**

Senate Bill 259 proposes to require all fishing nets used in state waters to have a permanently affixed, department approved, identification tag. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department currently requires owners to register their lay nets. Once registered, a set of identification tags are required to be placed on lay nets that are in the water, along with other provisions. We have learned much from this initial regulation and have found that a tag with a number on it placed on the net is sufficient to link the net to its owner. We are considering a tag that identifies the owner rather than the net. Instead of having to number 10 nets with one owner, issuing one number per owner, regardless of the number of nets they own, simplifies the numbering system.

The Department does not have specific statutory authorization to require that nets be registered or tagged. An expansion of this registration/tagging system to include all nets, as defined by this measure, should have a statute that specifically authorizes the department to require such identification. This committee might want to consider changing the content of this measure to an authorizing statute and provide the department with the flexibility to create rules to implement this system.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Committee Members, West Hawaii Humane Society fully supports the need to have identification on all nets entering our ocean. Unattended and discarded nets contribute to the unnecessary death of thousands of non-target marine species every year. Responsible fishers always remove their nets when finished fishing and should not object to this modest measure to hold those irresponsible fishers accountable. Thank you, Inga Gibson Policy Consultant West Hawaii Humane Society 808.922.9910

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Stuart Coleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm writing in support of this bill to identify and reduce derelict fishing nets. As an environmental organizer for the Surfrider Foundation, I have witnessed massive fishing nets and debris on beaches around Hawaii. We believe this bill will help reduce the amount of derelict fishing gear that is abandoned at sea, which creates all kinds of hazards, as well as entangling and killing many marine creatures. Mahalo for your consideration. Aloha, Stuart Coleman 2927 Hibiscus Pl. Hon., HI 96815

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Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Committee on Water Land We already have id numbers engraved on every first and last float of all Our nets. We've engraved Our license number's on both ends of each 100 foot stretch of all nets that we own, We continually maintain sets of gear rebuilding and replacing nets year round, we do not hesitate to ID our nets. Should this bill pass it would be an added burden to an already time consuming business having to travel many miles to town to request and or purchase new tags. We are not recreational netters who may have one or two nets that lasts forever, We are akule fishermen who fish seasonally. Size variables and differences in fish make up force us to use different sized meshes and twine tensile strength's through out each season. We have 9 sets of a particular sized mesh and 3 sets each with the same sized mesh but all with different twine tensile strength's each set has 10 100 foot rigged netting. Through out the season depending on the size of fish some gear might hardly ever be used but as a business still very necessary to have available and ready, this does not include our seine gear and fence and bag gear that also under this bill will need to be tagged. I believe CML holders who use nets should voluntarily id their gear. our gear is never left unattended Our techniques the fence and bag the seine the akule surround net all place us working continually with our gear never leaving it in the water unattended. What will these many tags cost in time and money for an already risky livelihood. Thank You for allowing me to testify Carl P Jellings Sr

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James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Charles Prentiss	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: We strongly support this bill which would assist in the ability of our govt to stop the "ghost nets" that kill marine animals indiscriminately>

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**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Water and Land
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 2:45 pm
Room 224

Support for SB 259 Relating to Fishing Nets

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 259, which requires all fishing nets that are placed in the water to have identification tags with contact information of the net's owner.

This requirement may lead to more responsible use of nets. It is a reasonable requirement, and it poses no hardship on any fisher. Should fishing traps also be included?

Please help protect our marine resources and pass SB 259. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai	Support	No

Comments: Yes, I strongly support but please make a correction, it is not State waters it is Hawaii national waters i.e. the Hawaiian Kingdom.

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