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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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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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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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To: [COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND](#)

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Monday, February 06, 2017
2:50 PM Conference Room
224

I oppose this bill as it stands

There is already a law for Gill nets to be labeled.

To extend the labeling to other nets especially aquarium nets is not needed. Please do not pass this bill or amend it to exclude aquarium fish nets which are always with diver and never catch bycatch. See below video link of divers catching aquarium fish with small mesh nets.

No fish get stuck in the small mesh nets it only blocks them for a short period of time until the figure out how to get around it. All unwanted fish are released unharmed. No gills get caught in these nets! The nets are kept in small bags for transport and any label makes it harder to put back into their travel containers.

In the past new laws require the registration and identification of all lay nets, limit their maximum dimensions, limit their fishing or soak times to not more than four hours in daylight hours only, and require attendance and inspection of nets when shed, ...

Lay gill nets violate the concept of taking only what is needed, can damage habitat, and can catch nearly anything swimming by, including protected species such as Hawaiian monk seals and green sea turtles.

I agree with that intent! But Aquarium fish nets do no damage like other nets. See for yourself in video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50L6JcMOVLQ>

Thanks,

Ron Tubbs B.S.N.D.

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scott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I oppose sb259 if it applies to only AQ fishermen. If so, then it is a thinly veiled attack on the AQ industry by the same few people that have been trying to take jobs away from law-abiding tax-paying citizens. If sb 259 is approved, it should apply to ANYONE that puts a net in the water, from commercial fishermen to the individual. Mahalo, Scott Mudd, Kona

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Sensui	Hawaii Goes Fishing	Oppose	No

Comments: The Division of Aquatic Resources already has rules in place that require nets to be properly identified and registered. There is no need for legislation specifying the use of fishing gear since it's already being dealt with by the DLNR. Current rules require nets to be checked every two hours. And there are numerous regulations restrictions on their use including the types of nets, size of eyes, as well as where and when they can be used. Nets are an important fishing method, one that many depend upon to feed themselves, their families and communities. There's nothing inherently wrong with the use of nets. What matters is how they're used. That said, what is needed most is enforcement of existing rules to make sure all fishing methods are applied responsibly. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter. Aloha, Dean Sensui Executive Producer Hawaii Goes Fishing

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Vijaya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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