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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE THE FOURTH SATURDAY  
OF EVERY SEPTEMBER AS "TRASH FISHING DAY".

1           WHEREAS, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  
2 (PETA), is the largest animal rights organization in the world  
3 and works through public education, investigative newsgathering  
4 and reporting, research, animal rescue, legislation, special  
5 events, and protest campaigns; and  
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7           WHEREAS, according to PETA, as many as 2.7 trillion fish  
8 are killed globally every year, primarily due to commercial and  
9 recreational fishing; and  
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11           WHEREAS, according to PETA, billions of pounds of marine  
12 debris, including trash and pollutants, such as plastic bags,  
13 fishing gear, and abandoned boats, enter the ocean every year;  
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16           WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are currently one  
17 hundred million tons of plastic in the world's oceans and by  
18 2050, the oceans will contain more plastic than fish. This  
19 means debris kills more than one million marine animals each  
20 year; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the marine debris that result from recreational  
23 fishing cause serious problems for our fishing communities,  
24 economies, and ocean ecosystems; and  
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26           WHEREAS, in 1997, PETA first introduced Fish Amnesty Day to  
27 remind people that animals should be respected and not killed  
28 for fun and to raise awareness for fish rights, as fish and  
29 other marine life are often forgotten by animal advocates who  
30 tend to focus on land animals; and  
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32           WHEREAS, Fish Amnesty Day is celebrated on the fourth  
33 Saturday of every September, the same day as National Hunting



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1 and Fishing Day and involves "fishing" marine debris and litter  
2 out of the water; and

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4 WHEREAS, trash fishing decreases marine debris and cleans  
5 the waters for the fish, birds, and other surrounding wildlife  
6 to prevent entanglement in debris which can be deadly; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is requested  
12 to recognize the fourth Saturday of every September as "Trash  
13 Fishing Day" to encourage the fishing of trash, rather than  
14 fish, from Hawaii's fresh and marine waters; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

