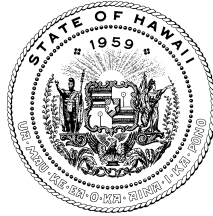


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April 1, 2009

Dear Commercial Marine Licensee:

Starting June 15, 2009, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will begin processing incomplete and late commercial catch reports through the Civil Resource Violation System (CRVS). Commercial fishermen who turn in late or incomplete catch reports will be subject to monetary fines or other penalties and may have their licenses suspended or revoked. CRVS penalties are in addition to and do not replace criminal penalties that DLNR may bring. The CRVS penalties for delinquent reports will be:

Delinquency	Monetary Penalty		Other Penalty
First Delinquency	<u>\$15</u> Paid within 21 days of notice	<u>\$30</u> Paid late	Fisher must submit catch report; Possible suspension of license
Second Delinquency	<u>\$25</u> Paid within 21 days of notice	<u>\$50</u> Paid late	Fisher must submit catch report and sales receipts as evidence of catch; Possible suspension of license
Third Delinquency	<u>\$100</u> Paid within 21 days of notice	<u>\$200</u> Paid late	Fisher must submit catch report and sales receipts as evidence of catch; Possible suspension of license

The June 15, 2009 date relates to monthly reports due June 10, 2009. All trips and catches made by commercial fishermen during the month of May are to be reported to DAR by June 10, 2009. All subsequent reports must be submitted to DAR by the 10th day of the following month, as is already required.

Our resource managers appreciate the steadfast compliance by the majority of Hawaii's licensed commercial fishers, however, approximately 30% of commercial marine fishers do not comply with the catch report requirements each year. Obtaining this missing data is critical to DLNR's fish stock management. Commercial catch reports are used by DLNR to estimate the combined effects of all commercial fishing on the State's resources. DLNR needs every fisher's cooperation in complying with the reporting requirement.

For questions about the CRVS process, please contact the DLNR Administrative Proceedings Office at 808-587-1496. For questions about filing catch reports, please contact DAR's Statistical Unit in Honolulu at 808-587-0108 or 808-587-3397.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LH Thielen", written over a horizontal line.

LAURA H. THIELEN
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