**‘Ama‘ama** / Striped mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) - **Native**
Max size: 27” Fork Length (FL), 10 lbs

- Stripes
- Blue coloration
- Adipose eye-lid (clear membrane)

**‘Ama‘ama legal minimum size**
(Tip of snout to fork in tail)

11”

- Legal size—11” Fork Length
- Closed Season: December 1st to March 31st
- Bag Limit: 10 per day (Hilo Bay only)

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**Kanda** / Marquesan mullet (*Moolgarda engeli*) - **Introduced**
Max size: 10” FL, 3/4 lbs

- No stripes
- Large scales
- No coloration

**Kanda and Uouoa**
- No size restrictions
- No closed seasons
- No bag limit

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**Uouoa** / Sharp-nose mullet (*Neomyxus leuciscus*) - **Native**
Max size: 12” FL, 1 lbs

- No stripes
- Yellow coloration
- Pointed jaw

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Mullet species in Hawai‘i

**‘Ama‘ama**
- Largest of mullet species in Hawai‘i
- Found in estuaries, streams, marine, coastal, and reef environments
- Spawns during winter months
- Important game/food fish, excellent eating
- Revered in Hawaiian culture and legends
- Unique fishery in Hilo
  - only place in the world where a chain diatom is used as bait

**Uouoa**
- Mid-sized of the three mullet species
- Found in marine, coastal, reef and occasionally estuarine habitats
- Favor areas of high surge (white water)
- Usually caught with cast or scoop nets
- Excellent eating
  - according to Hawaiian legend, nightmares or restless sleep may occur if the head is eaten

**Kanda**
- Accidentally introduced in the 1950’s
- Smallest of the three mullet species
- Found in estuaries, streams, marine, coastal, and reef environments
- Year round spawning with summer and winter peaks
- Excellent eating although difficult to catch
- Displacing native ‘ama‘ama throughout the state

Tandem hooks baited with chain diatoms to catch ‘ama‘ama in Wailoa River, Hilo Hawai‘i

‘Ama‘ama Regulations for
Hilo Bay: Hilo Harbor, Wailuku River, Wailoa River, Waiākea Pond Public Fishing Area (PFA)

- Bag limit of 10 ‘ama‘ama 11” FL or greater per day during open season

For further information and rules please contact the nearest Division of Aquatic Resources office or visit—http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar