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Proposal to Adopt a New Chapter Under Title 13 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules as Chapter 48.5, "Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O`ahu"

The proposed rules would:

- 1) Outline the purpose of the Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area (FMA), O`ahu;
- 2) Provide definitions for key terms;
- 3) Establish and delineate the boundaries for the Maunalua FMA;
- 4) Describe permitted and prohibited activities within the Maunalua FMA, including:
 - a. Restrictions on the take and/or possession of `alakuma, horned helmet, Triton's trumpet, ula (spiny lobster), and ula pāpapa (slipper lobster)
 - b. Restrictions on the use or possession of spears while diving between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- 5) Carve out an exception for vessels with restricted species or gear in active transit through the Maunalua FMA;
- 6) Establish the administrative and criminal penalties for violations of this chapter; and
- 7) Recognize the State's asset forfeiture authority as an enforcement tool for violations of this chapter.

The proposed rules can be reviewed in person, by appointment only, at the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) office on Oahu at 1151 Punchbowl St. Room 330, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except Holidays. To schedule an appointment to review the proposed rules in person, email dlnr.aquatics@hawaii.gov.