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RESOLUTION 13-3

SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF INJURIOUS SPECIES UNDER THE LACEY ACT

WHEREAS, the Lacey Act prohibits the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase of prohibited wildlife species¹; and

WHEREAS, the list of Injurious Wildlife regulated by the Lacey Act does not fully address the biosecurity needs of the States, including Hawaii, with regard to preventing the introduction of invasive vertebrate pests; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2010 proposed the addition of nine species of large constructor snakes to the list of Injurious Wildlife, including Indian python, Northern African python, Southern African python, yellow anaconda, reticulated python, boa constrictor, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda, and Beni anaconda; and

WHEREAS, five of these species were not subsequently added to the list of Injurious Wildlife, including the reticulated python, boa constrictor, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda, and Beni anaconda; and

WHEREAS, there are no snakes native to the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, forty-two boa constrictors and two reticulated pythons have been recovered in Hawaii between June 1990 and December 2011²; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of these snake species to Hawaii poses a significant risk to Hawaii's environment, economy, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council shall coordinate and promote the State of Hawaii's position with respect to federal issues³; now, therefore

¹ 16 USC § 3371-3378

² Kraus, F.; Cravalho, D. 2001. The Risk to Hawaii from Snakes. Pacific Science, vol. 55, no. 4:409-417 for data between June 1990 and June 2000; unpublished Hawaii Department of Agriculture data for July 2000 to December 2011 snake recovery data.

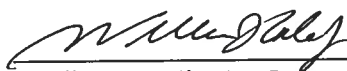
³ HRS 194-2 (a) (5)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council supports the continuation of the listing process for additions to the list of Injurious Wildlife under the Lacey Act; and

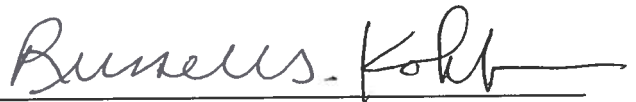
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council supports the addition to list of Injurious Wildlife under the Lacey Act of constrictor snakes including the reticulated python, boa constrictor, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda, and Beni anaconda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, delegates from Hawaii to the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, and the chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Adopted by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council on the following date: June 4, 2013



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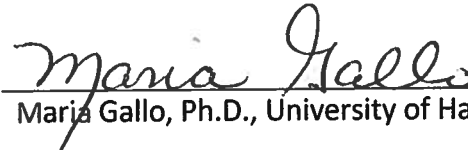
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