

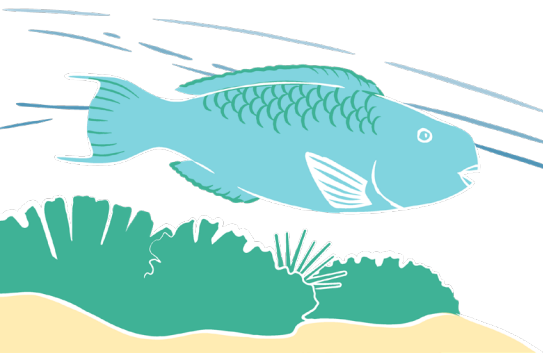
Maui Navigation Team Proposal Review

Feedback Summary
2025 Information Exchange Sessions

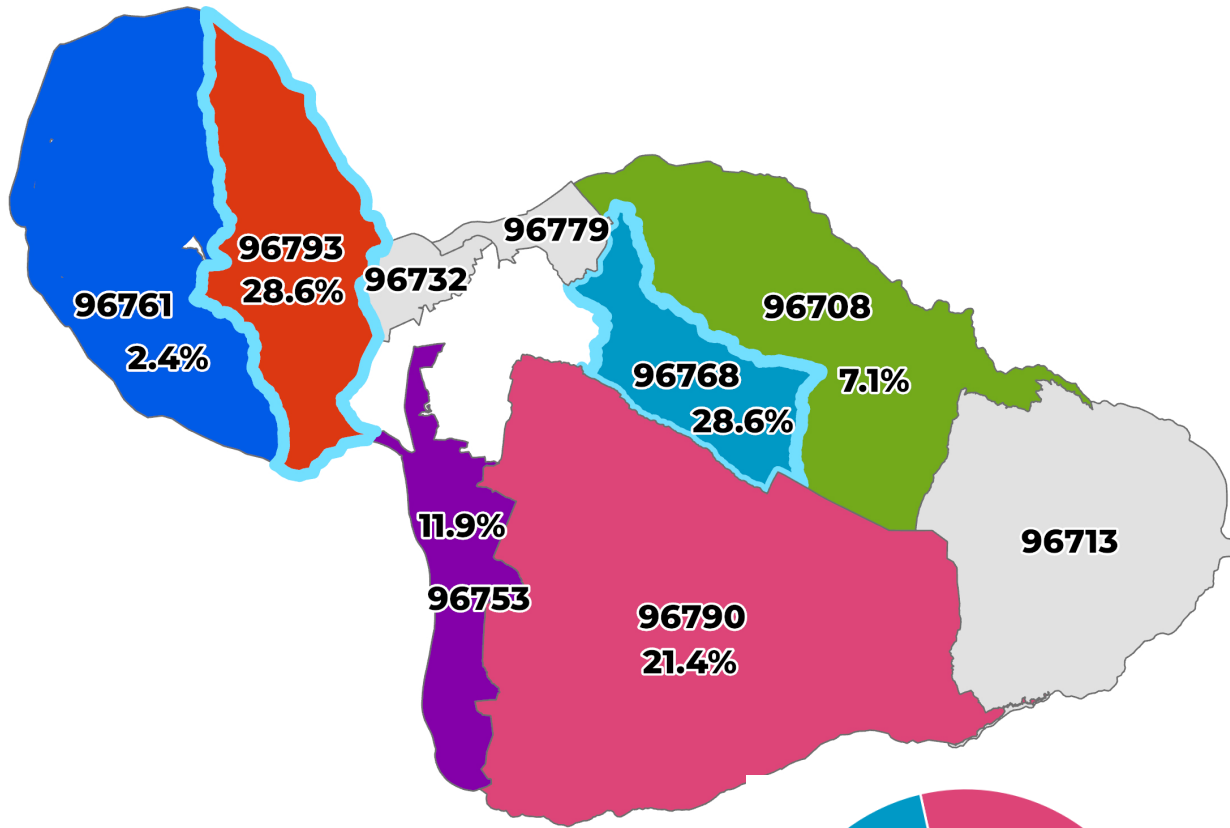


Holomua Maui Navigation Team Proposal Feedback Summary

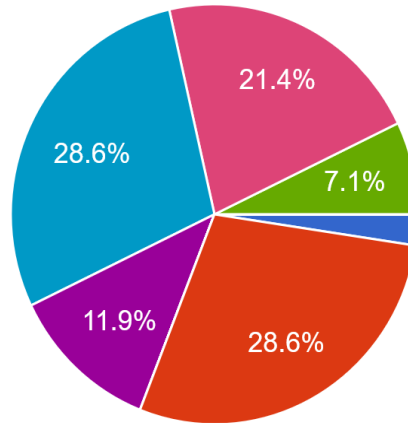
- Feedback received through a Google form and handwritten paper feedback forms handed out during the Information Exchanges hosted in Kīhei (8/6/25) and Pukalani (9/3/25) are summarized in this document. Responses for each of the proposed management actions are provided and additional comments are also included at the end.



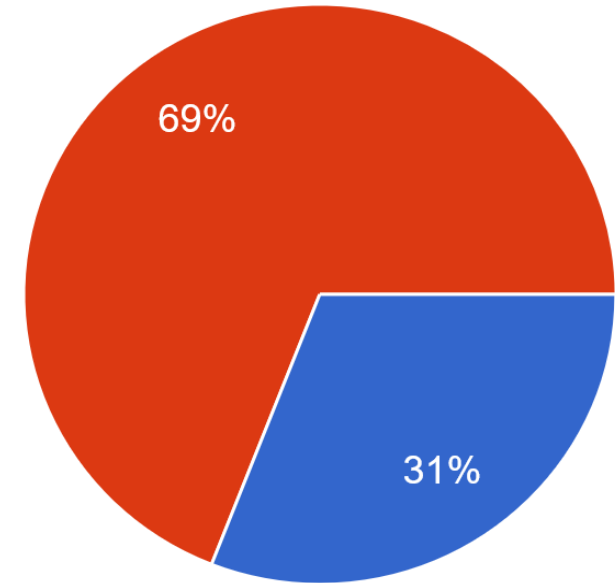
Maui Info Exchange Attendance



Highest presence of attendees via zip codes were each ~29% from **96768** & **96793**

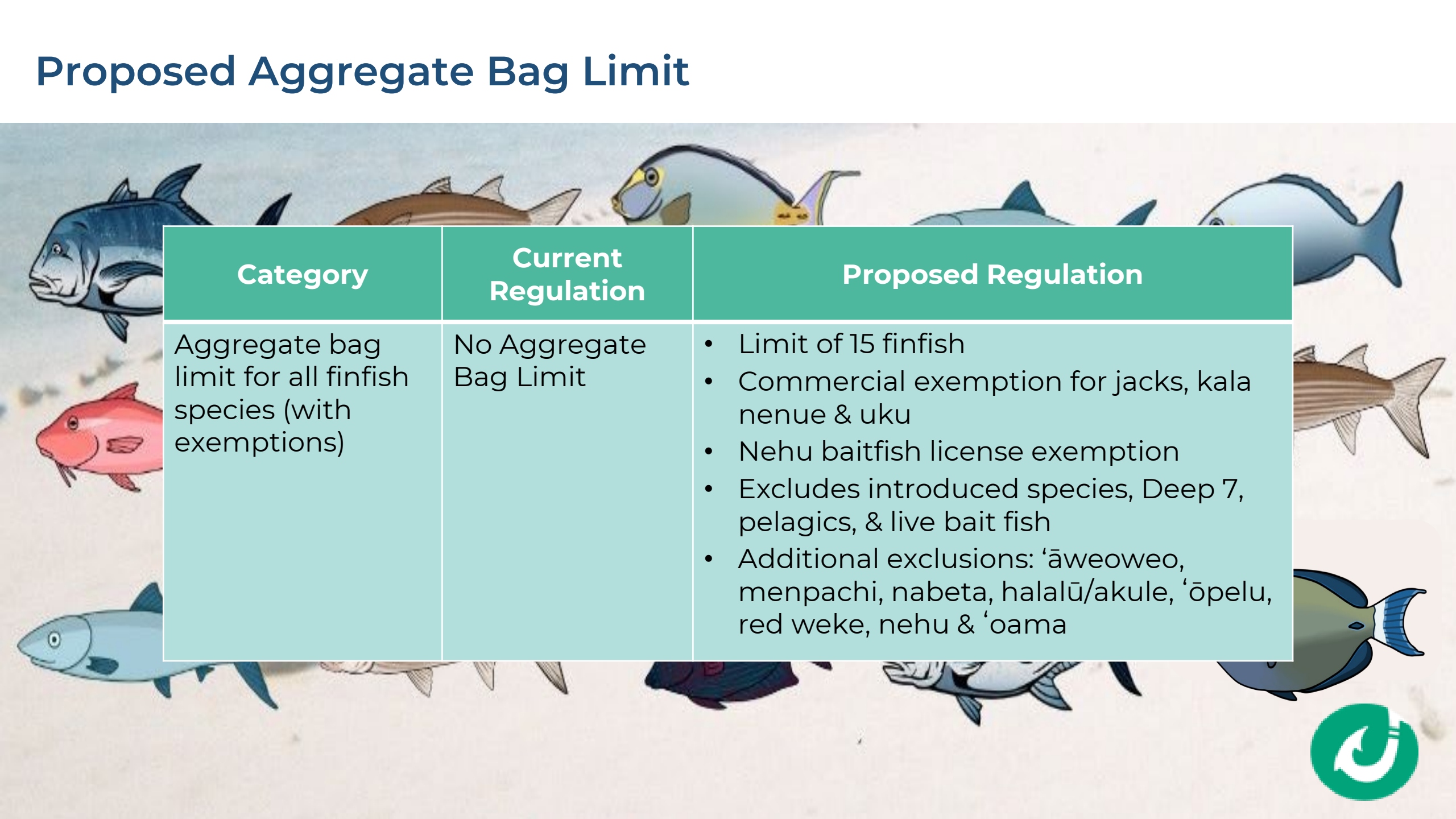


- Kīhei (August 6th)
- Pukalani (September 3rd)



- Greatest turnout was at the Pukalani meeting (9/3) with ~50 people in attendance
- Kīhei with ~20 attendees

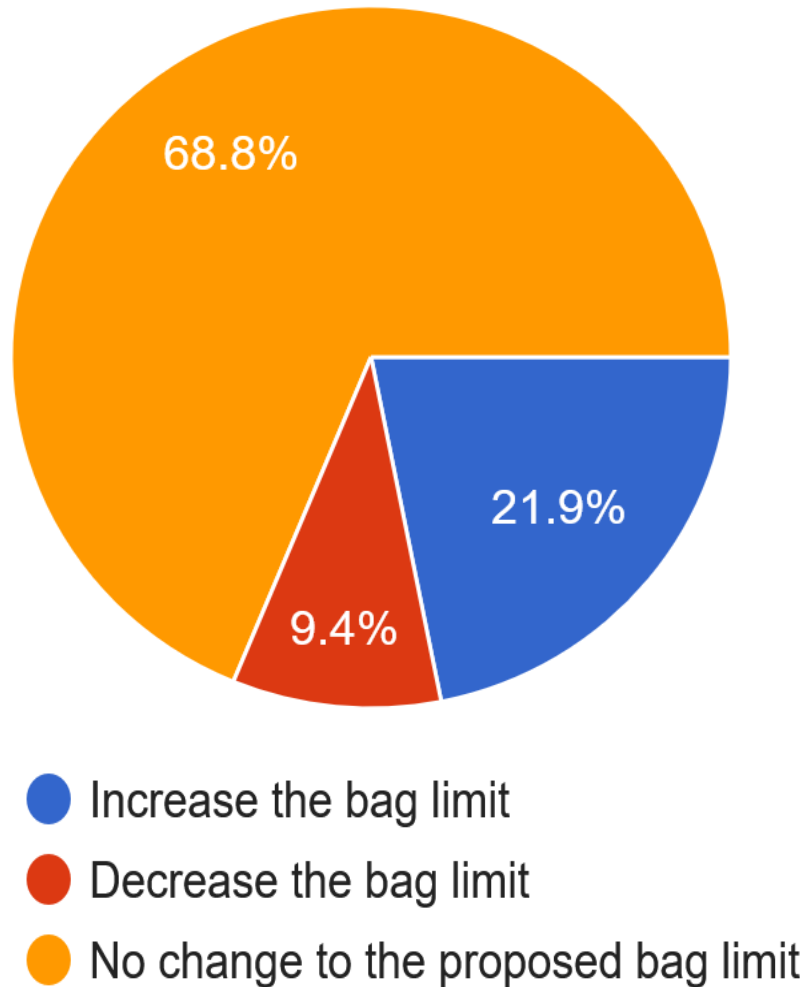
Proposed Aggregate Bag Limit



Category	Current Regulation	Proposed Regulation
Aggregate bag limit for all finfish species (with exemptions)	No Aggregate Bag Limit	• Limit of 15 finfish • Commercial exemption for jacks, kala nenu & uku • Nehu baitfish license exemption • Excludes introduced species, Deep 7, pelagics, & live bait fish • Additional exclusions: 'āweoweo, menpachi, nabeta, halalū/akule, 'ōpelu, red weke, nehu & 'oama



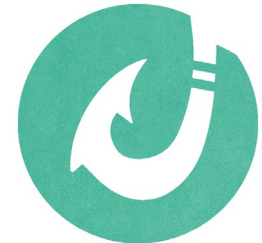
Aggregate Bag Limit Feedback



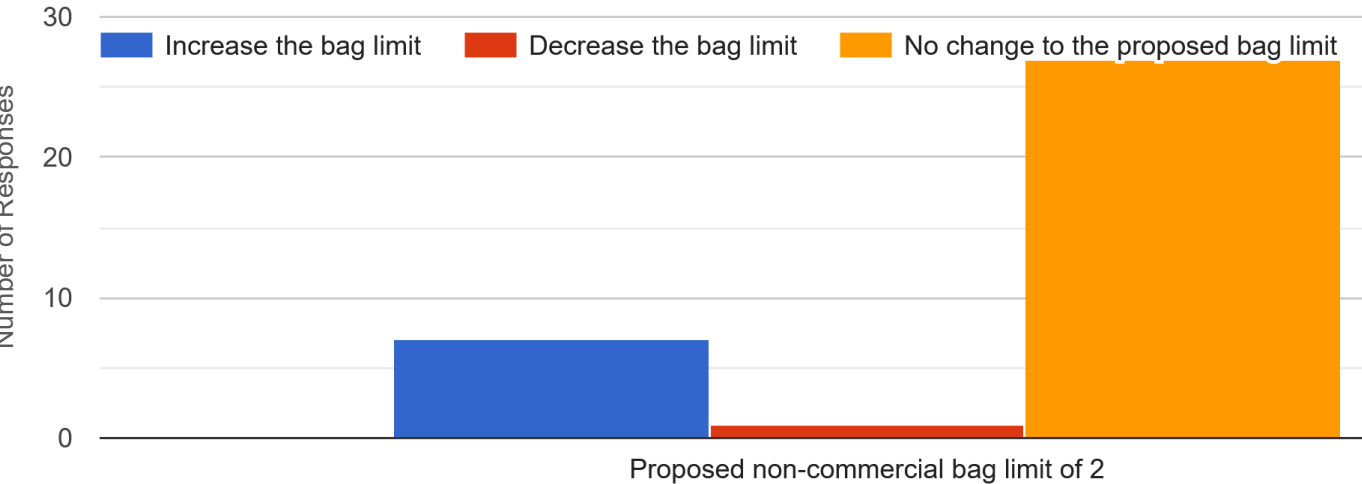
Feedback was **generally supportive of an aggregate bag limit of 15** with additional recommendations by some to include **exemptions for kole, manini and āholehole**. Concerns were shared regarding **lack of enforcement** and **impacts to gathering practices for special events** such as funerals, weddings, and baby parties and sharing with/**providing for extended family, especially kūpuna**. Some voiced concerns over the disproportional impact of commercial fishing. Others voiced concerns about freshwater input and wanting to address the issue of limited stream flow before making additional fishing regulations.

Species-Specific Regulations

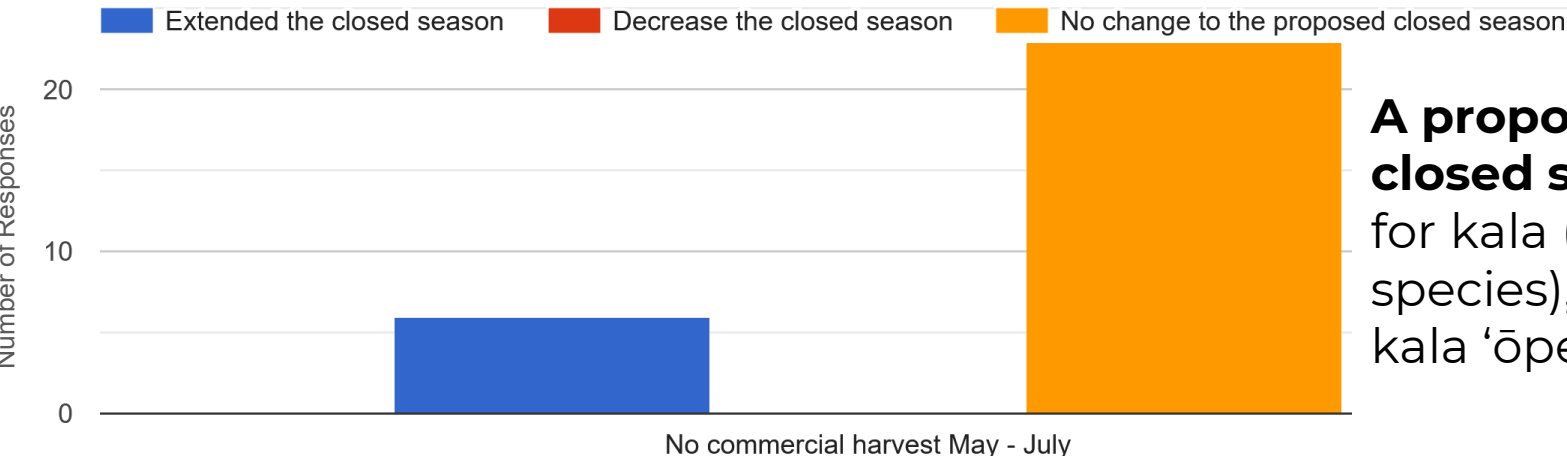
Species	Current Regulations	Proposed Regulations
Kala (all horned species):	• 14" minimum • Bag limit of 4 • Commercial permit exemption with State ACL of 15,000 lbs.	• Non-commercial bag limit of 2 • No commercial harvest May – July • Maui island-specific commercial ACL for horned species (<i>N. unicornis</i>, <i>N. brevirostris</i>, <i>N. annulatus</i>)
Umaumalei:	• No current regulations	
Kala 'ōpelu:	• 16" minimum	



Kala (all horned species), Umaumalei, Kala 'ōpelu Feedback

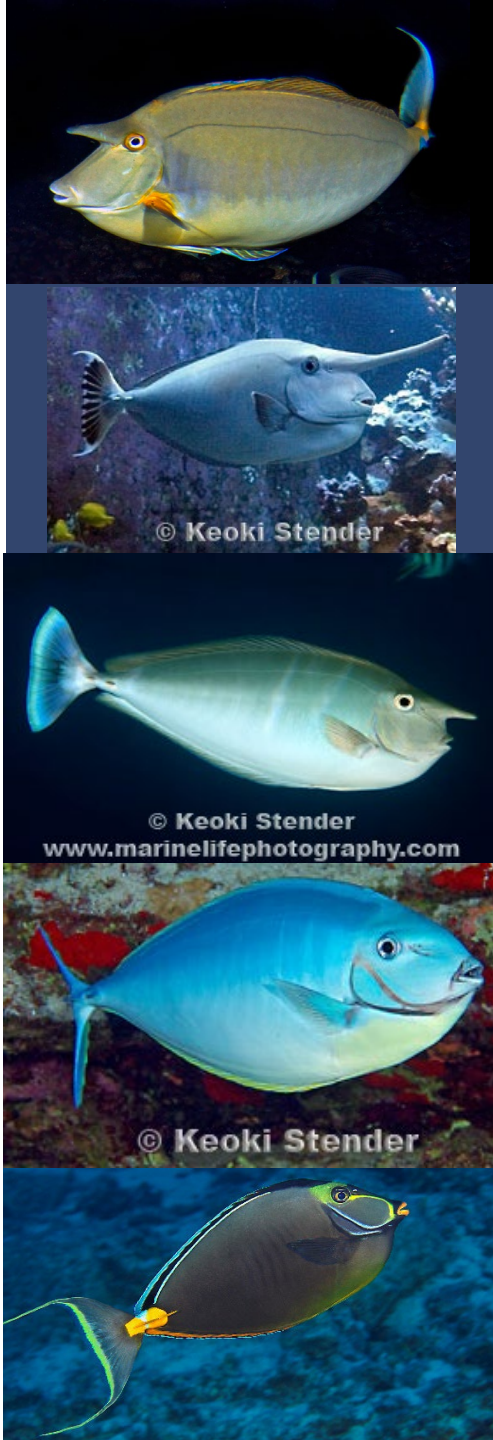


A proposed non-commercial bag limit of 2 for kala (all horned species), umaumalei, and kala 'ōpelu



A proposed commercial closed season for kala (all horned species), umaumalei, and kala 'ōpelu

Feedback was **largely supportive** of the non-commercial bag limit of two and the proposed commercial seasonal closure for kala (all horned species), umaumalei, and kala 'ōpelu.

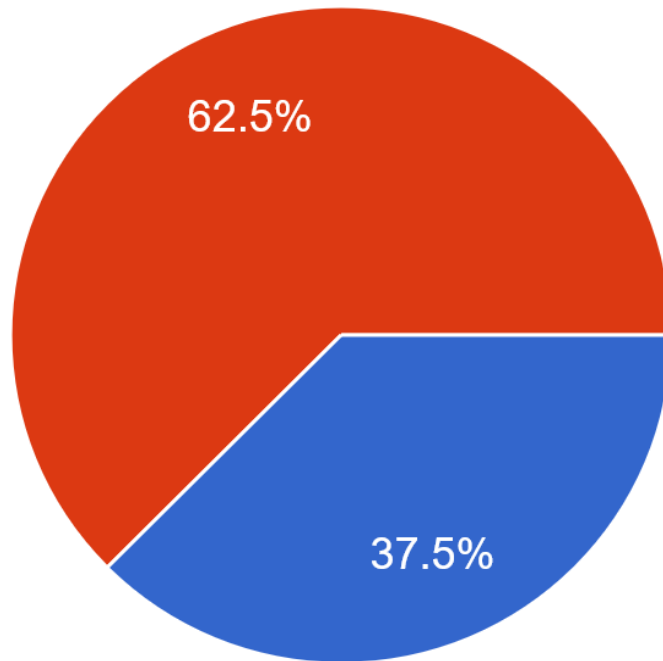


Feedback: Kala (all horned species) ACL

Proposed regulation:

Kala (all horned species ONLY) Commercial exemption to bag limit, with Maui-specific commercial TAC

Feedback was **largely opposed** of a commercial exemption to the bag limit with a Maui-specific commercial annual catch limit (ACL).



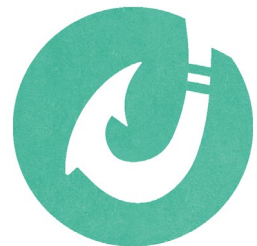
- Allow
- Do not allow

Feedback was shared about wanting to **lower the commercial allowable limit or not allow commercial catch of kala species** due to concerns over depleted populations and impacts to non-commercial fishers. Additional feedback suggested extending the closed season from April through August, & some preferred size limits to catch limits.

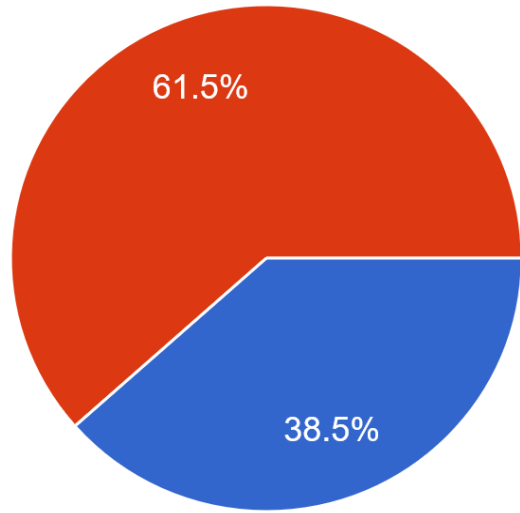
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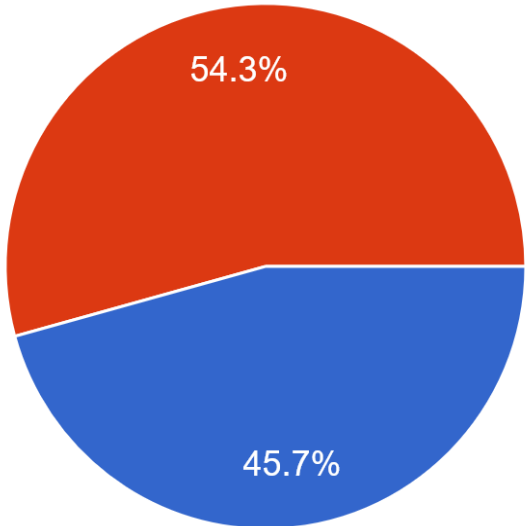
Species	Current Regulations	Proposed Regulations
Kole	5" Minimum - No Bag Limit	- Remove current State minimum size of 5" (no size limit) - Bag limit if aggregate limit not adopted
Manini	6" Minimum - No Bag Limit	- Lower current minimum size to 5" - Bag limit if aggregate bag limit not adopted
Palani/Pualu	No Bag Limit	Bag Limit of 2



Kole Feedback



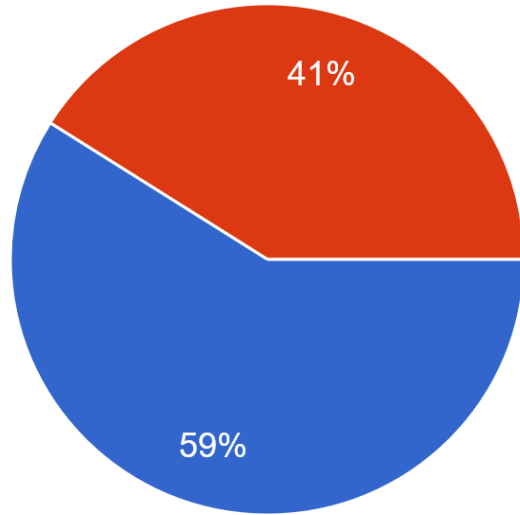
- SUPPORT including as part of the aggregate bag limit
- OPPOSE including as part of the aggregate bag limit and designate a separate one for kole



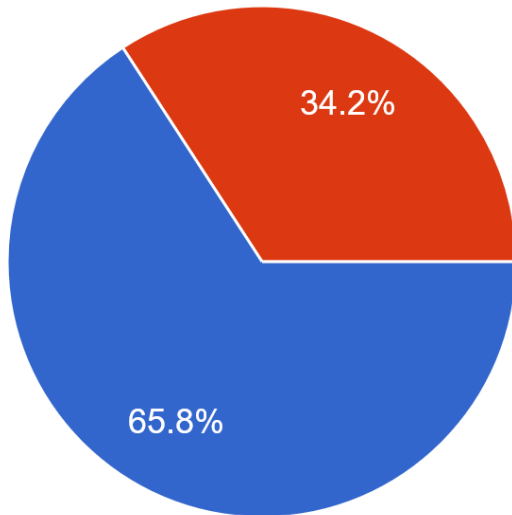
- SUPPORT removing the current State min. size limit of 5" (no size limit)
- OPPOSE removing the current State min. size limit of 5"

Feedback for kole was mixed but most opposed including the species as part of the aggregate bag limit and preferred to have a separate bag limit just for kole. Some preferred to keep the statewide size limit for kole and others felt that there should be one or the other- either a bag limit or a size limit, but not both. Concerns were shared regarding **lack of enforcement** and **impacts to gathering practices for special events** such as funerals, weddings, and baby parties and sharing with/**providing for extended family, especially kūpuna.** Some voiced concern and was opposed to commercial harvest of the species.

Manini Feedback



- SUPPORT including as part of the aggregate bag limit
- OPPOSE including as part of the aggregate bag limit and designate a separate one for manini

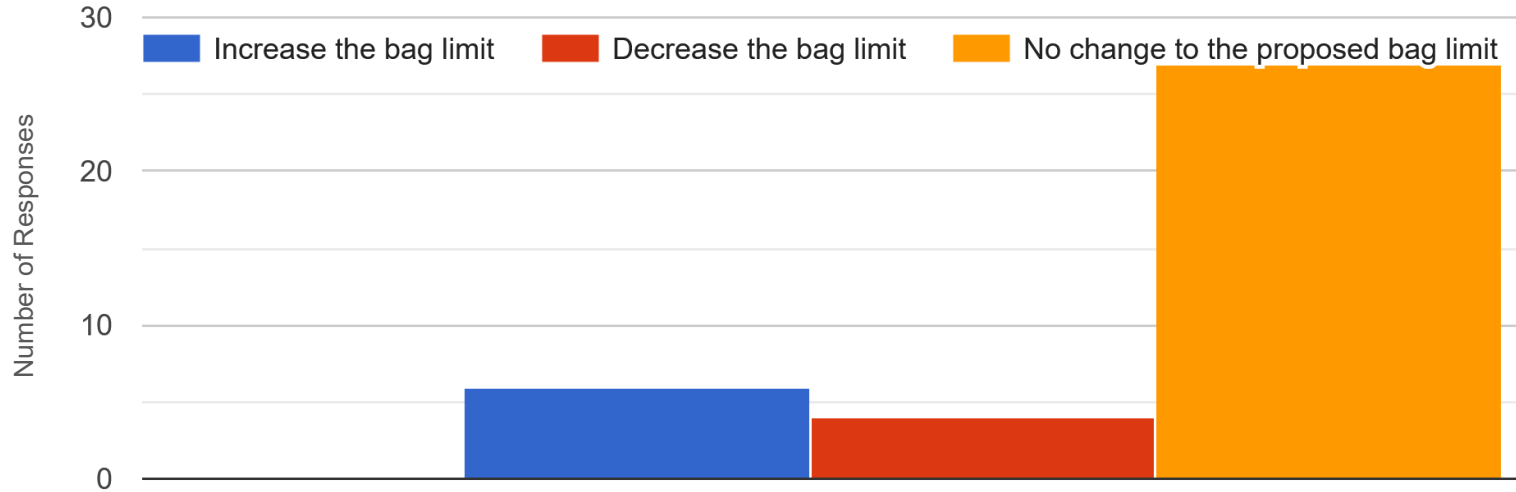


- SUPPORT lowering the current State min. size of 6" to 5"
- OPPOSE lowering the current State min. size (keep current size limit)

Feedback was **generally supportive** of including manini in the aggregate bag limit and lowering the current statewide size limit from 6" to 5". Many shared that manini that are 6" or larger are rarely observed. Some supported both a size limit and a bag limit while others felt there should be one or the other. Some shared that a seasonal closure during spawning should be considered. Concerns were shared regarding **impacts to gathering practices for special events** such as funerals, weddings, and baby parties and sharing with/**providing for extended family, especially kūpuna** as the **limits are too low** to support these practices. Some voiced opposition to commercial catch of this species.

Palani/Pualu Feedback

Proposed regulation: A non-commercial bag limit of 2



Feedback was **generally supportive** of the non-commercial bag limit for palani and pualu. Some suggested the need for a minimum size limit and others wanted to raise the proposed bag limit to four or five. Some voiced opposition to commercial harvest of these species. A few people stressed the importance of preserving Native Hawaiian gathering rights and others wanted to prioritize feeding local families over commercial sale.

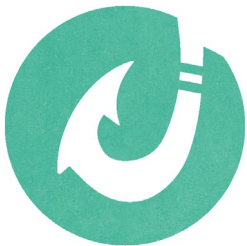


Species-Specific Regulations



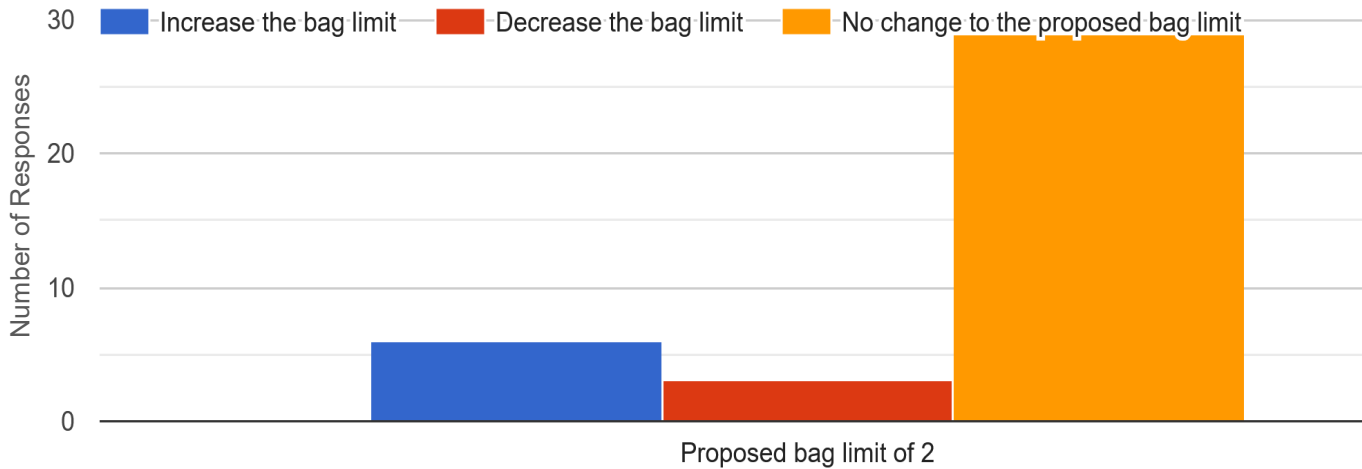
Species	Current Regulations	Proposed Regulations
Mū	No Bag Limit	Bag Limit of 2
'Ama'ama	11" Minimum - No Bag Limit - Closed season Dec-Mar	- Bag Limit of 6 - Extend closed season Nov-April
Moi	- Minimum Size 11" - Bag Limit 15 - Closed June-August	Extend Closed Season May-September

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Mū Feedback

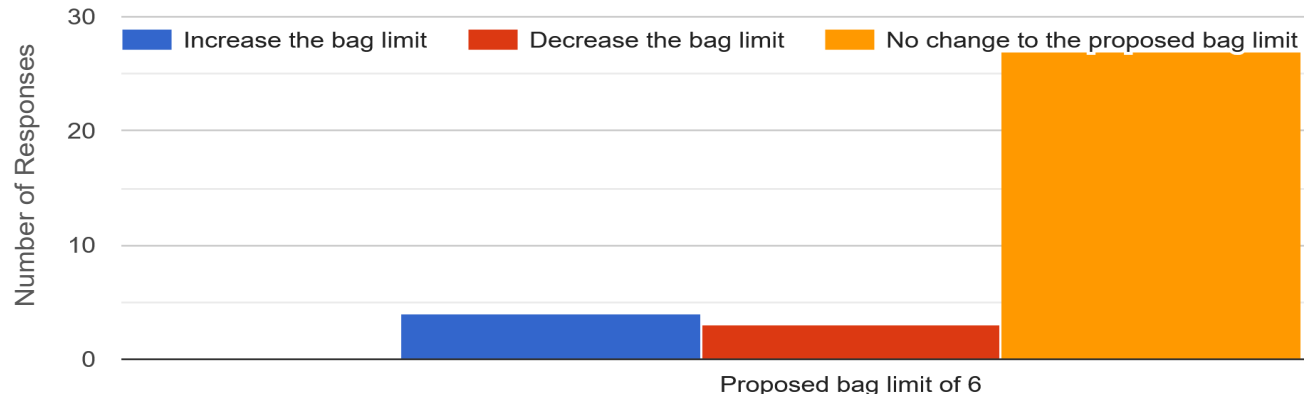
Proposed regulation: Bag limit of 2



Feedback was **largely supportive** of the non-commercial bag limit for mū. Some suggested the need for a minimum size limit, and there was a recommendation to create a minimum size limit of 12". Some suggested that the proposed bag limit should be increased to 4. There was opposition to commercial harvest of these species, and a few stressed the importance of preserving Native Hawaiian gathering rights.

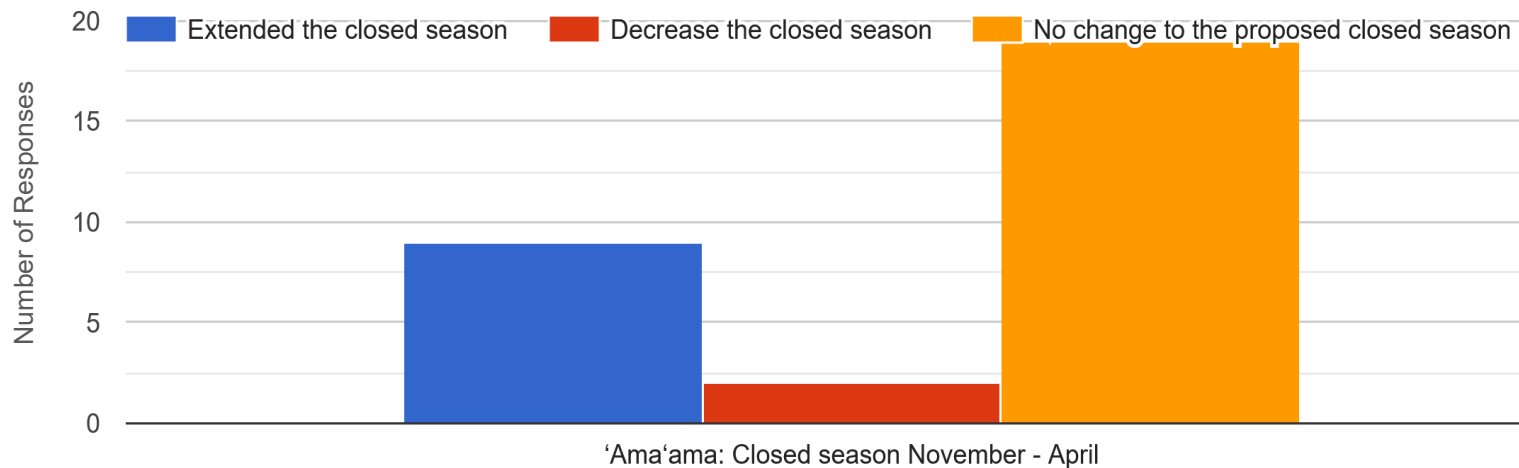
'Ama'ama Feedback

Proposed regulation: Bag limit of 6



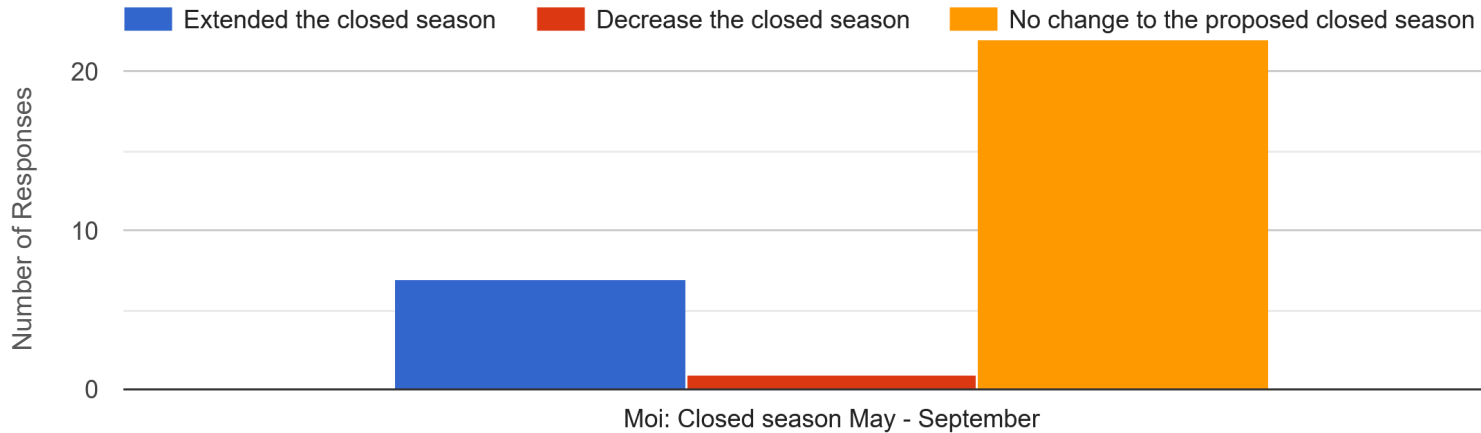
Feedback largely **supported the proposed bag limit and extending the closed season**. Some did suggest to increase the proposed bag limit to 10, while some wanted to include an increase in the current State minimum size. There was also feedback emphasizing the need for Native Hawaiians to gather, and there was interest in extending the open season.

Proposed regulation: Extend current closed season to November through April



Moi Feedback

Proposed regulation: Extend current closed season to May through September



There was strong **support for the proposed extension of the closed season from May to September**. Some suggested the need for a maximum size limit for moi and mullet to allow larger females to spawn. Some preferred keeping the current closed season as is (June – August).

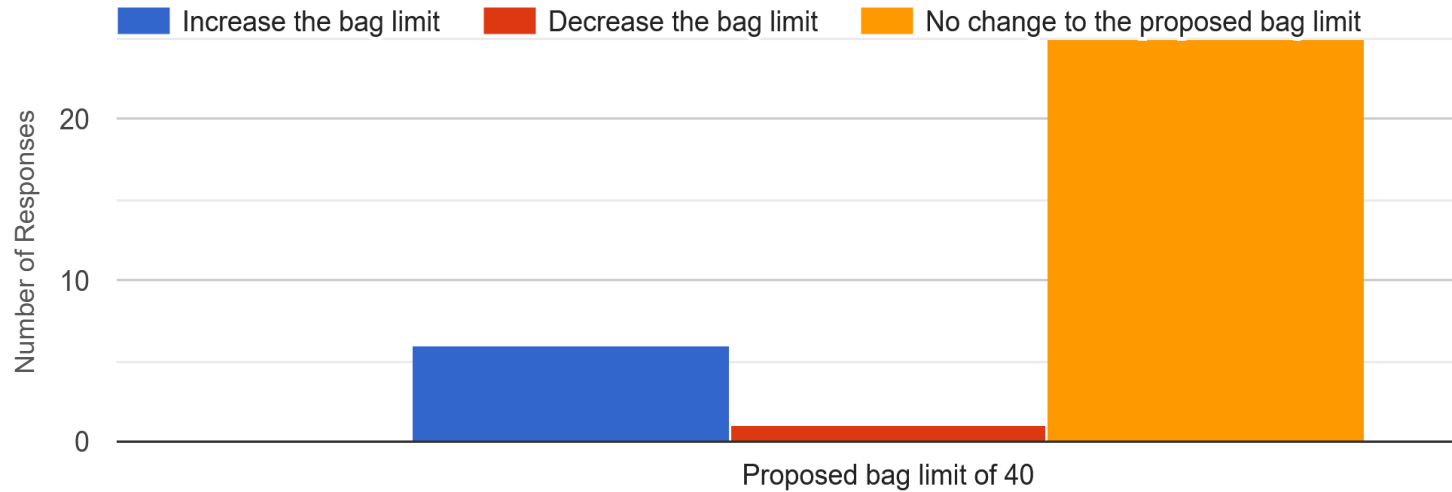


Species-Specific Regulations



Species	Current Regulations	Proposed Regulations
'Opihi	- Minimum Size 1 ¼" - No Bag Limit	- Bag Limit of 40 for East Maui ONLY (Ke'anae to Kaupō) - No commercial sale island wide
Ula and Ula pāpapa	- Minimum Size 3 ¼" for ula and 2 ¾ for ula pāpapa - No Bag Limit - Closed Season May - August - No take of females	Bag Limit of 5 (all regulated species)
Pū	None	Ban harvest of live pū (conchs and tritons)

Proposed regulation: A bag limit of 40 for East Maui

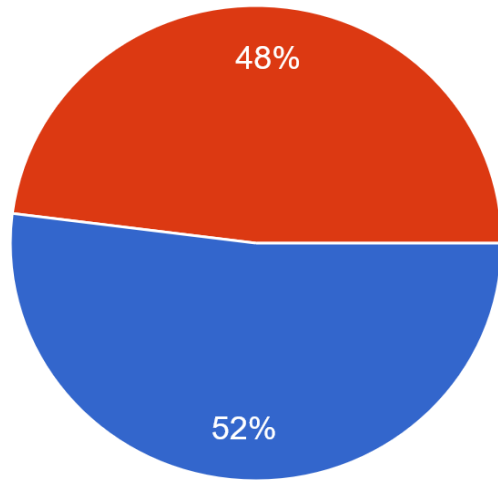


‘Opihi Feedback

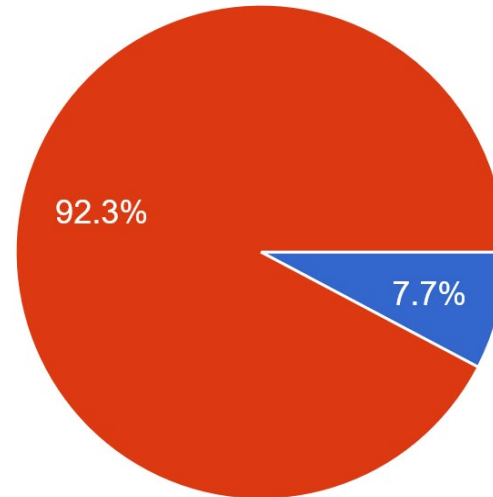
There was **strong support for a bag limit of 40 for East Maui**. Feedback was generally **supportive of the need for an island-wide bag limit**, but there were mixed opinions on what bag limit would be appropriate. Some suggested having a minimum harvest size of greater than 2". Some supported an option for a license or permit so that larger quantities could be harvested for large family gatherings or parties.

There was **strong support for banning commercial harvest and sale of ‘opihi**. Concerns were shared regarding lack of enforcement, especially for “black market” sales of ‘opihi. The importance of outreach and education was also stressed.

Island-wide bag limit:



Commercial sale of ‘opihi:



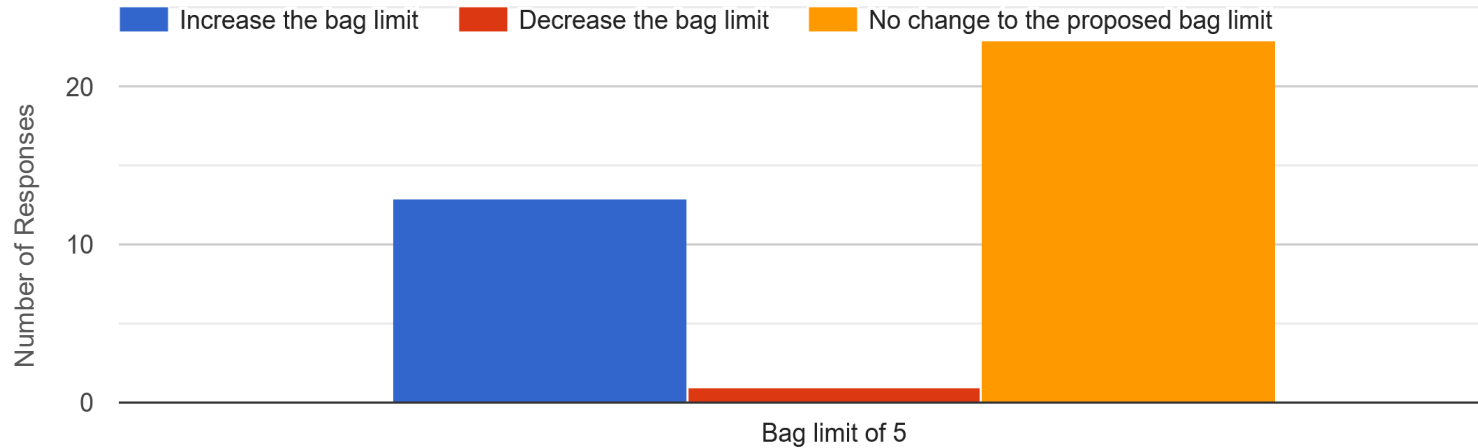
● SUPPORT the proposed regulations
● OPPOSE the proposed regulations

● Allow commercial sale
● DO NOT allow commercial sale



Ula & Ula Pāpapa Feedback

Proposed regulation: Bag limit of 5 (all regulated species)

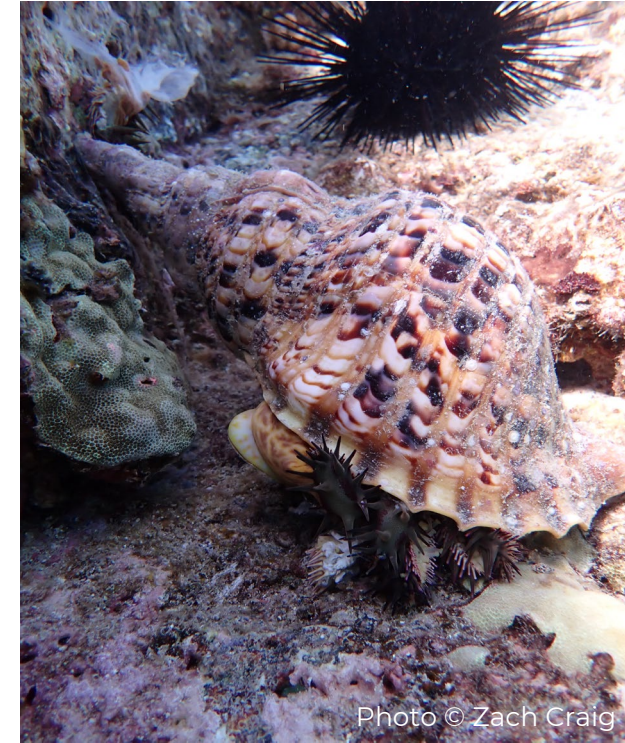
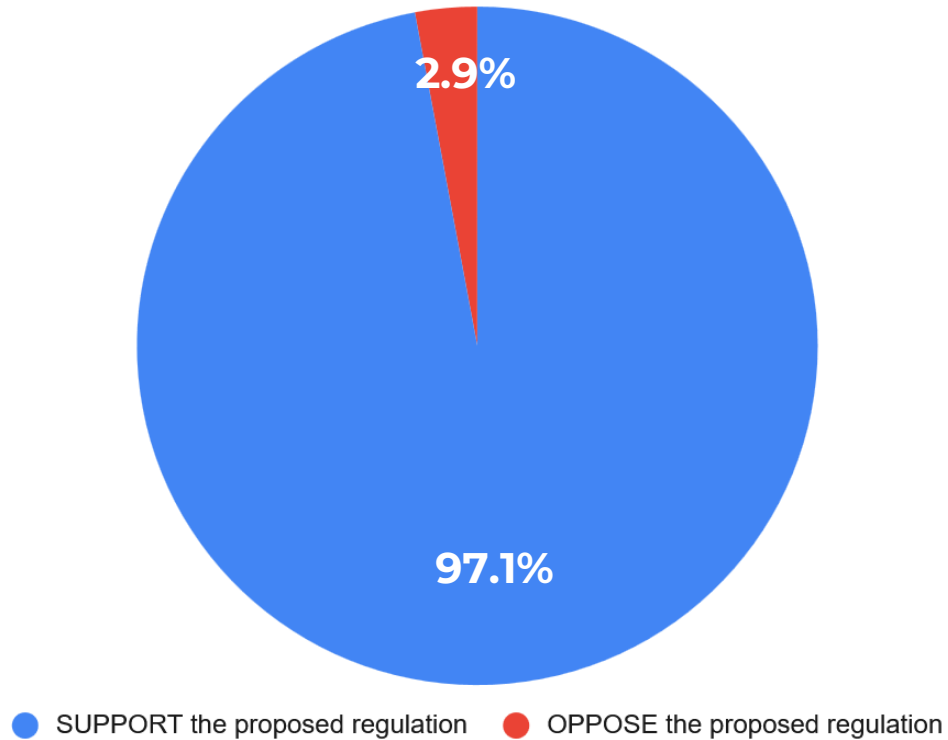


There was **strong support for a bag limit of 5** for all currently regulated species of ula (all spiny lobster under genus *Panulirus*) & ula pāpapa (*Scyllarides squammosus* and *S. haanii*), though some shared that there are already enough regulations currently and that a bag limit is not needed. Some would like to see a slot limit instead of a bag limit. A few expressed that they would like to be able to take females without eggs, and there were suggestions to increase the proposed bag limit to 7 or 10. Others expressed that commercial take should not be allowed.



Pū Feedback

Proposed regulation: Ban harvest of live pū-Triton (*Charonia tritonis*) and Conch (*Cassis cornuta*)

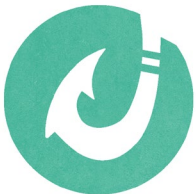


Feedback overwhelmingly **supported the proposed ban on taking live pū**. One suggested that there should be a limited bag limit for people who like to eat them. Some voiced concerns about Crown of Thorns destroying reefs without a healthy pū population. Some shared that this should extend to banning commercial sale of the shell. One questioned if this would impact the cultural practice of blowing the pū horn.

Species-Specific Regulations

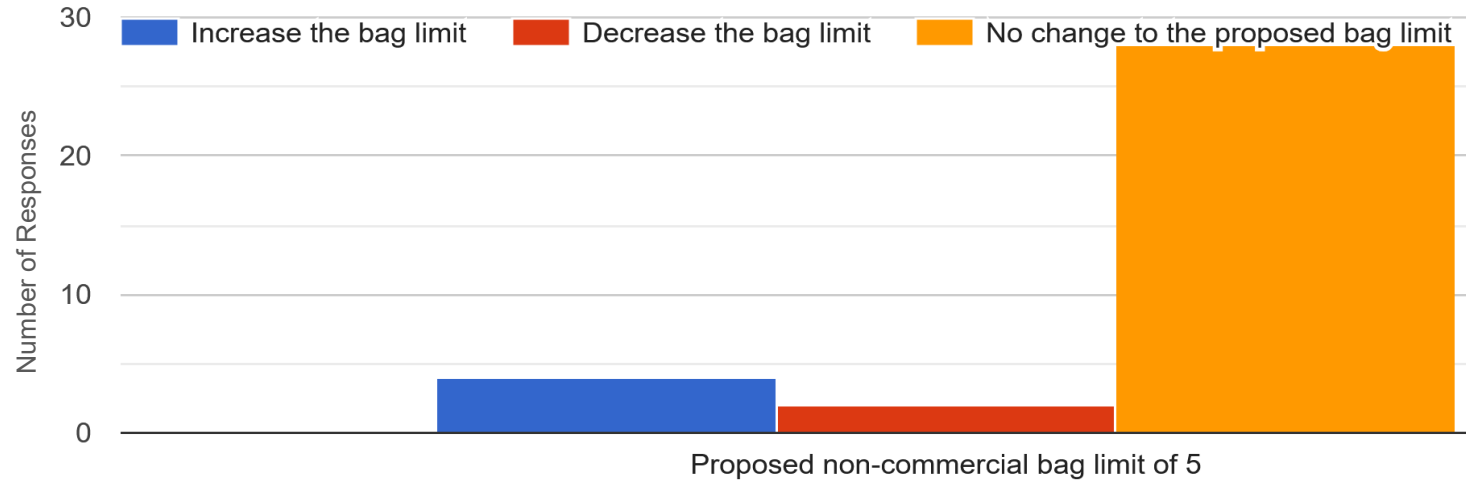


Species	Current Regulations	Proposed Regulations
Nenuke	• None	• Non-commercial bag limit of 5 • Maui island-specific commercial ACL
Nehu	• Bag limit 1 gallon for home consumption • Bait license required for commercial use	• Non-commercial 1 quart limit
Uhu	• Minimum size 14" large species • Minimum size 10" small species • Bag limit of 2 • No take of blue uhu on Maui	• No take of uhu at night • Maui blue uhu rule shall sunset after 15 years (to align with Habitat Restoration Area lift)



Nenue Feedback

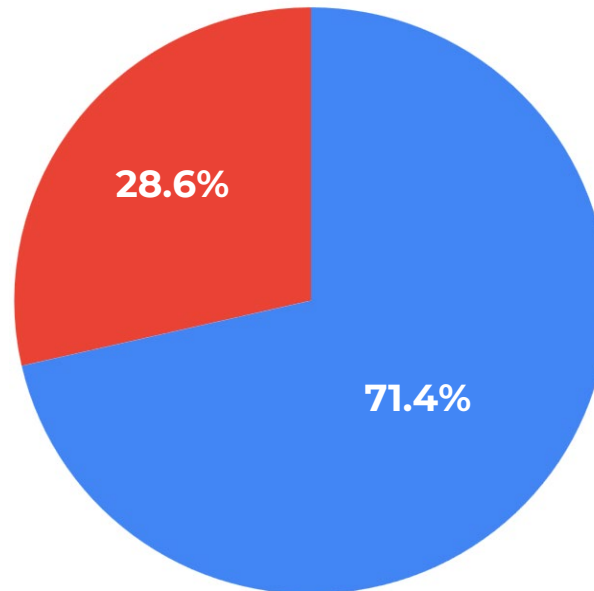
Proposed regulation: Bag limit of 5



Proposed regulation:

Commercial exemption to bag limit, with Maui-specific commercial ACL

- DO NOT allow commercial exemptions
- Allow commercial exemptions & implement a Maui-specific ACL

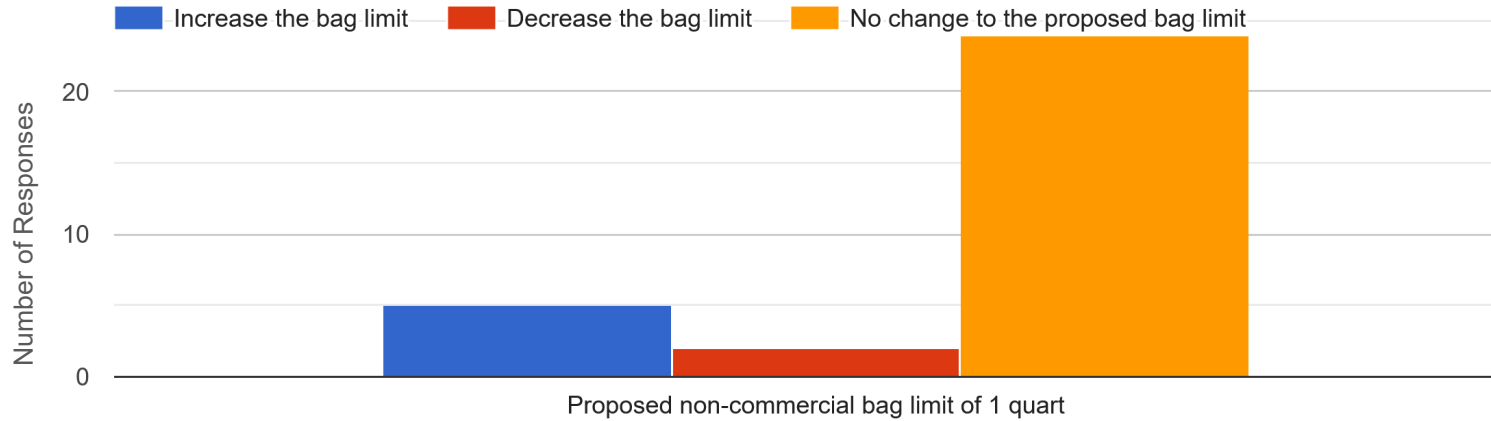


There was general **support for a non-commercial bag limit of 5**, but **most opposed the proposed commercial exemption** and creating a Maui-specific annual catch limit (ACL), stating that commercial should be the same restrictions as non-commercial. Some suggested banning surround net fishing for nenue, while some feel that enenue are abundant. A bag limit of 10 was also suggested and some recommended a ban on commercial take. It was also shared that Native Hawaiians should be allowed to gather.



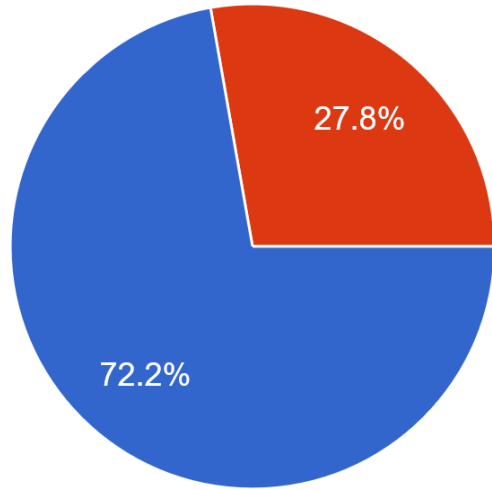
Nehu Feedback

Proposed regulation: Non-commercial bag limit of 1 quart



There was overall **strong support for the proposed bag limit of 1-quart**. There was a suggestion to increase the bag limit to 1-gallon, and one individual shared that the issue is more about illegal commercial fishing using illegal nets. A few stressed the importance of enforcement and needing these small fish and estuaries in building healthy habitats.

Uhu Feedback



- SUPPORT the proposed regulations
- OPPOSE the proposed regulations

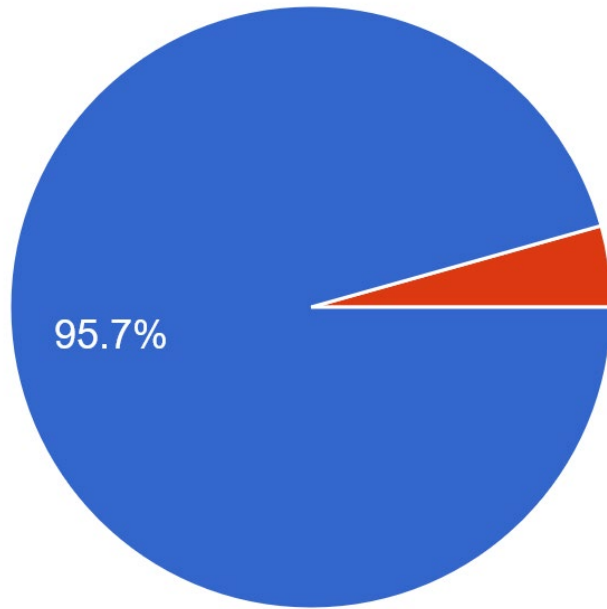
Proposed regulations: 1) No take of all uhu species at night,
2) Maui's no-take of blue uhu rule sunsets after 15 yrs



Though there was **widespread support for proposed uhu regulations, there was a lot of feedback received on what are the best options.** Most supported no-take at night, but some thought that if there is a bag limit, a nighttime restriction is not needed. Many shared interest in wanting to know what the science supports and how it can be used to determine if a sunset is needed or if the no-take of blue uhu on Maui is making a difference. Others encouraged adaptive management approaches, and some expressed that 15 years is too long. Additional suggestions were shared about not allowing commercial sale for uhu and no commercial SCUBA night harvesting of uhu.



Bait License Feedback



- SUPPORT the proposed regulation
- OPPOSE the proposed regulation



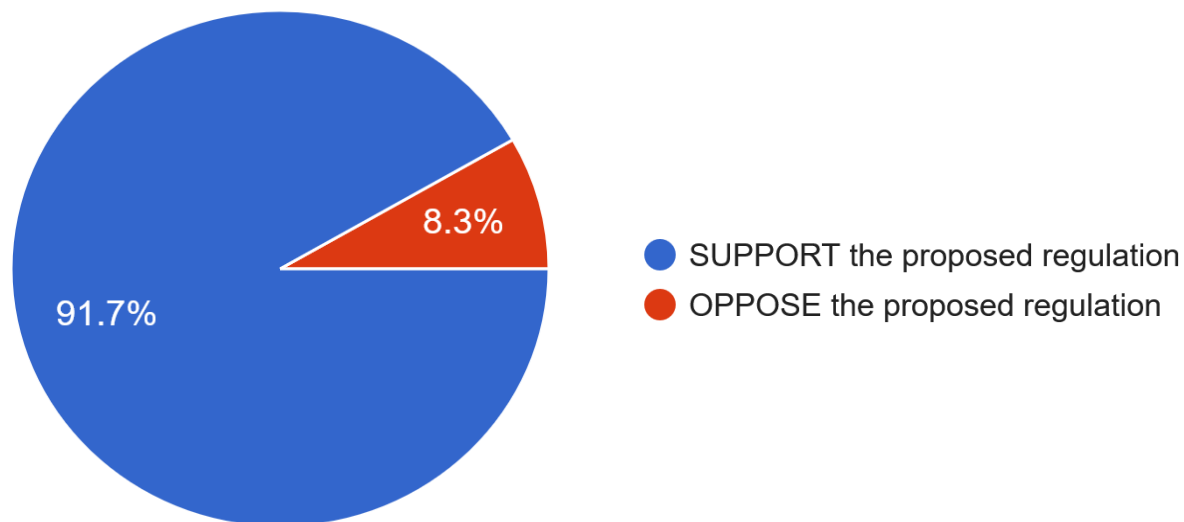
Requirements & Limitations

- Same "aku boat" requirements as nehu license for 'iao and piha
- Commercial take of 'iao, piha, and nehu exempt from all bag limits

There was **strong support for the proposed amendments to the bait fish license** with only one person opposing. One person suggested that it is easier to ban commercial sale of bait fish than make changes to the existing license. Some expressed needing to know more about this issue before voicing an opinion.

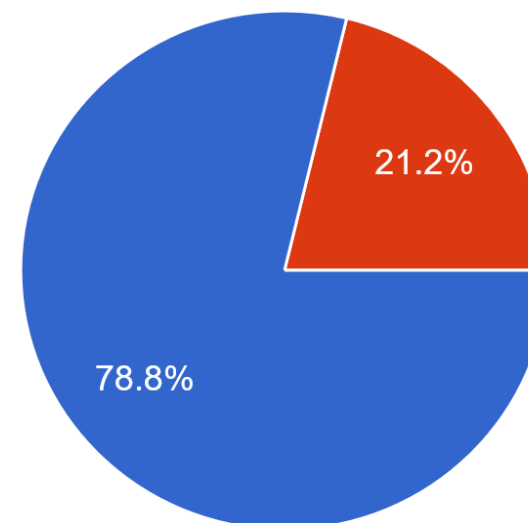
Gear Regulations Feedback

Proposed regulation: Ban sale & possession of illegal, undersized throw nets



Most supported the proposed ban on the sale and possession of illegal, undersized thrownets. One person shared that although they support no sale of illegal thrownets, additional consideration should be made for the possession of illegal nets that have been passed down from generations and have sentimental value and cultural importance.

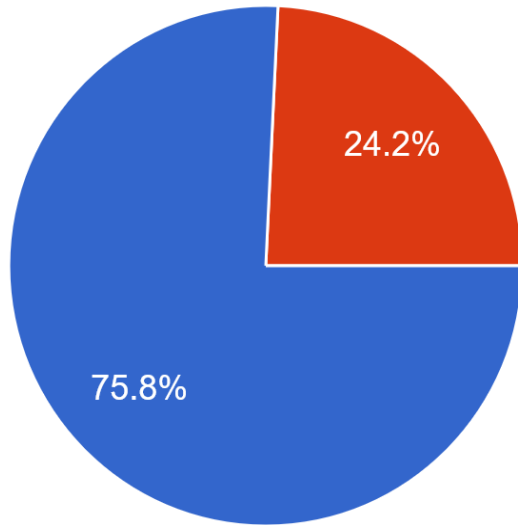
Proposed regulation: No-cost permit for lobster nets



Many supported this proposed action, and no additional feedback was provided.

Gear Regulations Feedback

Proposed regulation: Required registration of surround nets; Permitted to use only with a commercial marine license (CML) and can be used only for catching introduced species, halālū/akule, red weke, kala, and nenuē.



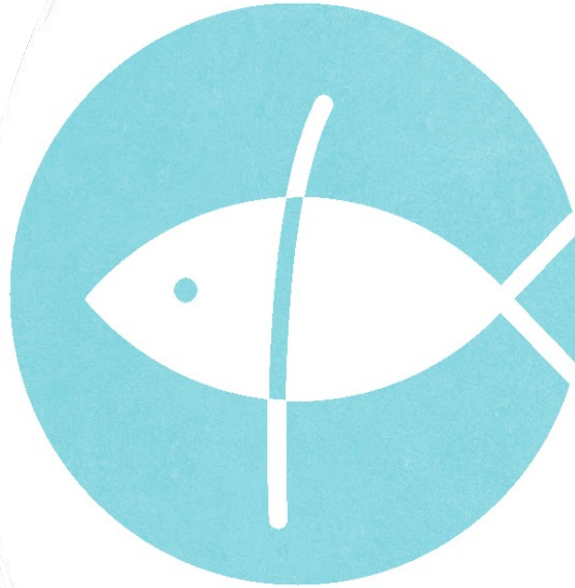
- SUPPORT the proposed regulation
- OPPOSE the proposed regulation

The proposed requirement for registration of surround nets with permitted use for only select species was generally well-supported by the majority.

- There was a strong demand for an exemption from the CML for surround netting when the catch is for home use and subsistence (to "feed our community") and not for commercial sale
- The community would like a quick, "easy process" for permit applications and raised concerns over who will regulate "permitted" versus "non-permitted" practices
- A major concern shared was the need to protect marine life from entanglement. Fishers must be required to stay with the nets to prevent hazards for turtles, seals, and other protected species
- There were also suggestions to **include 'ō'io (bonefish) as an allowed species** and ensuring practices like **removing reef fish and limiting net duration are enforced to protect breeding schools** and minimize the collection of other (non-target) species.



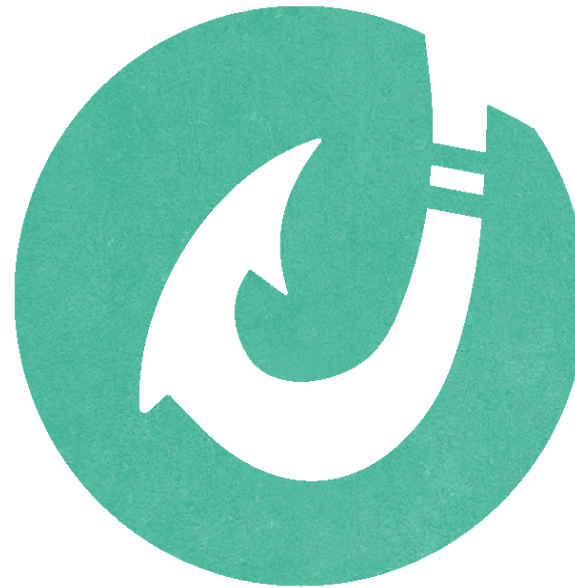
Place-Based Planning



Monitoring



Restoration



Pono Practices

Non-Regulatory Recommendations within the Four Pillars

Place-Based Planning Recommendations



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Management Target	Proposed Management Action
Improved Area Enforcement	Designate Maui island as a Fisheries Management Area (FMA) to increase penalties for violations
Support Community-driven Efforts to Manage Nearshore Areas	Support communities at various stages of developing and proposing place-based regulations and management actions



Place-Based Planning Recommendations



Management Target

Designate Area for Enhanced Management

Proposed Management Action

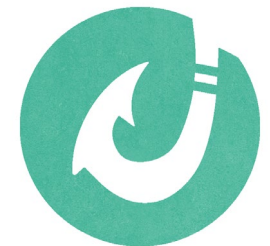
New Designation – Habitat Restoration Area

- Olowalu landing to Makena Lighthouse (Hanomanioa)
- No take of ALL uhu species for 15 years
- Track and monitor uhu, nenu and kala populations and evaluate the monitoring plan every 3 to 5 years.
- Focus management actions to include building partnerships that will address terrestrial impacts



Pono Practices Recommendations

Management Target	Proposed Management Action
Perpetuate Traditional and Ecological Knowledge	• Educate/promote the use of Hawaiian Moon Calendar to respect spawning seasons
Enforcement	• Support prosecution efforts for fishing violations • Improve education for the Judicial System to ensure proper consequences for offenders • Support administrative enforcement actions
Compliance	• Increase communication efforts between DOCARE & public to increase awareness around violations • Mandatory education for violators with permit required • Scale up fishing education and Lawai'a camps • Translated educational materials and QR codes on signage • Create a Maui specific regulation booklet



Restoration: Water Quality Recommendations



Proposed Management Action

- Provide support to end injection wells
- Re-purpose wastewater (R-1) for irrigation & other purposes
- Align and support ongoing terrestrial restoration work to reduce sedimentation and land-based sources of pollution



Restoration: Freshwater Recommendations

Proposed Management Action

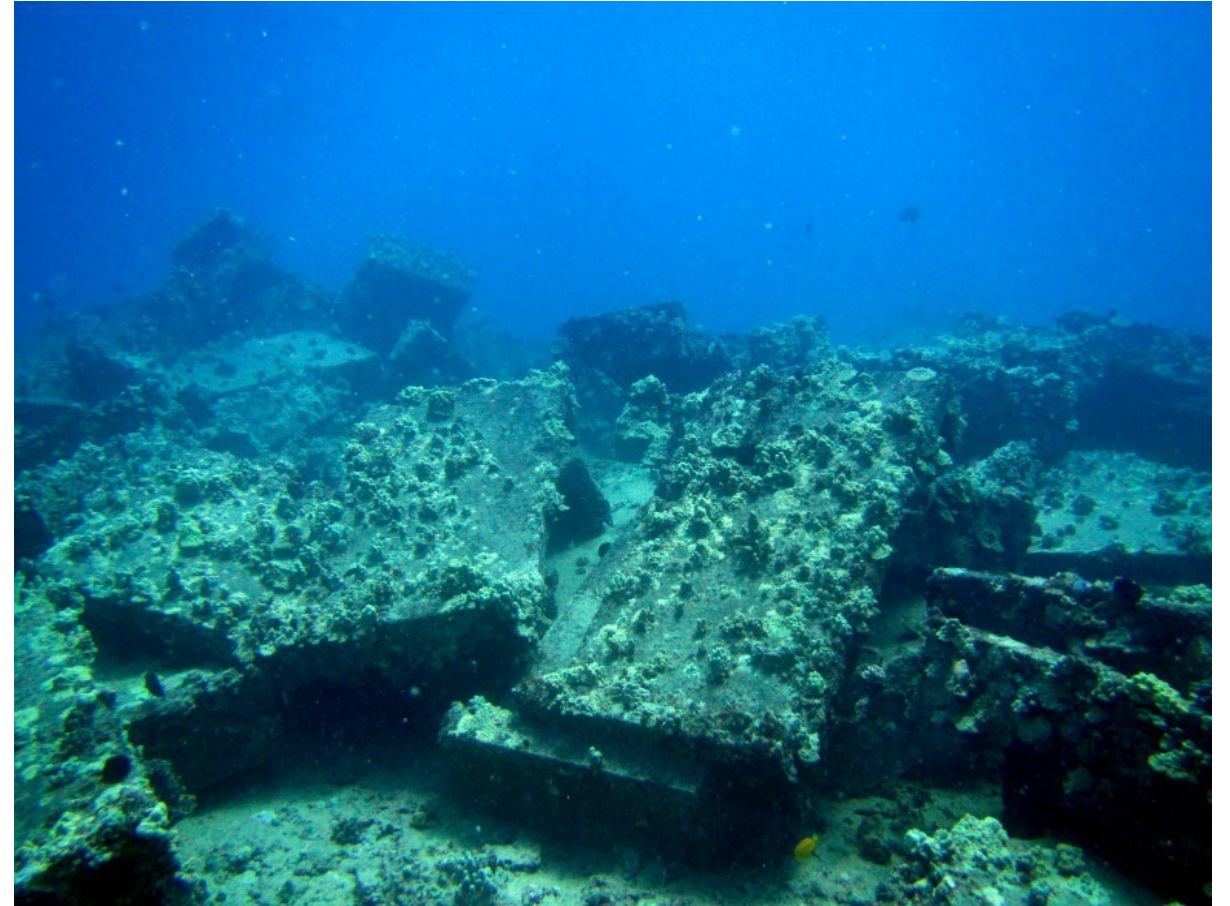
- Support restoring stream flow for nearshore resources



Restoration: Habitat Enhancement Recommendations

Proposed Management Action

- Support implementation of fish habitat enhancement projects (e.g. ko'a, loko i'a) in deep and shallow areas
- Collaborate with fishers on the design and installation of artificial fish habitat structures
- Support limu and coral restoration efforts in response to disturbances (e.g. mass bleaching, vessel groundings)



Monitoring Recommendations



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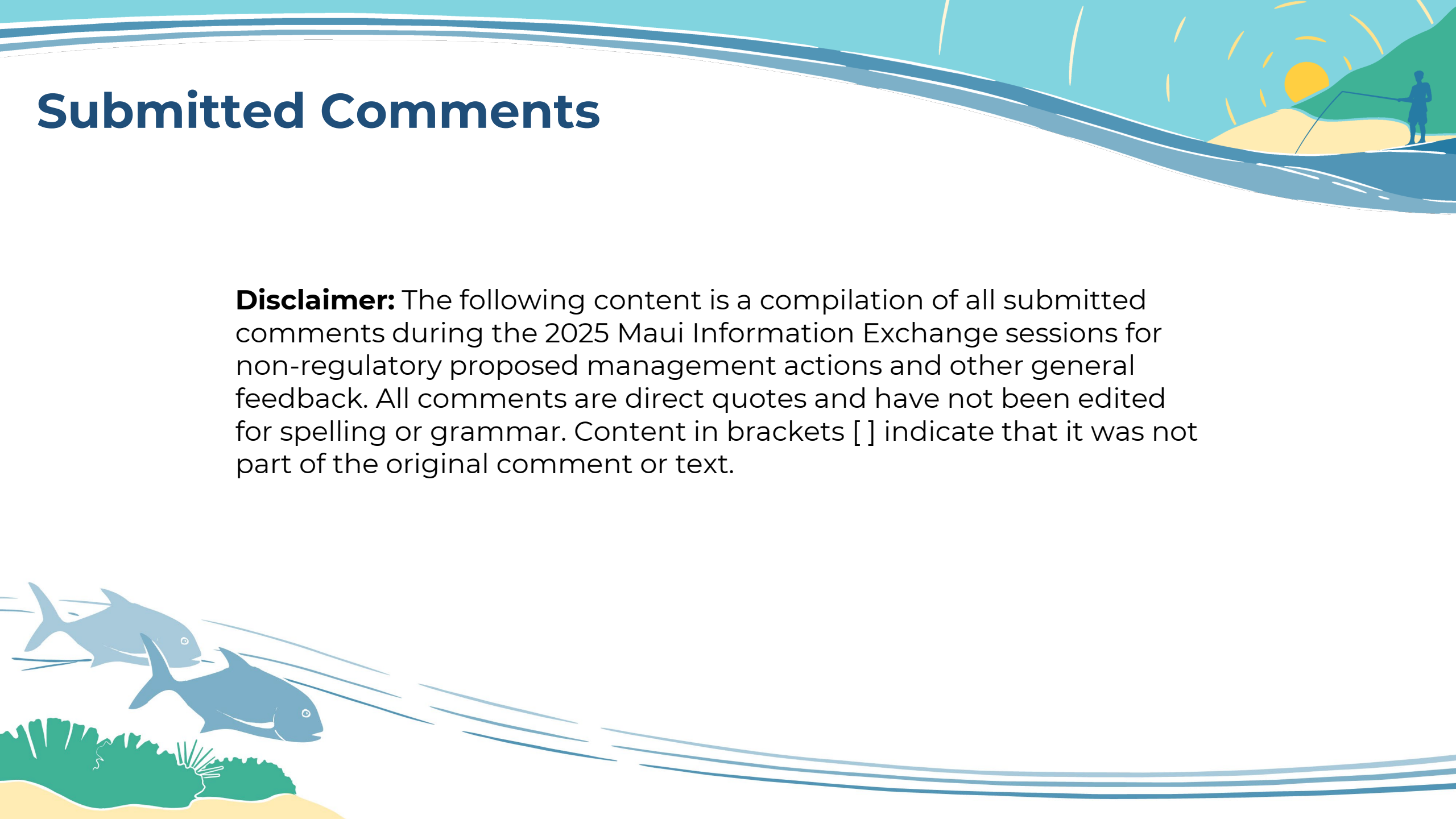
Proposed Management Action

- Work in partnership with communities to develop a monitoring plan
- Strengthen monitoring of non-native & invasive species to improve prevention & response efforts
- Evaluate the effectiveness of management actions every 3-5 years



Submitted Comments

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Feedback: Non-regulatory Recommendations

- "The legal fellow idea sounds great, especially to increase the "bite" when violators are convicted."
- "I like them!"
- "I believe in "regulating" our fisheries. I know our resources are being taxed. The population continues to grow and the area (fishing grounds) stay the same size. I'm not sure how to regulate our fishermen - fish farms - requiring more CML for different species of fish. License for specific species: - Kala - \$100CML - Tako - \$100 CML - Kole - \$100 CML."
- "Non-regulatory recs: Fully support all initiatives. I believe community change is necessary, and education will be critical. I would imagine mass media campaigns (TV, social media) may all be possibilities given the amount of available funding."
- "For home use, nothing for sale!!"
- "Potential way to report violators to DLNR that is easy to use. With feedback to see if it actually gets taken care of."
- "Support the non-regulatory recommendations!"
- "Public shaming or seizure of fishing gear as punishment for violations"
- "Non-reg recommendations: Include the invasives in the management plan"



Feedback: Non-regulatory Recommendations

- "Propose more money for enforcement"
- "Yes we definitely need this all for more information to the community members. Need more on easier access to all the information that is provided from the state funded program studies/rules."
- "Strongly agree w/ the mandatory education for violators & supporting prosecution efforts. I believe the judicial system is unaware w/ why these rules are in place. I also support more enforcement presence by DOCARE."
- "Increase penalties"
- "Non-regulatory Recommendations: Target#1: Bullet #1: [in proposal handout] It would mean no take when there is a lot of fish"
- "Consequences decided by fishermen DOCARE Education"
- "We need more teaching. More classroom Education for kids & visitors. If we need food on land we grow it. We should be doing more coral growing, cleaning ocean & waterways. Aquarium should be releasing animals they are able to grow. Small fish & healthy ecosystems"

Feedback: Place-based Planning Recommendations

- "I fully support the no take for uhu. I would recommend engaging w/ local scuba divers to monitor these areas. There are local divers who visit these areas very regularly + are willing to help."
- "Really support community led proposals for more specific place-based management. Consider smaller area but make herbivore replenishment area (not just uhu). But in selecting the spot, consider other things (are land-based stressors & other threats being addressed? Entities in support in place? - for example, Olowalu would be a good bc plenty mauka to makai actions happening already). Can really address all sides of the issue, while also being proactive."
- "Funding for cesspool conversions"
- "I think this is a good idea. Having a specific area is easier to enforce this kind of like a BFRA for bottom fishermen"
- "You guys can have where every hotel on the south side where all the sunscreen!!"
- "Will uhu populations suffer on the other shores if only one area is closed?"
- "What is the numbers of the outcome or proposed outcome if these rules are enforced before "we" all are locked into this 15-year commitment. How can [we] be for something when there is no projected outcome."



Feedback: Place-based Planning Recommendations

- "Add no commercial fishing for kala and nenu. Turn into algae eating fish reserve."
- "Do not support FMA of whole island. Not transparent enough. I don't agree w/ each area having its own CBSFA. Too many regs, not fair. Do not agree w/ Habitat Restoration Area."
- "Rotate Habitat Restoration Areas over time."
- "Awesome idea to do 3-5 years "no take of all uhu species"."
- "Propose more money for enforcement."
- "Re-introduce of uhu to closed area/ ban of round up on shoreline properties"
- "We need to change the proposal for years of ban. Need to drop the years to maybe 2-3 years and have the studies done. Not straight to 15 years. Less years of ban and more studies to see increase of population within the years of ban. Also how will this affect non FMA locations. It will put more pressure on the areas."



Feedback: Place-based Planning Recommendations

- "Tourism is as well a big down fall due to sunscreens, over building and no care to our island waters. Create sections to be closed per year rather than 15 years on this one section."
- "Target #3: sub-bullet #4 [in proposal handout]: What about land based negative impacts to the ocean? It is or has more of an impact then fishermen taking. No take care of the ocean no mo reg no mo fish. Fishermen are penalized for take what about entities that kill the reef?"
- "Fish behavior Management should reduce commercial DOBOR activities Cultural practice No tour boats in area."
- "Undecided"
- "We need the flow of the fresh water. Better control of sewers and golf courses. We need to clean & grow our ecosystems, corals, fish houses, cleaning trash, and sewers."



Feedback: Restoration and Monitoring Recommendations

- "Engaging with other ocean users about these non-fishing based recommendations could be powerful in giving more community support for these important ideas!"
- "Address add in injection & run off!"
- "Totally agree with fishing invasives & non-natives. But, as we continue to face a decline in fish abundance, sometimes these invasives can fulfill the niche or role as native fish. Just something to consider. Identify measures of success for adaptive management."
- "When the county gives permits, water quality, run-off, fertilizers land management matter."
- "I think Holomua is a good entity. You're the voice of community. Unfortunately (most) people can't regulate themselves - increased enforcement would help - harsher consequences for violators."
- "Brackish water is very important for our fish. Get more streams open to the ocean shores!"



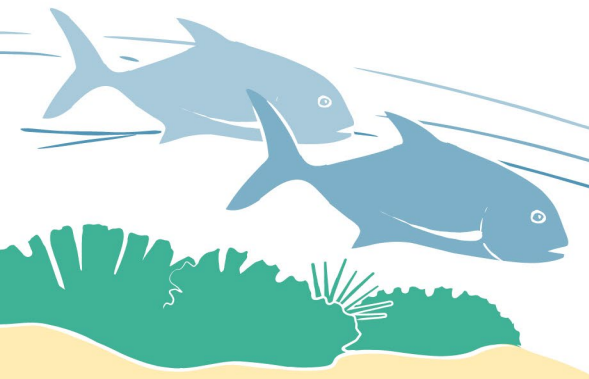
Feedback: Restoration and Monitoring Recommendations

- "I support these proposals 100%! I believe public education regarding all of these important actions will be critical. Support from the community as a whole can impact policy makers because of political pressure."
- "Development is the issue."
- "Would love community days to help with any/all of these projects."
- "I like all these proposed management actions!"
- "Making the Maui specific regulation book is a great idea."
- "All areas should be researched, laws passed, then enforced. This would increase all species of concerned."
- "Support the restoration & monitoring recommendations! Review & Adaptation of Monitoring Plans should be every year for more data."
- "Possible increase in bag limits with increase of certain populations over time. (Based on data from population monitoring). Similar to wildlife bag limit changes based on populations."



Feedback: Restoration and Monitoring Recommendations

- "What is the action plan for eliminating injection wells? Funding available?"
- "Bringing those responsible for things such as water should be here in play of these meeting so our important unanswered questions can be answered."
- "Target #1: Bullet #3 [in proposal handout]: Protect mauka no poor ag practices or development. Target #2: Bullet #1: Inland ground water seeps. Target #4: Bullet #2: Yes, better to have some than no information. #4]: Fine da f**cks that pollute the ocean"
- "Want to research it more"
- "We need water. Our island is dry & dangerous soil is blowing into our oceans daily. Pools, golf courses, sewer. Have you ever seen pump trucks behind Yltata*(?)? Where is that going, right into the water."



Feedback: Overall

- "Thank you!"
- "Mahalo"
- "Ban commercial sale of reef fish. Water quality, poor land management. County of Maui giving permits to whoever gives them \$ the reef needs our combined efforts. Mahalo for this initiative. If not us, who."
- "Separate law for Native Hawaiians for their gathering rights."
- "While I truly understand the needs for such proposals, I do feel that some of the bag limits on some of these species may highly impact (negatively) those who rely on family/friends capable of gathering and sharing (especially kūpuna). For some of the gender specific and size requirement rules, I am willing to support as long as the science supports the proposal."
- "I truly appreciate the work you guys have done thus far. We can only do so much. Diversion of water and land development is the issue. The writing is on the wall!!!!"
- "Our reef shouldn't be commercialized. If you commercial fishermen will be limited to harvest. So should commercial harvesting."



Feedback: Overall

- "I fish for fun and am a steward of conservation. I am well aware that I don't understand the cultural importance and do not want my opinions to carry more weight than someone who fishes for their family. That said, the format of the meeting was ineffective. It was unclear that the community is in charge. I propose a more open format of rule setting. This is providing difficult due to years of people feeling unheard. Maybe if we sit in a circle and talk together instead of being lectured? Love what you guys are doing."
- "Open the harvest of Honu sea turtles, turtles killing all hawaiian water limu population. Fishes feed on limu to increase population ogo was the #1 limu off the shore reefs today you can't even find ogo, people have to raise culture ogo limu"
- "Education is power. Allow the empowerment by educating all gatherers of the ocean. No matter what you're gathering. Should not allow exemptions for commercial fishing making money when others are only gathering for family, home consumption. Thank you all for your time spent on this and the education you provided today!"

Feedback: Overall

- "Increase the # of CBSFA's on Maui Nui - Include pono fishing education starting from elementary school up"
- "Support a designated environmental court judge"
- "There is nothing about cultural use/take --> maybe add that and get a legal fellow from Native Hawaiian Law School"
- "Great start. It will refine itself often + while implementation"
- "We need to educate the youth. Two years and we are still talking. We need people going to schools, kids going to the aquarium and we need water. Clean water going to the ocean. The elders should BE EXEMPT. Tradition needs to be taught. If drugs are a problem, and they are in so many way, patrol at night. Not talking pot."
- "We are fighting for protections at the community, state, federal, & international levels. All mostly due to economics! Subsistence fishers not the problem. It's the commercial take. We should ban all fish finding devices, give the fish chance and sharpen local skills to catch."

Feedback: Overall

“Thank you conducting the recent information meetings held on Maui this past August and September and for allowing fishermen to voice their opinions and concerns.

I have been a fisherman ever since I can remember. In the 50's my parents would take us camping and shoreline fishing. The next step for me was to try different types of fishing, using different tools from mask fins and spear to scuba spearfishing from a boat. Bottom fishing and trolling came next.

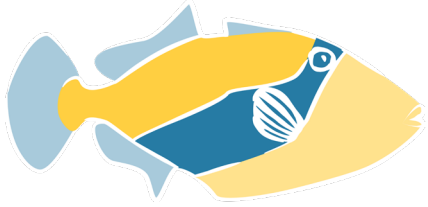
All I did was take as much as I could within the guidelines of the rules and regulations at the time. As a result, in my lifetime, I have seen the degradation of the nearshore resources dwindle to nothing.

More fishermen accelerated the depletion. At the same time, the marine ecosystem was/is being destroyed by land-based sources such as sand replenishment projects, muddy runoff from poor land management practices, pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals. It has suffocated and killed the living reef.

The fishermen are blamed for the decline of the resources and are penalized with fines and less take. Meanwhile the land-based entities keep killing the reef with no penalties. Something is wrong with this picture.

Fishing is the most popular sport in Hawaii and has a huge following. Increasing the restrictions and penalties on fishermen will only work until the next time. Increasing the restrictions and penalties will not work. Instead we should not stand together and demand protection of the ocean from land-based pollution? It should also include hefty fines for killing the living reef. If penalties and fines can be assessed on boats that run aground and scrape the reef, why can't the same apply to those who do more massive and destructive killing?”





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