

**From:** [david.camirand](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] your island, at our house  
**Date:** Monday, June 21, 2021 1:15:21 PM

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Hello to

I am a reef who really wish to see your fish again in our state  
Because not being able to travel, your country is found in my aquarium, which allows me to  
be able to dream of advantage visited your country one day

Please don't punish us for having a clear conscience knowing that you are the country that best  
manages fishing

Sincerely David Camirand from Canada Quebec

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**From:** [malc.nunn](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support of the Aquarium Fishery FEIS passage.  
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Hello,

I am writing in support from the United Kingdom for the above .

The last year has been very hard due to the worldwide covid outbreak but made worse by the fact that we have not been able to import any sustainable fish from your local waters.

I am whole heartedly a conservationist (more so around corals ) and I firmly believe that the volume of fish taken for the aquarium trade is now both manageable and sustainable .

There has been written documentation on a few papers around the subject to which I am sure you are aware of .

In this day and age we should be looking at what impacts not only do the removal of fish have but what other impacts that happen in pursuance of non fishery regimes .

An example of this is in countries where tropical marine fish are not local . Education plays a part here where children can see these fish and become enthralled (very similar to my own experiences) and this can lead them to go head on into life to develop themselves and become part of the marine culture (biologists, oceanographers etc etc.)

Thankyou for your time and I just wanted to say a few words in support.

Regards,  
Malcolm

Cnidaria Aquaculture

**From:** [Scott Cripps](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Aquarium Trade  
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To All Esteemed Decision Makers,

Mahalo for listening to a mainlander. We are from Niagara Falls, and visit frequently, always on Oahu. We are not kama'aina yet, but intend to be. Simply, malama moana nui akea guys! We know you have the best intentions, and the quarrel is not with you guys. You see, we are up against people who believe it's better to apologize than to ask permission. To pay the fine & not the permit. We live in a time that celebrates the audacious over the conscientious. That is not Hawai'i. That is not pono. We know that. You know that. My prayers are with you.

Malama Pono.

Scott & Sandra  
Niagara Falls, Canada

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Thiago Dias](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fishing for marine ornamental fish from Hawaii from coral reefs.  
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I am a Brazilian hobbyist. And I know that the growing demand for reef fish has been increasing. However, even with this sharp growth curve, there is apparently no decline in the populations where these fish are collected. I think research should be done to reach a conclusion. Now reef aquariums with fish and corals can serve today and in the future as a way to keep reef species safe. Whether or not they are threatened. Think with me there are numerous factors that can drive these amazing animals to extinction. For example oil spills, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, shipwrecks, toxic substances among others. I conclude that you are on the front lines and must be prudent in making a final decision. Because your choice will be affecting reefs, families, businesses and even freedom.

**From:** [Gemmell, Bradford](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] My statement on the Hawaiian ornamental fishery  
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To whom it may concern,

Aloha, I am Prof. Brad Gemmell from the University of South Florida. I am a marine biologist and have an ongoing on research project off the Kona coast of Hawai'i. Thus, I would like to take this opportunity to share my perspective and provide my scientific view on the ornamental fish collection ban that is currently being implemented in the state.

In my time spent on the big island, I have interacted with many different types of stakeholders and users of the local marine environment. I have travelled to and worked in many different marine habitats around the world and I am always grateful when I return to Hawai'i as the people have such a great respect for the ocean and the life within it. From this perspective alone, I understand the desire to protect such a valuable and unique marine environment. However, the targeting of a localized, hand-collection fishery (virtually zero bycatch) run by local family businesses seems misguided at best (highly politicized at worst) especially when considering large, industrial fishing industries targeting primarily apex predators, with often problematic levels of bycatch (i.e. the Hawaii longline fleet), are allowed to continue operations as usual. The interactions I have had with local ornamental fishers has always been positive and I have witnessed firsthand how these people seek to preserve/manage the resources for long-term success of both their business and the environment.

Pick up any textbook on marine fishes or fisheries and you will find that small-scale, hand caught (net or pole and line) fisheries rank among the lowest impact, most sustainable forms of fish resource extraction available. When combined with well managed 'no take zones' or MPAs adjacent to the fished areas, these types of fisheries are virtually incapable of being fully depleted due to the spillover effect. This is especially true if the fishing grounds are rotated over time. The data on this is very clear and these methods are promoted by the top fisheries scientists in the world such as Dr. Daniel Pauly and Dr. Boris Worm. Thus, an environmental impact study seems somewhat unnecessary here and in my opinion there is no valid scientific reason why a comparatively small fishery (in terms of biomass), using low impact methods and restricted to limited areas for collection should be shut down while other, much larger fisheries in the state continue to operate with impunity.

As an avid environmental steward myself, I would prefer to see environmental groups in the state of Hawaii focus attention on the truly big problems affecting marine habitats throughout the state such as changes in land use practices/runoff problems, eutrophication/pollution of reefs in populated areas, climate change/ocean acidification, trawling and longline fishery bycatch and reef damage.



**From:** [Ladislav Knapčok](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] aquarium fish fishing.  
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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I am fully aware of and agree to the protection of the environment, including marine animals. It is important that these animals are not endangered by both commercial hunting for human consumption and hobbies. However, I find it a bit hypocritical and also counterproductive for the livelihoods of many people who make a living by trading in Quartz products, which are hunted on a much smaller scale than for food. I believe that this could be solved by quantitative hunting, as is the case with commercial hunting. I wish you not to find the best possible solution that will not be extreme on either side.

I wish you a day of pleasure.

Greeting.

Ladislav Knapčok  
Czech Republic

June x, 2021(enter)

Chair Case and The Board of Land and Natural Resources

RE: Support the West Hawaii Aquarium Revised EIS

Chair Case and Boardmembers:

I contact you today to support the Revised Final Environmental Impact Statement (RFEIS) for the West Hawai'i Aquarium Fishery published June 8,2021, in The Environmental Notice.

Pursuant to the best available science of the RFEIS, the *REVISED WHITE LIST AND LIMITED PERMIT ISSUANCE (PREFERRED) ALTERNATIVE* was developed that addresses the stated reason for denial of the previous FEIS submittal.

The preferred alternative is sustainable, only allowing take of species proven stable and increasing over twenty plus years of monitoring. The total allowable catch is an over all reduction from historic averages to ensure a buffer for climate change.

Aquarium Permits would be limited to 7 permit holders, fishing only the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Areas (WHRFMA), and limiting collection to 8 identified species. These species in turn would be subject to catch quotas.

Permittees would abide by all rules and regulations set forth in HRS 189-2,3 (Commercial Marine Permit), HRS-188-31 (Section 1.2.1), governing Aquarium Permit use, and would obtain a West Hawai'i Aquarium Permit as required under HAR 13-60.4 (Section 1.2.3.2). Existing slot limits for Yellow Tang and Kole remain in effect in addition to the individual catch quotas.

This Alternative supports the DLNR's purpose to ensure that in context to commercial aquarium collection, such fishing does not lead to degradation of fish populations and the habitats in which they occur. It specifically addresses concerns related to declining populations and sustainable collection. It supports the Applicant's purpose and need to continue fishers' livelihoods participating in the lawful, responsible, and sustainable commercial collection of various fish species from nearshore habitats.

**Table 32. Proposed Individual Catch Quotas for the Revised White List. Annual limit [from January 1 through December 31](#) of each year**

Species	Individual Catch Quota (per fisher)	Total Potential Catch (all 7fishers)
Yellow Tang	28,571	200,000
Black Surgeonfish	450	3,152
Orangespine Unicornfish	838	5,872
Kole	3,750	30,000
Bird Wrasse	49	344
Potter's Angelfish	625	4,376
Thompson's Surgeonfish	288	2,016
Brown Surgeonfish	114	800

I encourage your support to this program. In this well regulated artisanal fishery, you will return many back to work. And many of us in other parts of the world interested in marine sciences may again have the opportunity to study and enjoy such fauna.

Very truly yours,  
Lisa Knight

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Collection of Hawaiian Fish  
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Hi

Please allow the collection of hawaiian fish again. You wouldnt ban fishing completely also. Just introduce quotas and an environmental tax. Price sensivity is very low ....

Best  
Marco Venanzoni  
Switzerland

Sent from my iPhone