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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] F-1 OPPOSE Terms & Conditions to Issue AQ Permits, OPPOSE Delegating Authority
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:03:37 PM

Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I, James Akau, oppose the reinstatement Commercial Aquarium Collection in the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area (WHRFMA). Native Hawaiian communities and 'ohana within the WHRFMA have been, and will be adversely impacted if Commercial Aquarium Collection is permitted to resume.

Native Hawaiian communities and 'ohana practice traditional and customary subsistence gathering, an activity that is constitutionally protected by Organic Act of 1900, and by the Hawai'i Constitution; Article XII Section 7, and Article XI section 6. It is the fiduciary duty of the State of Hawai'i to ensure that these constitutionally protected rights are not infringed upon. The renewal of Commercial Aquarium Collection is in direct violation of these Native Hawaiian constitutionally protected traditional and customary practices.

I implore you, board members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, to oppose the reintroduction of this exploitative and destructive activity. The fisheries across Hawai'i are in a state of decline, and have been for decades. It would be gross negligence if this activity is allowed to resume, further contributing to the rapid decline of fish populations from 'Upolu point to Kalae. It is responsibility of the State of Hawai'i to best manage our fisheries as a public trust and not for the private sector. I pray that this testimony in opposition of the reinstatement of the Commercial Aquarium Collection is taken into serious consideration. Mahalo, and thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

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'A'oha 'ulu e loa'a i ka pōkole o ka lou

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please pass F1 and give out permits to fishers
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BLNR Hearing
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Please send me a link to testify via Zoom.

From Al Giansanti

Testimony **In Support of DAR F.1.** passage.

Re: Approval of State of Hawai‘i Aquarium Fish Permit

Please **pass** the issuance of Aquarium Fish Permits.

1. With overwhelming science supporting the sustainability of the aquarium fishery, the approval of fishery permits could aid the state in its shift to sustainable renewable resource uses.

The aquarium fishery is the most valuable and sustainable ecologically friendly fishery in Hawaii.

2. Please give the permits to sustainable fishers. Even the DAR recommends this.

DAR West Hawaii FEIS (Environmental Review Presentation):

- <https://youtu.be/djItIsvg7qs?feature=shared>

State of Hawai‘I DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resources
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813 April 12, 2024
Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawai‘i

Informational Briefing on Existing Fisheries Data and Management

“Considerations Related to Submitted for your information and consideration is a review of existing fisheries data and management considerations related to the West Hawai‘i Commercial Aquarium Fishery prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ (Department) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR)”.

SUMMARY OF DAR FINDINGS

“Based on DAR’s review of the available data for West Hawai‘i, DAR does not find clear

evidence to suggest that limited commercial aquarium fish harvest, as proposed in the RFEIS' preferred alternative, would adversely impact the long-term viability of target species populations. DAR also does not find clear evidence to suggest that the activity would result in any measurable declines in ecosystem health or resilience. Finally, DAR finds that existing and proposed management measures would most likely mitigate any potential negative effects of the fishery and provide sufficient safeguards against unforeseen changes in population or ecosystem status. A detailed summary of DAR's findings is provided in section 9 of the DAR report".

"Based on the information provided in the DAR report and Appendices, DAR plans to present a recommendation to the Board regarding the issuance of West Hawai'i aquarium permits at a future Board meeting."

BRIAN J. NEILSON, Administrator Division of Aquatic Resources

3. Hawaii's [Aquarium Fishery](#) has been studied more than any other fishery in the world. Both the [2,400 page Environmental Review](#) of the West Hawaii fishery, and the [1200 Page Oahu Environmental Review](#) of all the science and fish counts support a sustainably low fishery impact conclusion. Meta-analysis of all the science supports passage of the Oahu fishery Final Impact Statement and a return of an important fishery to the State. [State fish counts and studies covering more than 20 years of data](#), before the lawsuit by tourists already scientifically proved Hawaii's aquarium fishery was sustainable.

15 years of West Hawaii division of aquatic resource monitoring and the separate Tissot aquarium fish study proved "**no coral impacts**" for the fishery when compared to closed fishing areas! 21 of Hawaii's leading marine scientists with decades of hands-on expertise, in a public letter, all supported the "model" aquarium fishery. Only two scientists were in opposition to the fishery in their testimony. Both are non-marine biologists from the mainland with no direct ocean expertise or publications.

Most reef fish produce 10,000 to 5 million fry per spawning, and with spawning occurring three times a day or every daily for most months out of the year, reef fish's ability to repopulate is staggering! Fish are the most renewable resource on the planet. To not utilize highly renewable resources, lessen Hawaii's ability to be sustainable. One major study showed that Yellow Tangs produce 1.14 million fry per pair per year! With a low estimated 1 million yellow tangs on Oahu, up to 570 billion fish eggs yearly on Oahu only. Most do not survive the adult breeding stage. Even if only one percent survive the adult breeding stage, then that is 5 billion 700 million new fish on Oahu reefs every year that could make it to adult breeding stages! The ability to repopulate far outweighs the impact of low aquarium fishery.

The maximum 6% take of past aquarium fishery populations was sustainable! Many researchers consider a 30% take to be the sustainable limit. The Oahu environmental review only asks for less than 5% of all species to be taken by fishermen. For most species listed in the environmental review preferred option, the amount of take would be less than 1%!

Fecundity is the measurement of a fish's ability to repopulate. This information is useful in fishery management.

Please Pass the permits for Aquarium fishing.

4. The United States 206 billion-dollar-a-year pet industry could further support Hawaii with

much-needed sustainable incomes at a low carbon footprint. There is an even more significant worldwide demand and potential for monetary gain. Aquaculture and aquarium fish business should be significant state goals to ensure Hawaii has more sustainable jobs and that economic boosts are greatly needed. Sustainable fisheries are the answer, not the problem. Please pass F1 and give out permits for aquarium Fishers!

5. [2020 DLNR West Hawaii Report To the Legislature:](#)

Page 28 “Overall **Yellow Tang** abundance in the 30’-60’ depth range over the entire West Hawai’i coast is estimated to have increased by over 3.4 million fish from 1999/2000 to 2017/2018 (**150% increase**) to a current population of about 5.7 million fish within this depth range alone.”

Page 37 “Overall **Kole** abundance in the 30’-60’ depth range over the entire West Hawai’i coast is estimated to have **increased 118%** (>5.1 million fish) during this time period with a current estimated population of almost 9.6 million fish. As with Yellow Tang, summer 2014 recruitment for Kole in many areas was very strong. Recruitment at the Manuka survey site for example was 254% higher than on any other previous survey at the site over the last 20 years.”

Page 17 “the marine aquarium fishery has been the most economically valuable commercial inshore fishery in the State of Hawai’i with FY 2017”

<https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2020/AR20-WHRFMA-Rpt-FY19.pdf>

Please pass F1 and give out permits to fishers.

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

My name is 'Alohi Nakachi, I am from the Island of Hawai'i born and raised in the moku of Kona and Kohala. I have grown up in and around the ocean all over the Island of Hawai'i, being blessed with a boat captain for a father and having a deep love and kuleana for the ocean instilled within me from a young age. This love and kuleana, and pilina to my communities and fellow kia'i of this 'āina led me to obtain my PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Management at UH Mānoa. I currently reside on the island of O'ahu where I work for The Nature Conservancy as their O'ahu Marine Program Manager.

I am an Indigenous researcher and Native Hawaiian social scientist. My PhD research sought to better acknowledge and represent diverse values and ways of knowing, particularly Indigenous knowledge systems within research, management and academia. In my research and throughout my career there has been ongoing conflict and injustices in Hawai'i because of the lack of recognition of Indigenous Knowledge and practices. These injustices continue because Hawaiian voices and peoples continue to be underrepresented and the management, economic, and governance structures in place make Hawai'i more accommodating and accessible to outsiders than actual people of place.

The Aquarium trade is particularly representative of these injustices and lack of consideration for diverse values and knowledge systems. The ongoing impacts of the aquarium industry have been allowed by the state of Hawai'i under the premise that this trade provides economic benefits to Hawai'i. However, without even looking at the different values and peoples impacted by this trade, the economic costs from this trade outweigh the benefits. In a study by Schaar and Cox 2021, they show that the economic benefits of the trade are limited to permit holders in the state (the EIS proposes 22 permit holders) and the rest of the economic benefits exist outside of the state where an estimated 95% of the fish are exported. Meanwhile the costs of the trade of administering permits would be burdened upon taxpayers (Schaar and Cox, 2021).

While Hawai'i management focuses on economic interests and a utilitarian perspective commodifying our environment, other values get completely ignored and unaccounted for. The diverse values and worldviews that people hold for include a kincentric worldview foundational to many Indigenous nations including Native Hawaiians (Hernandez, 2022; Osorio, 2018; Salmón, 2000; Topa and Narvaez, 2022). Foundational to Native Hawaiian practices and culture is the notion that humans and our surrounding environment are related as the elements, 'āina and all its inhabitants were birthed before us and humans were born as the youngest of this extended family to steward and appreciate all the gifts provided by those non-human relatives that come before us (Andrade, 2013; Kame'eleihiwa, 1992; Kikiloi, 2010; Kikiloi et al., 2017; Kurashima et al., 2018).

Hawaiians who follow the practices and protocols that guide Indigenous Native Hawaiian Knowledge, understand that 'āina is our chief, our source of life and that which feeds. This requires reciprocity as we understand that Native inhabitants including Native Hawaiians are part of this 'āina system and part of this feeding cycle. This is not just a physical nutritional

feeding, but also spiritual. Physically, all aspects of 'āina feeds through nutrient and life cycles and we, Hawaiians, can feed from 'āina from cultivating land and ocean and ensure our practices of cultivation continue with and do not hinder these cycles. The physical feeding can also tie to a spiritual feeding as we, Hawaiians, understand the interconnections of all 'āina cycles and components of 'āina play a role in these cycles and have an energy and spirituality that needs to be respected. A physical feeding or taking needs to have a purpose and be part of and give back to 'āina and ensure aloha 'āina and mālama 'āina.

Allowing the continuation of a trade that benefits an industry outside of the pae 'āina of Hawai'i conflicts with Native Hawaiian practices of mālama, or the need to care for our ancestors and non-living relatives, as well as directly impacts and competes with fishing practices as the majority of fish collected for the industry are important food fishes. These fish are also taken off of Hawaiian reefs and away from the land of Hawai'i when collected to support the hobbyist AQ industry so even their bodies and 'iwi cannot be given back or continue to feed 'āina when taken away.

I OPPOSE issuing commercial permits in West Hawai'i and I OPPOSE delegating authority to the Department Chair.

Hawai'i and the world in general are constantly under threat from compounding impacts particularly those from climate change. As we have seen continuously over the past few years from coral bleaching, an ongoing global pandemic, increased storm events and king tides, and devastating fires, we need to do everything we can to prioritize our place-based resilience. This includes limiting harmful or unnecessary practices, increasing food security, looking more towards place-based management, and investing more in Indigenous knowledge systems and stewardship. Indigenous stewardship remains a beacon of hope in times of impending threats as Indigenous peoples currently maintain and take care of what is estimated to be around 80% of the global biodiversity presently (Hernandez, 2022).

It is long overdue that Native Hawaiian knowledge systems and stewardship practices be given an equal footing and recognition within management systems and processes within Hawai'i. The knowledge has long been there of how we may maintain resilience and care for the 'āina of Hawai'i we need only listen and engage with it. That includes reciprocal practices of caring for place and not allowing extractive and harmful practices such as the aquarium trade that do not even benefit the people of Hawai'i.

Do not allow this exploitation and degradation of our cultural and natural resources to continue further. The Kia'i opposing the AQ trade collectively ask you to answer to the call for action – to preserve and protect our marine ecosystem and cultural landscape, making Hawai'i a global example of what culturally grounded and regenerative leadership looks like. Deny the allowance of commercial permitting in West Hawai'i and deny delegating authority to the Department Chair.

Mahalo
'Alohi Nakachi, PhD
Kona, Hawai'i

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I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR

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I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kate Collins](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO Aquarium Collection permits!!!
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As a person who regularly swims on the beautiful Puako Reef, I am appalled by the idea that aquarium collection permits may be authorized again. We have worked diligently to remove all wastewater off the reef and allow it to recover. We are not seeing shellfish and reef fish recover. We must protect our waters and our sea life.

DO NOT AGREE TO AQ IN WEST HAWAII.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources should be the ultimate decision-makers on whether or not to issue AQ permits, not just the Chair of Division of Aquatic Resources staff

NO aquarium collection permits should be issued. I cannot even comprehend why this is being considered.

Sincerely,

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Darwin's Fishes
by Doug Perrine
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It was a stroke of serendipity when a young clergyman was offered a position as naturalist aboard a ship assigned to survey the coastline of South America in 1831. Charles Darwin had few professional qualifications but was a brilliant amateur geologist and biologist, later becoming Britain's preeminent authority on barnacles. A second fortuitous happenstance occurred when the Beagle stopped for 5 weeks in the Galapagos Islands. By great fortune, a naturalist with a keen inquiring mind found himself in the part of the world with the second highest degree of endemism, i.e. of species that had evolved to be uniquely suited to that place, and occur nowhere else. It took Darwin decades of pondering and re-examining his specimens before he was ready to unveil his theory of evolution by natural selection, and completely upend mankind's thinking about our origins.

Darwin's radical ideas would have weighty consequences for himself, the course of civilization, and for the Galapagos Islands. Heralded as the birthplace of evolutionary theory, the Galapagos are now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Park, Biosphere Reserve, and Marine Reserve. Hundreds of thousands of tourists visit annually to see their natural wonders. By contrast the Hawaiian Islands, which have the world's highest rate of endemism, were not included in the Beagle's itinerary. The main Hawaiian islands now host relatively few fully protected natural areas. A massive tourism industry attracts only a small portion of visitors focused on the unique natural history of the islands. There are few laws protecting its unique species, and less enforcement. Hawaii is the extinction capital of the United States, and a global hotspot for endangered species. Hawaii is more widely associated with leis and luaus than with rare and unique wildlife.

If Darwin had come to Hawaii, instead of Darwin's finches we might be talking about Darwin's honeycreepers. The ancestral finches that arrived in Hawaii have morphed and diversified to the extent that they are hardly recognizable as finches and called honeycreepers instead. Over 90% of native terrestrial plants and animals in Hawaii are endemic. Marine organisms are better able to cross oceans, especially those with extended planktonic larval stages. Still, nearly a quarter of the marine fishes and invertebrates in Hawaii are endemic. Given Darwin's interest in marine biology, we might also be talking about Darwin's fishes, if only the Beagle had stopped in Hawaii.

With little support from the state Tourism Authority, Hawaii does attract a small stream of birders eager to catch glimpses of the unique native birds. While recreational scuba diving and snorkeling are important contributors to the economy, equivalent endemic fish-watching tours are pretty much non-existent, in part because many endemic fish are not easily observed. While most native birds are protected under the Endangered Species Act, until quite recently it has been perfectly legal to catch most native fish, whether for the table or the aquarium. Probably many more people have appreciated Hawaiian fish in aquaria elsewhere than on reefs in Hawaii. Escalating prices for rare Hawaiian species resulted in collectors going deeper and deeper to find prized fish, leaving a paucity of specimens within recreational diving depths. Regular exposure to both aquarium collectors and spearfishers also trains fish to hide at the approach of a human underwater.

Commercial aquarium fish collecting in Hawaii began in the 1950s. By the late 1980s it was declining on the other islands but growing rapidly along the West (Kona) coast of Hawaii Island, creating controversy and conflict between collectors and recreational divers. Public hearings sometimes devolved into shouting matches and threats. In 2014 a collector attacked an activist who was filming him underwater and ripped her regulator out of her mouth. Aquarium fishing became Hawaii's most valuable inshore fishery, earning it a fair amount of clout in the state government. At its peak, the aquarium fishery in West Hawaii took nearly double the number of reef fish as the combined total of recreational and commercial fishing.

In the mid 1990s, the State funded a study that showed that 7 out of 10 aquarium species studied suffered significant population reductions as a result of collecting. In 1998, Act 306 established a West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management Area, and a management council, which was given a mandate to create no-collecting areas that would comprise a little over a third of the West Hawaii coastline. Subsequent studies showed that the two most-collected species, yellow tangs and kole tangs, experienced impressive recoveries within the closed areas and spilled over to increase populations in the open areas as well. Kole tang, or goldring surgeonfish, are endemic to Hawaii. Yellow tangs occur elsewhere, but are only common in Hawaii. Because these two species are naturally abundant on Hawaiian reefs, and not collected elsewhere, they were the mainstay of the aquarium collecting industry in Hawaii, accounting for about 90% of the catch. Yellow tang were worth

more to collectors per pound than silver bullion. Rarer species fetched much higher prices and were therefore sought more avidly by collectors. In 2014 endemic Hawaiian flame wrasses and longfin anthias could both fetch collectors over \$30 per fish, and near-endemic Tinker's butterflyfishes yielded over \$80 per fish.

In 2013 Hawaii created a "White List" of 40 species that could be legally taken by aquarium collectors. The list allowed collection of a number of endemic species and some that are rarely seen by divers. Furthermore, a lack of inspections and enforcement led to widespread suspicion that even protected species were being poached, and that high value fish were not safe even in the closed areas. Divers complained that they hadn't seen once-reliable species for years. When word got out that a certain fish had been found at a particular dive site, it would often disappear within days.

Fish collectors argued that some of these were not rare at all – their populations were just centered in deeper water. With a reserve population of fish on reefs too deep even for collectors using mixed gases, it would be impossible to wipe out the species. Furthermore, most Hawaiian endemics occur in the remote uninhabited Northwest Hawaiian Islands and Johnston Atoll, as well as the main islands. Biologically, this argument carries weight, but to fish-watchers it offers scant solace. Once a fish is removed from waters accessible to scuba it can't be seen and appreciated even if it is far from extinct. "If a tree falls in a forest...."

In addition to disgruntled recreational divers and tour operators, a new group of activists got involved in what became an annual tussle at the Hawaii legislature. These were animal rights crusaders, who challenged collecting as not just a resource management issue, but a moral issue. Recent studies have shown that many small reef fish have natural lifespans lasting decades. In home aquaria their lives are typically much shorter – and some do not even survive the capture and transport process. Furthermore, the collecting procedure is inherently cruel, say detractors, snatching fish from their natural homes to carry them in plastic bags to a life of imprisonment. They particularly abhor the procedure of puncturing the abdomen of a deep reef fish with a needle to release the swim bladder gas that expands during its rapid transport to the surface.

Coral-killing bleaching events in 2015 and 2019 gave the anti-collection lobby more ammunition. The tangs that comprise the bulk of fish collected in Hawaii are herbivores. Their services in controlling algal growth are essential to helping a reef recover from devastating marine heat waves fueled by climate change. New coral larvae need a bare coral substrate to attach to the reef and cannot settle on algae.

Year after year, bills were introduced to ban aquarium collecting, and year after year, they failed. State biologists and collectors alike testified that the fishery was well-managed and did not threaten fish populations. Former collector Bob Hajek insists that most collectors were good stewards of the reef. "We each had our own collecting areas," he says. "Why would we overharvest and put ourselves out of business?"

Animal rights activists eventually had better luck in the courts. A 2012 lawsuit claiming the State had violated Hawaii's laws by not requiring an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) went to the Hawaii Supreme Court in 2017, and won. Later lawsuits challenged the validity of the EIS subsequently submitted by the aquarium industry. Aquarium collecting was legally closed in West Hawaii in 2018, and statewide in 2021. Well-publicized arrests of 7 collectors in 2020 effectively ended poaching in West Hawaii. The State is still open to a well-crafted EIS for collecting, and the animal rights groups are still ready to sue.

In the meantime, Hawaii's reefs continue to be affected by natural fluctuations in larval recruitment, environmental changes, introduced species, fishing, and other factors. Some reef fish were heavily dependent upon the cauliflower and antler corals that were decimated by the 2015 bleaching event.

Nonetheless, some divers report dramatic increases in sightings of some species that had been scarce during the years of heavy collection. Pam Madden, a lab manager and marine life enthusiast, says "Over the last four years, since the aquarium trade stopped, I've noticed some of the more rare species at a lot more sites, especially the Tinker's butterflyfish. I used to see them sporadically, very rarely, and they would be very skittish. Not only am I now seeing them at more sites, but they are not as shy. Without that collecting pressure, they are more interactive and play with your bubbles. It's such a joy to watch them!" She relates being "photobombed" by four Tinkers at a depth of only 45 feet, after seeing five others in deeper water. Tinker's butterflyfish were once believed to be endemic to Hawaii. They have since been found in a couple of other locations, but are strongly identified with Hawaii. A photo is a must-have for local fish photographers, but until recently it has been necessary to search long and deep to find a specimen.

Local photographers report recent success in finding other Hawaiian fish that were previously extremely challenging, such as flame wrasses. Madden says she only saw her first flame wrasse less than a year ago, but

can now find them at two different locations. Divers' perceptions vary, though, so for a more objective perspective I turned to the database of the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF). Using standardized surveys, REEF collects data that it uses to calculate a sighting frequency (percentage of surveys on which a species is sighted) and a density (how many individuals within the survey area). For 28 species of Hawaiian endemic fish plus the Tinker's, I calculated the averages for 2015-2017 and 2020-2022 (during and after collecting) in West Hawaii, and compared the changes. Different species showed different trends, but overall, there was a 33% increase in sighting frequency and a 6% increase in density. For some, the difference was dramatic. Tinker's butterflyfishes showed a 300% increase in sighting frequency and a 75% increase in density after collecting was stopped. A smaller dataset from Hawaii Dept. of Aquatic Resources showed an average density increase of 64% across 22 species.

To fill the demand for Hawaiian species for the home aquarium, several organizations and individuals are working to refine techniques for captive culture of some Hawaiian fishes. Some are in the early stages of commercializing that process. Tank-grown yellow tang, as well as a couple of endemics, may become readily available as early as this year. Long-term success of these ventures may ultimately depend upon how much competition they face from collectors who are not saddled with the costs of maintaining a research laboratory and expensive captive breeding and grow-out facilities on shore.

Whether aquarium collecting will resume in Hawaii remains unknown, along with how climate change will affect Hawaii's unique reef life. What we do know is that now is the best time in years for Hawaii residents and visitors alike to appreciate the exotic and beautiful native fish that Darwin regrettably missed on his transformative voyage.

From: [dw dudley](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] aquarium collection
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To whom it may concern

Aloha and please allow me to voice my opposition to the commercial collection of reef fish in West Hawaii.

This commercial activity is harmful to the health of our beautiful reef and its ecology. It benefits few if any local people and sends profits to mainland dealers and sellers instead.

In the big picture it also harms a broader ecology concern and economic activity. It harms sport fishing of pelagic fish when the ecological food chain is harmed. It harms the coral reef itself, which supports many species, and even reduces our source of coral sand to replenish our beaches! All of the beach sand on the Big Island comes from the activity of fish that eat coral and produce sand, and the action of waves on the coral.

Aquarium collection is not a "traditional" or cultural Hawaiian activity. It harms traditions and the sanctity of the reef and traditional Hawaiian fishing. It will harm the sport scuba industry and the tourist industry of West Hawaii.

Instead of small protected areas of reef and large areas of collection, choose instead no collection and all protection, or small collection and large protection.

You don't know what you got til its gone. Lets keep the good things. For all the people and all the generations of Hawaii, help preserve the reef!

David W. Dudley MD
humble resident of Hawaii since 2014

Stop the Hawaiian Fishing Ban

The State of Hawaii is currently trying to ban the aquarium fishery which is the most managed near shore fishery in the State.

Science provides up to date fish counts and does not support a total ban. This is an environmental movement against fishing, and against management.

It is the only fishery to complete the Chapter 343 HEPA process. It is heavily managed with species restriction, gear restriction, bag limits, slot limits, area restriction and limitations to entry.

We, the undersigned, call to the State of Hawaii not to ban any form of fishing within State waters.

We support fishery management, backed by scientific data, to ensure the fish and reefs will be around for generations to come.

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Manage listen to the Science and reopen! Tony Chew

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I support the science.

Sam Pansa

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reopen the fishery.

Corals Depot


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Re open. Melissa Espasie

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I support reopening Steve Doe

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Re-open the fishing

- Hugo Delgado

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Reopen the fishery Carlos Gonzalez 

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I support this case 

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Reopen the fishery!

-Pedro L.

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I AGREE TO OPEN FISHERY


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Re open the fishery plans

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reopen the fishery - Daniel Estrada

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I SUPPORT THE HAWAIIAN FISHERY
GIL NARA J.M.

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Please Re-open ~~the~~ Fishery

Muel Rosel

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Louis Blasco I support AQ Fishing

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

James Oh Cee

I support the Hawaii Fisheries.

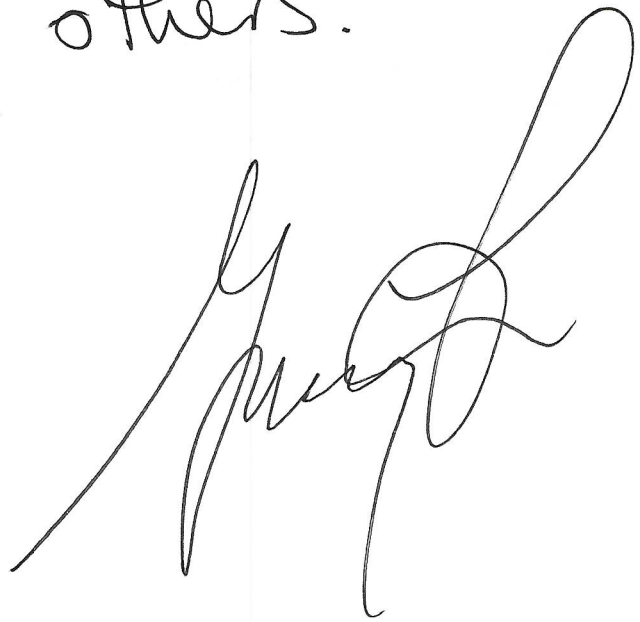
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the Science and support our hobby!

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based fisheries. Having these fish and others in my tank has been highly educational for me and many others.

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Good Afternoon,

Please Re open Hawaii using this
Sustainable Fisheries - Very important.
Thank you

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please help the fisherys.
We miss the fish,
and familyys depend on the
fish!

Daniel

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Reopen the fishery w/science - Jason Tuscano

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Re open the FISHERY

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

AS A MARINE ENTHUSIAST AND PADI
CERTIFIED DIVER I WOULD LOVE
TO HAVE THESE FISH SCIENTIFICALLY
SUSTAINABLE WAY.

- WILL SHALER

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reel Poteed


Reopen fishery

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please reopen the sustainable
Hawaii fisheries! These fisheries
have been very well controlled and
monitored, they should of never
been shut down.

-Melissa Mendez

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery!  Andrew Anaya

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the Aquarium Fishery now!

Michael Littleton

It's A Must.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Re-opening the hawaii fishery can be done
sustainably and provide good jobs and opportunity
to hawaii and the rest of the USA. David Distelano

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen for science & research!

Mary Singelman
Grand Terrace, CA

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Manage the fishery by science
Montano Juan

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please Reopen West Hawaii Aquarium Fisheries - Philip Pleter

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support scientific review of fish conservation
in Hawaii. Charles W. Mitsis

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the fisheries in Hawaii.

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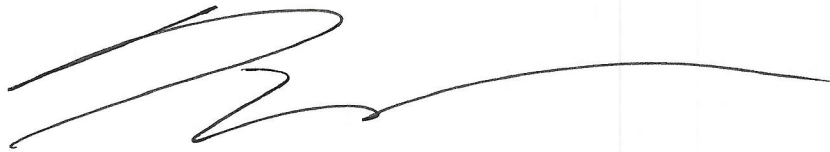
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

want the rest back given.

Robert Modesta

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Hawaiian Openwater Fisheries are sustainable and needed to maintain the health and balance of the NCEM system. Brings back the science



Tracy Scot Cramer
Zone 5 F64@gmail.com

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the sustainable Hawaiian Fisheries, I would like to see
kellow land available in a sustainable way.

Thank you,

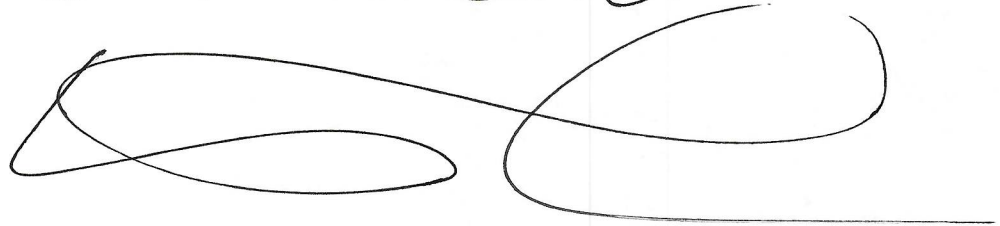
Kamran Adiparvar

(949) 374-4699

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the sustainable West
Hawaii fisheries!!!!

- Jim Sandefur

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE
FISHING OUR HOBBY AS IT IS VERY
SUSTAINABLE AS I HAVE KEPT MY YELLOW
TANOS FOR 12 YEARS.

RICHARD MCKEON



Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I believe in the science and environmental reports! Please reopen the fisheries in West Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Hollie Sandefur

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hollie Sandefur', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I, Nick Cattivire, believe in science! Please re-open
the sustainable fisheries in Hawaii. - Nicatt.

-Nicholas Cattivire

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I highly believe in the science and research that is completed by the sustainable fisheries in Hawaii. Please re-open these establishments.

- April Triplett



Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support Science based Research

of The sustainable fishery in Hawaii

- Samuel Bales

Samuel Bales

Please listen to the science and open back the Hawaii Hatchery.

- Nathan Chan

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

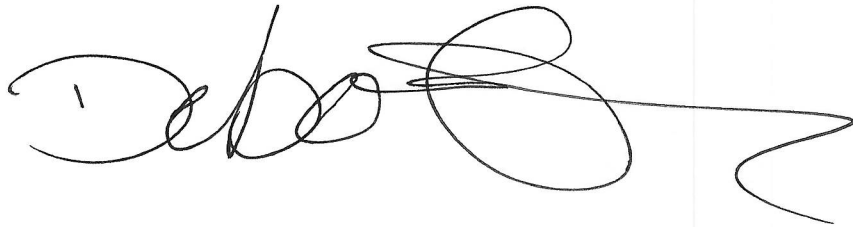
Please bring sustainable Hawaiian fisheries back!

Rufe Li

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the sustainable
fisheries in Hawaii!
Reopen!!

From
Debbie DeLillo

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie DeLillo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the fishery, listen to the scientist

Aud! Sarkissian

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aud Sarkissian', written in a cursive style.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen this fishery & listen to the science!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul".

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Manage the fisheries with science

Schus Sun

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen fishery base on science

 Tony Lee

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Manage fishery by science + indigenous knowledge
- Emily Lucas

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I want the wild Yellow
Tangs back, which have been
sustainably collected from
Hawaii!

From,

Megan Eibarra
~~Megan Eibarra~~

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the science and reopen the AQ
fishery.

Joe Tran

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science; I support the Fisheries

- Bush

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

ReOpen the fishery -

A handwritten signature consisting of several fluid, connected strokes.

Saltwater Aquarium . Com

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Jason Glowacki,

Reopen the Fishery & Listen to the
science!

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,


Joshua Valuri - Listen to the science

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the science and reopen the fishery.

~~-matthew cantu~~
-matthew cantu

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Safe, sustainable opening of the fishery is possible. Listen
to the studies -  Kyle McAtee

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the science
Re-open AQ Fishery!!!

- Rogelio DePloy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the science and reopen
the fishery. - Matt Huisinga

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please re-open the very obviously
sustainable fishery

- Nicholas Juarez

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please listen to the science and ^{re-}open the fishery.
Alex Castillo ▽

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Hello, please support reopening the Hawaii fisheries. Legislation should be in place to support local wildlife and businesses.

Sincerely,

Trevor Bellefueille

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

reopen the fishery

Luis Medina.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery. - Susie Ruy

I support the fishery - Juan Hurtado

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Stuart Millan



I support the reopening of the Hawaiian aquarium fishery
for all fish.


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science. Please Reopen the Fishery.

Shawn Rodrigan 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Science and Fishery


Rick Sanchez
Rick Sanchez

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

We need this vital Resources to
Be here for generations to come
Let's All support those that do.

Woody

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

ERIC FRANCOIS HAS, NOT ONLY RESIDED ON THE ISLANDS, BUT FREQUENTED THEM TO APPRECIATE THEIR NATURAL BEAUTY. MY APPRECIATION BEGAN BY ENCOUNTERING THESE ANIMALS ON THE MAINLAND. THE REOPENING OF THE HAWAII FISHHOOK, SUSTAINABLY AND REGULATED, WILL GIVE GENERATIONS TO COME THE ABILITY TO SEE THESE ANIMALS, IN PERSON, WITHOUT TRAVELING TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. THIS EXPOSURE TO ANIMALS IS HOW WE INSURE STEWARDSHIP.


BEST REGARDS
EJF

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

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I Support Fishery mgmt

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the Hawaii Ocean Fishery! Please! 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the marine collection industry

David D. Aguirre DAVID D. AGUIRRE

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Sharon Ray @
Hawaii classic
srclassic.com

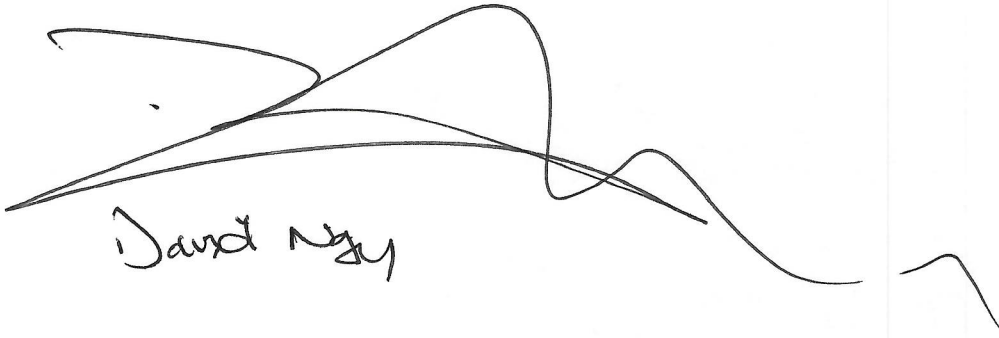
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I SUPPORT THE SCIENCE AND FACTS

-IRVING CHAMU

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

PLEASE EXPEND FOR OUR AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

David Ng


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Save the Hawaiian Fishery

Andy Han

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please open the fishery
for Seneca.


Corbett A. Wright

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based Fishery management.
Wendy Bauer
Wendy Bauer

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery and the science behind it.



Stephen Wong

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support! Reopen it! - Alan Ruiz

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery and
want to see it back open.

John Bennett

John Bennett

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please support fishery!

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Ishai Thatcher

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science-based management

Jose Olivo 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science ^{Carol} ~~Eial Sauer~~

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the aquarium fishery.

x AS

Adam Sauer

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the service behind reopening the
Hawaiian Fishery.

DAVID MENDEZ

David K. Mendez

08/06/23

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening the AQ, I believe the science supports the sustainability of responsible fishing for the openin trade.

David Patrone

DAVID PATRONE

drdp5@yahoo.com

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources

I support the fishery
Mike Alcaraz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Alcaraz', written in a cursive style.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support responsible reef collecting.

Nick DeKungh

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Support + the science
group

Shane Phillips

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Science. (West Hawaii Aquarium
Fishery).
Stacy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Industry *Juan*
Javier Gamboa

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science + fishery. Let's Washington 2 _____

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science based fisheries allowed to collect live animals & fish in Hawaii. Protected areas of non fishing are important while it should be allowed sanctioned collection areas for fisheries. A balance between collection & protection is reasonable and fair while science based monitoring of these areas is employed. Please allow monitored collection in Hawaii again, thank you,

David G. Gaughanone.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

REOPEN THE FISHERY PLEASE CLARIAN CONTRERAS

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Limmy Krumpholtz

Listen to the Science

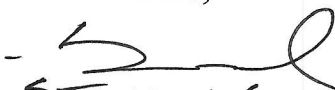
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Dakhan Remington Save the fish

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

In order to know more about our
seen and what we live around we
must have science to learn it

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Chang', written over a horizontal line.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Support the Science - 
STEVEN CONRAD

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the reopening of the fishery

- *Ray Garcia*

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the science and the studies.

Please reopen the fisheries.

Nick Kaneao

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Randall Van Natta



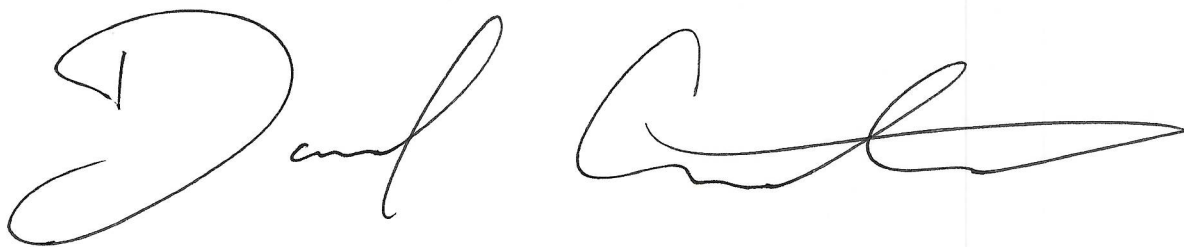
randallvannatta@yahoo.com
I support the fishery's

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

To whom this may concern,

It would be greatly appreciated
if the fishery would be open again
From all the fact being stated
and backed with evidence it looks
to me like the fish population
are back and thriving.

Daniel Cervantes

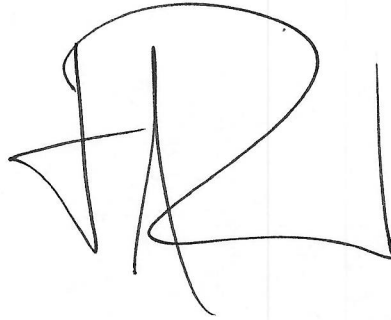
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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I believe we should be focusing on science as a
basis for making environmental decisions

Jose Rubio

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, rounded 'J' and 'R' intertwined.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaii aquarium Fishery. Please
Report Importing/Exporting.

A. Ocampo
Adrian Ocampo

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Support the Science! Sticks Corals - Cheryl Taylor
Cheryl Taylor

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
I Support Opening the aquaculture industry

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Aquarium Fishery
Dana Drey

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the House: Aquaculture Fisheries - Jan Clements

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Roberta The West Hawaii Aquaculture Fishery, Dr. Frank O. O.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening the Aquaculture Fishery

Andrew Schooner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Schooner', written over a horizontal line.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Hamsarom Agreement

Fischer.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening the Hawaii Aquarium fishery

Chang

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Aquarium fishery



Bradford Smith

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Reopening distillery
Michael Miniak

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening this fishery

Daroy Pincen

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

~~Alm Estrada~~

I support reopening this fishery

Abraham Estrada

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the fishery

Christina Torres
Chair

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am a hobbyist and enjoy taking care of and learning about Hawaiian species. I support the Aquarium fishery.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "C. H. ...".

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the fishery

Nathan

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I ~~suppna~~ support the fishery

Marissa Breiding

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Reopen the fisheries - I support
West Hawaii Aquarium Fishery.
Keep the Fisheries OPEN!!

Juan Hogaast

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaiian fisheries opening


Al Enriouez

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Hun Fish reopening

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. M.', written in a cursive style.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the hawai aquarim fishery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. ...', written in a cursive style.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening the
aquarium fishery!

~~John~~ Beukia

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

1 Suftor Hawaiian Fishery

Saul Sanche

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support re-opening the equator fishery.

Don Loveless *Donal*

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the hawaiian fishery!

- David Augustine!

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Re opening Hawaii
Raymond Grillo Reef Creation's

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Yasmin & Sal, we support the
Hawaiian Fishery.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please reopen for
AG *happz*

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaiian Ornamental Fishery
Michael Simonson

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Fishery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. ...', written in a cursive style.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support re-opening WHAF Steven Haycock

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Eric Riech

I support REOPENING the WEST Hawaii
aquarium fishery.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Fishery
Zone ALVES

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Listen to the fishery !!!

~~It~~ + aquaculture

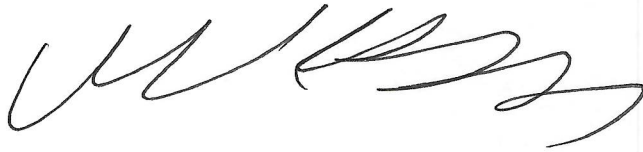
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Hawaiian
fishery

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,


I support this fishery

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaiian fishery.
Drew L Balsa

I support the Hawaii fishery
Glenn J. Ferguson

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
REOPEN FISHERY ASAP! DARYL 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

hasten to science reopen fishing - 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

reopen fishery 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

CRAIG LIGHTNER

I support re-opening Fisheries




Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishing
of Howard

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support sustainable fish
CPA



I Support Sustainable fish

John

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

REOPEN THE FISHERY PLEASE EMMANUEL S.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

reopen the fish please

-Zone

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fishery initiative, let's have it back again.

Ray Alfredo Ayala

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Science.
Please Reopen the Risherpj

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Reopen the fishery
Ka: Samreth

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Fishes & Cool! Kelly Gacos

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support sustainable fisheries!

- Srimal Weerahanaddi ~~Signature~~

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support sustainable fisheries- Reef sensei!

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

 I want the pin back

Oliver Baunus

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please bring back the fish we used to have.
~~My name is Clayton Stewart. The~~

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based fisheries

John Hlubasky

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based fishery.



Robert Ross

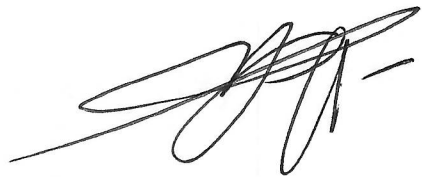
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
~~Reopen the Ashurst~~

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,
Bowling Green Research the fish hater's!!!

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Substantially collecting organisms is fantastic
for the adventure trade, helps provide funds for
Breeding projects and take account of fisheries stock.



Alex Kinslow


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I suppose the fish reopening

signature

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I fully support science based
harvesting of Kansas' rangelands -



John T. Gray

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

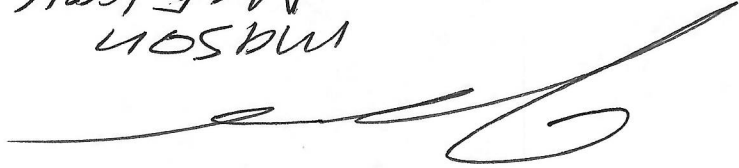
I support science based fishery harvesting.

Elliot Adham



Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

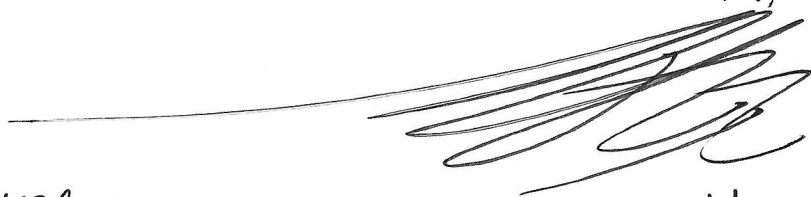
I fully support science based
harvesting if done sustainably.



MASON
McElroy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

1 Support Science based fisheries

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Kusken Jobs

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Sustainable Fisheries - Certification

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support reopening of fishery

Alexander Petrosyan.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support re-opening the west
Hawaii aquarium fishery! Bring
back wild yellow tangs please!!

- Andrew Reid

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support re-opening the West Hawaii
Aquarium Fishery!

-Brianna Conroy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please re-open the fisher
Christopher Gamboa

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

hey, I support the reopening
of the fishery
-Alex

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Support the Fishery

Steven Dick

SDICK1974@GMAIL.COM

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Disupport T Reef. Advice

Ref.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

REOPEN THIS FISHERY CARLOS BRISENO 

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I fully support sustainable fishing

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please reopen the fisheries. I support sustainable fishing.

David DePonte


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science and sustainability!
Reopen the Hawaii fisheries and
licenses!

Sincerely,
Cynthia DeLillo

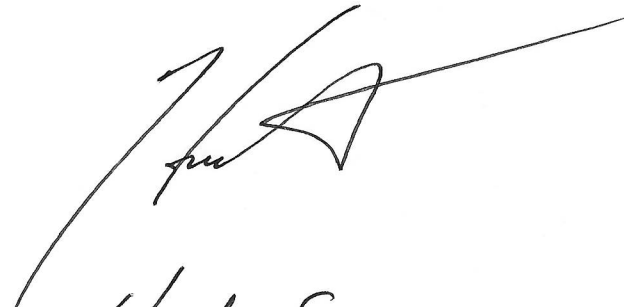
Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based management. Please
re-open the fisheries.


Tyrone Chiriquy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support Science based fisheries



Hector Serrano

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I SUPPORT THE SCIENCE BASED FISHERY

Keith Cox
KEITH COX

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please Help Re open the Fishery.
We have all heard talks from Respect
Scientists such as Reht Talbot who have
stated will not impact the Environment



Chris Schmitt

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Michael E. A. - I support the fishery

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support responsible fisheries
and the West Aquaculture Fisheries.
Keep all fisheries open for
business and use "Science"
only for policy decisions!

Don Kistner

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Science backed fisheries focused on sustainable practices and ideals in growing and preserving natural environment.

-David Matonga

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the fisheries

Aerinf Mark

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support science based
management

JON D.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I SUPPORT THE AQUARIUM FISHERY.

 Francisco Moreno

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

~~Shah~~ Please reopen the hawaiian fishery
-Shahaly.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please reopen the fishery.



Edward Bilezikchian


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please open the fishery trade - Isaac Barriga
Brings jobs back to those who ~~Amac Barriga~~
lost them and help with more
research.

Isaac Barriga

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I will love to see the Hawaii Fishery Open.
Yellow Tangs should be available to anyone who
cares about the Fishery. It will help people from
Hawaii. Please Re-Open Fishery, Thank You.

Nick Ortega


Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

PLEASE REOPEN THE FISHERY
WE SUPPORT THE SCIENCE BASED
MANAGEMENT FOR OUR HOBBY.

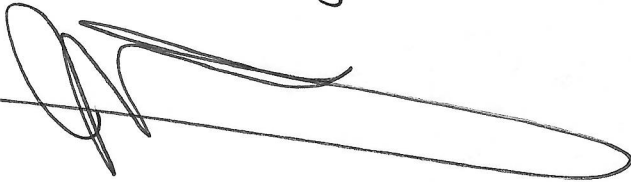


SIMON ASSECIN.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,


I whole heartedly believe in the environmental benefits of the management of fish. I have researched and read papers and believe the land permits should be granted in order to reestablish the population in their care.

John Worthington

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Worthington', written over a long horizontal line that spans across the page.

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please reopen the fishery/aquarium in Hawaii. It's sustainable. It's ethical. It's needed by hardworking families.


Daniel Bannister

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support sustainable fishery's Please
open it up!!

Armando G.

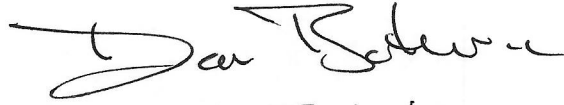
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I support sustainable fishery management
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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the well regulated Fishing Industry
in Hawaii, Its a sustainable Fishery and it
should be reopened.



David Dotwin

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaiian Aquaculture Fishery.

G. Kennedy

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support the Hawaiian Fishery and would like
the ban to be lifted so we can enjoy the hobby I love.
The ban has caused prices to sky rocket.

Chat W

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support science-based fisheries. Please reopen aquaculture fisheries.

X Jonathan Lee

Jonathan Lee

8/5/23

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support sustainable reefing and fish keeping.
I believe in the work that the West Hawaii
Aquarium Fishery is doing.



Ben Burgett

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I SUPPORT SCIENCE BASED RESEARCH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

PLEASE OPEN UP THE AQUARIUM FISHERY IN WEST HAWAII

David Salinas
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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support WH aquarium fishery 

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I SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES. PLEASE
REOPEN AQUARIUM FISHERIES.

CHARLES SCHUBERT



Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

The aquarium Fishery would be AMAZING to have
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Immanuel vita

Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I Support the Aquarium/coral Industry

Jungle Club

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Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I support Science based fishery management
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Justyne Beavers

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I SUPPORT REOPENING THE HAWAII AQUARIUM FISHER

BEN ROS



BENJAMINROS@GMAIL.COM

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I support the opening of the Hawaii Aquaculture
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MARK ODOROSA


HOUSEOFFROYS@EMAIL.

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Amanda Aguilar.

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aquatic survey

Rob Hansson

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HAWAIIANS SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FISH COLLECTION

Executive Summary

Animal rights and environmental extremists are lobbying and litigating to try to ban the collection of fish for home aquariums from the waters of Hawaii. However, Hawaiians overwhelmingly reject a ban on fish collection, instead preferring regulators permit sustainable collection of fish.

POLLING: NOVEMBER 2023

Question 1: Are you aware of the debate about collection of tropical fish offshore of Hawaii for home aquariums?

	Total Pct
1. Yes	47%
2. No	53%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 2: Hawaii generally practices 'sustainable use' of natural resources. This means the government regulates harvesting of natural resources so that not too much is taken and the resource has time to recover. This allows for continued harvesting over time and saves the jobs and income it provides to Hawaii residents. Do you generally agree or disagree with the idea of sustainable use?

	Total Pct
1. Agree	96%
2. Disagree	4%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 3: Some animal rights activists want Hawaii to completely ban the collection of fish for home aquariums. They claim this practice is harmful to the environment. However, marine scientists with the University of Hawaii and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration point to data showing that the fish populations have been growing for many years while collection has occurred. They conclude that fish collection is sustainable in Hawaii. Who do you think has more credibility in this debate?

	Total Pct
1. Marine scientists	72%
2. Animal rights activists	13%
3. Don't know	15%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 4: Which best describes your point of view?

	Total Pct
1. Hawaii should allow sustainable collection of fish	73%
2. Hawaii should prohibit all collection of fish	17%
3. Don't know	10%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 5: Do you believe regulators such as the Board of Land and Natural Resources should be managing resources based on science, or prohibiting sustainable resource usage based on the opinions of special interest groups?

	Total Pct
1. Manage resources in a science-based way	78%
2. Prohibiting resource usage because of special interest groups	7%
3. Don't know	15%
TOTAL	100.00%

POLLING: JULY 2023

Question 1: Hawaii generally practices “sustainable use” of natural resources. This means the government adopts regulations to ensure that whatever is taken can be replenished, to allow for continued use over time. Do you agree or disagree with sustainable use?

	Total Pct
1. Agree	93.86%
2. Disagree	6.14%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 2: Some activists want Hawaii to ban the collection of fish for home aquariums. They claim this practice is harmful to the environment. However, marine scientists point to data showing that the fish populations have been growing for many years while collection has occurred. Existing regulations also establish many protected areas where fish can breed and cannot be collected. Based on this information, what best describes your point of view?

	Total Pct
1. Fish collection should be allowed if it is done sustainably	79.42%
2. Fish collection should be banned	20.58%
TOTAL	100.00%

POLLING: FEBRUARY 2023

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	Total Pct
1. Agree	92.57%
2. Disagree	7.43%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 2: There is a debate in Hawaii over the collection of fish for home aquariums. Have you seen anything about this? Select all that apply.

	Total Pct
1. Yes, on social media like Facebook and Twitter	28.00%
2. Yes, on TV news	28.86%
3. Yes, in the newspaper	14.29%
4. No	48.29%
TOTAL	100.00%

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	Total Pct
1. Fish collection should be allowed if it is done sustainably	85.14%
2. Fish collection should be banned	14.86%
TOTAL	100.00%

Question 4: Hawaii has banned the collection of live fish for home aquariums in some areas. However, in those same areas, fishermen can still catch and kill the same species of food. Which describes your point of view?

	Total Pct
1. Both should be allowed, if practiced sustainably	69.71%
2. Live catching should be allowed, but not catching for food	5.43%
3. Catching for food should be allowed, but not catching live fish	18.86%
4. Both should be banned	6.00%
TOTAL	100.00%

From: [Glenn Heyman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Issuing AQ Permits & Opposition to Delegating Authority to Department Chair
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:44:25 PM

Aloha,

This is sent regarding Terms & Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i AQ permits. Our apologies for sending this in late, but hope it is included as a community comment.

I live at 69-1925 Puako Beach Dr. There has been a lot of recent research and information regarding the declining health of the Puako reef. The symbiosis between the reef coral and reef fish is clear. It is our experience that the overall reef fish population has declined with the health of the coral. This is NOT the time to stress this sensitive ecosystem any more than it has already been stressed. The coral reef will take years to recover and there is no convincing scientific support for harvesting reef fish before the coral reef is sufficiently healthy. **I request you reject DAR's AQ Terms and Conditions and deny any and ALL permits.**

Regarding Delegating Authority to Issue AQ Permits to the Department Chair, please do NOT delegate authority to the one person. Please retain the discretionary authority with the Board who will continue to utilize their diverse island communities, specialize knowledge, and expertise to weigh in and make informed decisions together.

Mahalo for this opportunity,
Oscar Glenn Heyman
69-1925 Puako Beach Dr, Moku o Keawe

From: [Micaela Hogger](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] August 23 Agenda Item F.1
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:25:40 PM

Aloha kākou,

It is evident that Maui county lies within a fragile ecosystem that supports all of us who are fortunate enough to reside here.

Our reefs provide not just the surf and snorkelling many of us love, but also supply food and create a critical buffers that protect our shorelines. The ecosystem services provided by Hawai'i's reefs have an estimated value of 33.57 billion dollars annually to Hawai'i according to NOAA.

Thus, it is of utmost importance we protect them. These reefs rely on a delicate balance of herbivore and predator fish to stay intact.

While I fully support fishing for sustenance, I also support the take only what you need motto. The aquarium trade threatens this. A large majority of fish species are able to be bred in captivity, so why a need to take from the wild? Furthermore, I have concerns about how the legal catch quantities would regulated. A study by Brian Tissot showed a 38-97% reduction in populations at collector sites in Kona in seven out of the 10 species of fish studied. Highlighting the severe impact the aquarium trade has had within Hawai'i in the past. Lastly, the aquarium trade often uses harmful practices— such as the use of cyanide in collecting, and breaking of branching coral when collecting fish. Given the strong long term economic and environmental benefits of our reefs here in Hawai'i, it is imperative we protect them over short term and non-local economic gains.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

KAHOLE

Dear,

Members of the Board of Land & Natural Resources

Thank you for allowing me to write my testimony, today I write before you a testimony against permitting access to the Aquarium Fisheries Trade Industry (Agenda Item F-1) in utilizing West Hawai'i to sustainably harvest fish for their own profiteering in their industry. These fish are many peoples including my family's food and way of life. I'm sure many of you know and are aware of the declining fish populations in the region of West Hawai'i, recovery time for the species listed in the permits is quite a long time species like the Kole (goldring surgeonfish) and the Hinalea I'iwi (Bird Wrasse) both bear cultural and food significance to the people of West Hawai'i other species like the Lauipala (Yellow Tang), Potters Angelfish, and surgeonfishes help with maintaining the reefs insuring a healthy and clean coral abundant environment for the rest of fish in the sea. By removing them is like playing an extremely dangerous game of Jenga. "One block and the whole tower falls." I strongly suggest that if we are to preserve these fish for our future generations and to help maintain our cultural aspect we should completely ban the Aquarium Trade in West Hawai'i, not only is taking the fish and profiting off of it unacceptable but think of the people and families that depend on these fish to help feed their families nowadays that the economy is suffering. More of our families are starting to turn back to living a sustainable nomadic lifestyle benefiting from the sea and the land. By reintroducing the Aquarium industry back into the Westside of the island only impacts the reef and its environment more negatively jeopardizing our families that depend on these fish for food. Only means that they have to compete more. Which will ultimately affect fish populations overall. Furthermore I want to deeply express my concerns for DAR's proposal on wanting to remove the BLNRs oversight of the Aquarium trade and giving sole (AQ) permitting authority to the BLNR Chairperson neglecting the people and their voice on the matter. Is this not a state that is supposed to work for the people? Must I remind you that the institution that you all sit on the board to govern is all funded by taxpayer money. I urge the Board to please reconsider permitting the AQ trade on allowing them to access West Hawai'i and to also reconsider DARs proposal.

Sincerely,

Taha'a H. Kahele



Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i



August 23, 2024

My name is Kai Kahele, and I am a native Hawaiian of Miloli'i, South Kona. Having deep connections to the West Hawai'i fishery, I would like to express my strong opposition to the issuance of commercial aquarium permits in West Hawai'i, as well as the delegation of authority to the Departments Chair to Approve, Sign and Issue Aquarium Fish Permits.

Opposition to the Terms & Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i Aquarium Permits

I respectfully request that the Board reject the Department of Aquatic Resources' (DAR) terms and conditions for issuing West Hawai'i aquarium permits. The vibrant reef ecosystems of West Hawai'i are a sacred part of our natural heritage and essential to the health of our environment. I speak not only from my personal experience as a resident, but from the 'ike (knowledge) of my ancestors who taught me that we, as stewards of the land and sea, have a responsibility to protect and preserve these resources for future generations. Our reefs are already under immense pressure due to climate change, pollution, and other environmental stresses. The removal of fish for the commercial aquarium trade further threatens the fragile balance of these ecosystems. These fish are not just colorful adornments for aquariums; they are vital to the health of the reef. To continue permitting this destructive practice would be a grave disservice to both the environment and the people of Hawai'i who rely on these ecosystems for sustenance, cultural practice, and spiritual connection. Simply put: We do not want this. Our reefs cannot afford this. Let the fish remain where they belong—on our reefs in Hawai'i.

Opposition to Delegating Authority to the Department Chair

I also strongly urge the Board to retain its discretionary authority in the matter of issuing aquarium permits, rather than delegating this responsibility to the Department Chair. The Board's composition reflects the diverse knowledge, expertise, and perspectives of our island communities. This collective wisdom is critical when making decisions that impact our natural resources. Allowing the Board to continue weighing in on these matters ensures that decisions are made with full consideration of the cultural, environmental, and scientific perspectives needed to protect Hawai'i's unique ecosystems. Delegating this authority would centralize decision-making in a way that limits the valuable input from those most directly affected by these decisions. As a resident of Hawai'i Island, I trust that the Board, in its current structure, will continue to stand as a guardian of our natural resources, ensuring that the voices of those who live closest to the land and ocean are heard. Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration in this matter.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

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The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele
Member of Congress (2021-2023)

August 22, 2024

Aloha Chair and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kaimi Kaupiko of Milolii. I am kupa'aina of West Hawai'i, especially hoa'aina of Milolii, Kona Hema.

I OPPOSE issuing commercial aquarium permits in West Hawai'i and I OPPOSE delegating authority to the Department Chair. I am testifying today and asking you to ban any aquarium collection PERMANENTLY in Hawai'i.

We live in a time when all herbivore species are in a degraded state of mass decline—a CRISIS. The request by the pet industry is not sustainable and would continue the decline of our reef fish, which serve a vital role.

Our herbivore species perform a critical function on our coral that we, as humans, cannot be a substitute for. We need all reef species in abundance for more than just food. We need them in vast numbers to increase coral resilience and stabilize our ocean ecosystems.

The tipping point for a coral collapse is near. We must remember that a healthy ecosystem plays a crucial role in the production of photosynthesizing algae, such as phytoplankton. These organisms are responsible for producing up to 70% of oxygen in the air. That is every other breath we take, no matter where we live.

The increased opposition from outside Hawai'i should NOT DISTRACT BLNR from making a regenerative decision. We cannot continue to degrade our natural resources further and continue to break our Hawai'i State Constitution for Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Rights.

We lack a healthy symbiotic relationship on our coral reef; therefore, drastic measures to protect them are necessary.

Regarding Terms & Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i AQ permits, I request you reject DAR's AQ Terms and Conditions and deny any and all permits. Our Ohana have seen the destruction of this industry throughout our lifetime and witness reefs and corals being destroyed and many reef fish have died during the process of collection. Many of these collectors do not follow the protocol of the FRA'a and have gone rouge and have been able to get away without any prosecution or fines.

Regarding Delegating Authority to Issue AQ Permits to the Department Chair, do not delegate authority to the Department Chair. Retain the discretionary authority with the Board who will continue to utilize their diverse island communities, specialize knowledge, and expertise to weigh in and make informed decisions together.

Mahalo for this opportunity,



Kaimi Kaupiko

Milolii – Ahupu'a, Moku o Keawe

From: [Hideki Kimukai](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] F-1 OPPOSE Terms & Conditions to Issue AQ Permits & OPPOSE Delegating Authority to Department Chair
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 9:17:34 AM

Aloha Chair and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Hieki Kimukai from O'ahu.

I OPPOSE issuing commercial aquarium permits in West Hawai'i and I OPPOSE delegating authority to the Department Chair.

I have been working for Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i to witness firsthand the aftermath of the fishing industry and how they treat our ocean and coastlines.

From overfishing/exploitation of our fragile ecosystems to contaminating and harming our ocean with synthetic chemicals.

Regarding Terms & Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i AQ permits, I request you reject DAR's AQ Terms and Conditions and deny any and all permits.

The health of our community depends on the health of our coastlines which depends on the balance of the ecosystem which is already suffering from exploitative decisions without the generational knowledge of the community's inputs.

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Mahalo nui for working for and supporting Hawai'i.
Best regards,

Hideki Kimukai (来迎秀紀)
Global Educator/国際講師
[Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii](#)

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My name is Rufus Kimura. I was born and raised on the Island of Molokai and moved to Waianae, Oahu when I was 8. My father was a teacher at both Waianae and Nanakuli High School who supplemented his teacher's salary by diving for aquarium fish on the weekends. From an early age he passed on the skills of diving, animal husbandry and ocean safety to me.

The Westside of Oahu is a challenging environment for many, and as recent news headlines remind us – a place wracked with gun violence, poverty, rampant drug use and homelessness. Diving provided me with an outlet and a pathway out of the negative life cycle that many of my friends and classmates fell into. The opportunities that collecting aquarium fish have provided for me were multi-tiered.

Every day after school, I would wade the tidepools and snorkel the shoreline collecting a few specimens that I would then deliver to a local buyer that lived near our home in Waianae Valley. This simple hustle filled me with purpose and allowed me to earn enough tuition money to eventually graduate from both Leeward Community College and the Albertson College of Idaho.

After college, I joined the Honolulu Fire Department as a Search and Rescue Specialist – building upon the SCUBA and ocean awareness skills that diving for aquarium fish had taught me. Over the next 20+ years I remained in Waianae and built up a tropical fish import/export company that at any given time directly provided employment for 6-10 divers/fish-packers (majority from Waianae).

As we have all become painfully aware, the locals are being priced out of paradise. When the State of Hawaii banned the commercial take of aquarium fish it affected me greatly. Without the supplemental income that aquarium fishing had provided for the past 35 years, I was forced to shut down my business and my employees and divers were suddenly without a job. With the tropical fish industry shuttered by the State's unwillingness to validate collection permits I put my home up for sale, resigned from the Fire Department and moved to Alaska to pursue commercial fishing.

Although there is a lot of contention surrounding the issue of collecting aquarium fish in Hawaii, there are pathways forward. From my time spent in the Alaskan fisheries I have learned that a finite resource can be shared in an equitable and sustainable manner among a wide range of user groups with proper science-based management. For example, the State of Alaska's most iconic fish is the King Salmon. Since salmon return to their natal streams or place of birth, their annual numbers can be counted with high accuracy. For 2024, the State of Alaska estimates a return of 207,150 King Salmon. Through proper management, every year the Alaskan Department of Fish and Game divides this resource between a myriad of user groups including (but not limited to) set-netters, purse seiners, hand-trollers/power-trollers, the Canadian commercial fleet, gill-netters, sportfishermen, subsistence fishermen and First-Nation native peoples.

If Alaska can manage their natural fishery resources via a tax-funded state agency, then Hawaii should be able to do the same. Proper resource management is not a mystery – when done properly it allows all user groups to share in a natural resource that can benefit everyone.

From: [Alex Kreuzer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F1 Support
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:28:56 AM

I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR

From: [Frank](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F1
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:52:13 PM

I support opening the aquarium fishery and I support managing resources by science provided by DAR.

Aquaculture biota yellow tangs are nice but doesn't compare to original beautiful Yellow Tangs from Hawaii.

Frank Luna



Testimony to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Board
Friday, August 23, 2024 – 9:00 AM
DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.
1151 Punchbowl Street, 1st Floor

****Re: Opposition to Agenda Item F-1: Aquarium Fish Permits in West Hawai‘i****

Aloha Chair and Members of the Board,

‘Apoākea: Native Hawaiian Innovation Institute, is a Native Hawaiian-led 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the root causes of disproportionality and disparity affecting socially disadvantaged and underserved communities. We **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Agenda Item F-1. This item seeks approval for issuing permits for commercial aquarium fish collection in the West Hawai‘i Regional Fishery Management Area (WHRFMA), as well as the delegation of authority to the Chair to approve, sign, and issue these permits.

The proposed issuance of permits for the collection of aquatic species for the aquarium industry poses significant threats to the health and balance of Hawai‘i’s marine ecosystems. Extracting these species from their natural habitats disrupts the delicate balance of our ocean’s ecosystems, leading to a cascading effect that harms not only the targeted species but also the broader marine environment. Overfishing for the aquarium trade contributes to the depletion of fish populations, which can lead to the degradation of coral reefs, as many of these species play crucial roles in maintaining the health of reef ecosystems.

Moreover, the aquarium industry’s reliance on wild-caught fish contradicts the traditional cultural values that have long guided Native Hawaiian fishing practices. Our ancestors understood the importance of mālama ‘āina (caring for the natural environment) and implemented regulations on fishing seasons and catch sizes to ensure the sustainability of resources for future generations. These



values do not differentiate between fish caught for food and those taken for ornamental purposes. All species, whether deemed ornamental or otherwise, are integral to the ecosystem and deserve the same respect and protection.

Approving permits for the commercial collection of aquarium fish disregards these cultural values and endangers the natural heritage that we, as Native Hawaiians, are committed to preserving. The aquarium industry should instead be encouraged to transition towards sustainable aquaculture practices, where fish are bred in controlled environments, reducing the pressure on wild populations and allowing ecosystems to thrive.

Furthermore, the delegation of authority to a single individual to approve these permits raises concerns about transparency and accountability in decision-making processes that have far-reaching consequences for our environment. Such decisions should be made with the utmost scrutiny, involving a collective approach that considers the input of all stakeholders, including the Native Hawaiian community.

In conclusion, we urge the Board to **reject Agenda Item F-1** in its entirety. We must prioritize the preservation of our marine ecosystems and cultural values over the commercial interests of the aquarium trade. By doing so, we ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to experience and appreciate the rich marine life that is unique to Hawai'i, in its natural environment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Māhealani Traub
Associate Director
'Apoākea: Infinite Reach, Native Hawaiian Innovation Institute

From: [Zuli Majeed](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] August 23; Agenda Item F.1
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 1:31:27 AM

Please oppose DAR's proposal to reopen West Hawai'i's reefs for commercial aquarium collection.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Thomas McKinley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F1 support
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 5:50:48 PM

Hello,

I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR.

Respectfully,

Thomas McKinley
US Citizen

From: [Micaela Hogger](#)
To: [Micaela Hogger](#)
Cc: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: August 23 Agenda Item F.1
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:30:08 PM

Aloha kākou,

I am writing in opposition of DAR's agenda item F.1 to open up West Maui to the Aquarium trade.

It is evident that Maui county lies within a fragile ecosystem that supports all of us who are fortunate enough to reside here.

Our reefs provide not just the surf and snorkelling many of us love, but also supply food and create a critical buffers that protect our shorelines. The ecosystem services provided by Hawai'i's reefs have an estimated value of 33.57 billion dollars annually to Hawai'i according to NOAA.

Thus, it is of utmost importance we protect them. These reefs rely on a delicate balance of herbivore and predator fish to stay intact.

While I fully support fishing for sustenance, I also support the take only what you need motto. The aquarium trade threatens this. A large majority of fish species are able to be bred in captivity, so why a need to take from the wild? Furthermore, I have concerns about how the legal catch quantities would regulated. A study by Brian Tissot showed a 38-97% reduction in populations at collector sites in Kona in seven out of the 10 species of fish studied. Highlighting the severe impact the aquarium trade has had within Hawai'i in the past. Lastly, the aquarium trade often uses harmful practices— such as the use of cyanide in collecting, and breaking of branching coral when collecting fish. Given the strong long term economic and environmental benefits of our reefs here in Hawai'i, it is imperative we protect them over short term and non-local economic gains.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

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From: [WhiteSage Morningstar](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item F1 support
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:22:23 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my firm support for local and native businesses that contribute to the sustainability and economic well-being of our communities. These businesses, rooted in tradition and local knowledge, play an essential role in preserving our culture, environment, and livelihoods. I believe it is crucial that we prioritize and protect these enterprises, which are often overshadowed by large corporate companies seeking to monopolize our natural and native resources. While I fully support sustainable practices and appropriate regulations that ensure the health of our ecosystems, I do not support the complete ban on local fisheries. These restrictions disproportionately affect local businesses and families who have responsibly harvested these resources for generations. The blanket bans allow corporate entities, often less connected to the land and its needs, to exploit loopholes and continue their operations at the expense of the very communities they claim to help. I advocate for a more balanced approach—one that involves protecting our natural resources while also empowering local fishers and businesses to continue their work under fair and sustainable regulations. By working together, we can ensure the long-term health of our ecosystems without sacrificing the livelihoods of those who depend on them. I urge you to reconsider the current policies and work towards solutions that respect the rights and traditions of local fishers while maintaining the necessary oversight to protect our environment. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sage Morningstar

Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Aquatic Resources
1151 Punchbowl St., Room 330
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Date: August 22, 2024

Re: Testimony in Opposition for Agenda item F1: Request for Approval of the Application Form and Terms and Conditions for the State of Hawai'i Aquarium Fish Permit Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 188-31

Aloha my name is Kaikea Nakachi from Moku 'o Keawe and I strongly **OPPOSE** the request for approval of the application form and terms and conditions for the state of Hawai'i aquarium fish permit.

I want to start out by first thanking the board and expressing my gratitude for the board thinking of people like myself who did not know about and therefore did not provide testimony on August 9th for item F1: SAP for the pelagic collection of marine life for Monterey Bay Aquarium. I am hopeful to see the board support the need for community engagement and for their steadfastness in holding that applicant responsible.

I humbly ask that the board continue in the same capacity to hold DAR responsible. I believe the best way forward for Hawai'i and its resources is for no AQ collection to occur. I kako'o the sentiment shared on August 9th by board member Kaiwi Yoon on being "against personal aquariums" and am against a permit system to catch hundreds of thousands of fish for personal aquariums. We have seen the greed of even a small handful of collectors taking enormous amount of fish, sometime illegally. We cannot award that bad behavior and we cannot allow legal channels for that greed to continue. We must end this trade, and instead task DLNR with enforcing the proposed ban that the board supported in Dec 2023.

Just like the August 9th meeting, any educational institution may apply for an SAP for collection. If the applicant properly interacts with the community and can defend their collection to not impact native practices and resources, then it would allow a small number of fish to be collected for educational purposes. I support that avenue. I do not support a permit to allow wide spread collection that I know DLNR and DOCARE will not be able to police. The only way to police AQ collection is if commercial collection is banned, and officers can more easily enforce any collection occurring or fish being trafficked.

I am particularly disturbed with DAR asking for the shortcut of delegating decision-making power solely to the chair. I hope you are as offended as I am to think such a dangerous and impactful industry would circumvent your authority. I am proud to see how the board has stood with our communities in protecting our treasured i'a in the past, and know that we will not stand for these various harmful actions proposed by DAR.

I was dismayed to see the weakening of the herbivore rule package allowing for commercial carveouts. We cannot allow any more commercial interests to supercede our cultural and

ecological needs in Hawai‘i. If this permit system is allowed we will only succeed in lining the wallets of a handful of collectors and the foreign hobbyists in the industry, while harming ourselves. I write this testimony while watching several hurricanes form in the Pacific and after the hottest July ever on record. In the face of climate change and serious threats to coral reefs and the fish that utilize that habitat, we cannot afford to allow any AQ collection to take place.

I will not continue to add the many citations for papers as I have in previous testimonies. I am tired of writing them and I am sure you all are tired of reading them. I will continue to stand on my previous testimonies and their accompanying studies, hierarchy of priorities principle, precautionary principle policy, definitions of sustainable, lack of kapa‘akai analyses, issues with CIS, unknown outcome of the pending supreme court case, and general concern over Native Hawaiian cultural practices that rely on ‘āina momona.

I will instead remind the board of the disrespect shown to many of the ocean stewards and to the board itself by AQ collectors in past meetings. Of particular concern was one malihini claiming that being born on O‘ahu and living in Hawai‘i for 50 years made her just as Hawaiian as us. How shameful to hear, and how disrespectful. As always, I write this testimony with the utmost respect for the board and the kuleana you all wield to uphold the mission of DLNR. I humbly ask that you continue to uphold that mission and do the right thing for Hawai‘i. Please do not approve the application form and terms and conditions for the state of Hawai‘i aquarium fish permit. Please instruct DAR to continue in their efforts of rulemaking to end commercial AQ collection and focus on enforcing that ban. With that action DAR can instead spend their precious time on uplifting community and our resources through co-management efforts that reciprocally enhance ‘āina momona, our culture, and our resources.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kaikea Nakachi



"Solutions not Complaints"

Agenda Item F-1 Regarding West Hawaii Aquarium Permits

Aloha Chair Dawn Chang,

I am writing this testimony on behalf of the families from Ho'okena, Kauhako, and Kealia South Kona, Hawaii island.

The BLNR is considering to allow the issuance of permits for aquarium fish collectors to harvest i'a from our narrow, fragile, West Hawaii coral reef system despite the opposition from the majority of residents living here and throughout Hawaii Nei. For decades we have watched as the aquarium collectors removed hundreds of thousands of fish from our fragile West Hawaii coral reefs annually. However, the process to establish the Fish Replenishment Areas helped our community to become familiar with the DLNR rule-making process and our hopes of a vibrant and healthy coral reef, where i'a thrive, were renewed.

However, the damage done by removing the multitude of reef grazers added to the degradation of the habitat along with Climate Change, Coastal Development illegal anchoring and run-offs from agriculture and golf courses. Today, as we strive to pass on fishing skills to our young lawai'a, it is apparent that the population of the i'a that we harvest for subsistence has diminished.

The herbivore rules further limit our ability to fish for gatherings and celebrations. We are limited in what we can catch for mea'ai but the AQ collectors will be able to extract more fish than subsistence and other commercial fishermen combined. That is unreasonable and disrespectful to the Hawaiians and other people who depend on the ocean to help feed their families.

Our colleagues are testifying in opposition to the issuing of AQ permits for West Hawaii and we support them, but our concern is that their voices will be overridden by the Pet Lobby. Therefore, it is our proposal, should the permits be issued, that DAR adopt the following rules for West Hawaii.

1. Limit 7 permits for West Hawaii
2. Bag limits per permit- 5000 fish annually.
3. No collecting more than 1000 fish from the open areas between Miloli'i and Kealakekua Bay
4. Observe spawning times: No collecting of fish during their spawning cycles.
5. Should a collector be found in violation of the rules, they would lose their permit to operate in West Hawaii waters
6. Should a collector lose their permit no other permits will be allowed to replace the authorized number in West Hawaii.
7. Confiscated boat and equipment for violations will be auctioned off for a West Hawaii community fund to be established by South Kona nonprofit community organizations.
8. A report of where the fish were caught, how many and what type shall be supplied to the community nonprofits representing the area on a quarterly basis.
9. DAR shall conduct annual surveys for the most heavily impacted areas.
10. If two or more collectors are found violating the rules the remaining permits will be void and no more permits will be authorized for West Hawaii.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Chair Dawn Chang and the Board of Land and Natural Resources for their fair and compassionate efforts to malama ka 'aina I ke kai.

Ke Aloha Nunui,

Damien Kenison – President
Kauhakō 'Ohana Association



Board of Land and Natural Resources
Regarding Agenda Item F. 1

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I AQUARIUM FISH PERMIT PURSUANT TO HAWAI‘I REVISED STATUTES SECTION 188-31; HAWAI‘I ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SECTION 13-60.4-7; REQUEST TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIR TO APPROVE, SIGN, AND ISSUE WEST HAWAI‘I AQUARIUM PERMITS AND STATE OF HAWAI‘I AQUARIUM FISH PERMITS AUTHORIZING LIMITED COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM COLLECTION IN WEST HAWAI‘I REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA TO UP TO SEVEN (7) APPLICANT THAT MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS.

August 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.

DLNR Boardroom

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees oppose the approval of seven applicants seeking permits for aquarium collection in West Hawai‘i. Previously, OHA strongly urged the Department of Land and Natural Resources – Division of Aquatic Resources to initiate rulemaking and hold public hearings on the proposal to end the aquarium pet trade in Hawai‘i.

In response, OHA received a letter from BLNR Chair Chang, which provided background on HRS §188-31 and HAR 13-60.4. The letter indicated that the decision not to proceed with the proposal was influenced by relevant court decisions. It also noted that while the Department retains the authority to issue aquarium fish permits under certain conditions, no permits for commercial purposes have been issued due to ongoing legal actions. OHA further recommends that the BLNR retain its discretionary authority and not delegate decision-making to the Department Chair, emphasizing that each board member brings valuable insights and expertise from their diverse island communities.

Article XII, §7 of the State of Hawai‘i’s Constitution protects Native Hawaiian rights to subsistence, cultural, and religious practices, thus prioritizing these rights over aquarium pet trade activities. OHA highlights that the aquarium trade has historically removed more herbivores than the combined total of subsistence, recreational, and food fishing, a practice that is unsustainable, especially in the face of increasing climate challenges affecting our nearshore reefs and ecosystems. The BLNR has a kuleana (duty) to uphold the State’s Constitution and ensure sustainable stewardship and management of our marine resources.

Therefore, OHA strongly recommends that the West Hawai‘i Regional Fishery Management Area (WHRFMA) and each application be thoroughly vetted through the Ka Pa‘akai Analysis Framework. This is in line with OHA’s mission to improve the conditions and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians and OHA’s Strategic Plan “Mana i Maui Ola” (Strength to Wellbeing), of three foundations: ‘ohana (family), mo‘omeheu (culture), and ‘āina (land and



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water). OHA recognizes these foundations have the power to affect the wellbeing of Native Hawaiians.

OHA values meaningful engagement and consultation and supports the continued protection of our vital resources. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input on this crucial issue.

From: [Richard Pyle](#)
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Cc: "[Bruce Carlson \(exalias2@gmail.com\)](mailto:Bruce_Carlson_(exalias2@gmail.com))"
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on item F-1 of Hearing on 23 August 2024
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 4:49:20 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Board of Land and Natural Resources members:

I intended to give oral testimony on item F-1 (Aquarium fish permitting) today, and I was able to listen in on most of the testimony via YouTube, but my internet connection here in Kāneʻohe was inadequate to connect via Zoom. I hope you can accept this brief written summary of the comments I had intended to make.

As background, I was born and raised in Hawaiʻi, the fourth generation in these islands, and the third generation of naturalists in my family who have studied the natural history of the Hawaiian Islands. I received my PhD from the University of Hawaiʻi, studying ichthyology under the guidance of Dr. John E. Randall, who, by multiple objective metrics, was the greatest ichthyologist in all of history. My specialty is the study of the biodiversity of coral-reef fishes, and I have been actively involved with discussions about the aquarium fish industry in Hawaiʻi and the broader Pacific (including authoring several important articles and book chapters on the topic) for most of my life.

I strongly support this Bill for many different reasons, but my testimony will focus on two of them. The first is that, despite what some have suggested, the science is unambiguous on this issue: as one of the best-studied near-shore fisheries in the world, the many years of data reveal that the aquarium fish industry in West Hawaiʻi is highly sustainable and has minimal direct or indirect impacts on our precious coral reefs. Dr. Bruce Carlson (CC'd) addressed this aspect of our joint testimony during the hearing, and I very strongly endorse his comments and the associated written testimony.

The second reason I support this Bill has to do with the long-term protection of biodiversity -- particularly on coral reefs. Climate change is very real, and the greatest existential threat to humanity from climate change (by far) is the loss of biodiversity. I have given many high-profile local, national and international presentations on this topic, and we founded the Center for the Exploration of Coral Reef Ecosystems (EXCORE) specifically to address this broader issue. It is the single most important cause that I dedicate my career to, and I expect to continue to do so for the rest of my life. I was very heartened to hear the sincere and passionate testimony from many people who oppose the Bill based on their genuine concern for protecting our coral reefs and the biodiversity that inhabits them. I was saddened, however, that many of these people don't seem to appreciate that they are arguing against their own cause on this. Why do I say that? As someone who has literally dedicated his entire adult life to the cause of documenting and protecting biodiversity, I can tell you that the single greatest threat to the future of biodiversity (and the future of humanity), is apathy. The only way we will ever save the world's natural ecosystems is to inspire people to care about biodiversity. Of all the groups of people I have interacted with (scientists, conservation biologists, policy makers, etc.), the most passionate protectors of coral reefs (by far) are the marine aquarists. It broke my heart to hear people say disparaging things about how exporting aquarium fish was a bad thing. The reality is that the exportation of Hawaiian reef fishes to the world does far more good to inspire people to protect the natural world (especially coral reefs), than any harm the collection of aquarium fishes under the proposed Bill would cause to our local reefs.

Again, I apologize that I was unable to share this testimony orally, and I fully understand if it is too late to consider it in written form. But I felt compelled to share this with you in any case.

Aloha,
Rich

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Agenda Item F1"
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I support opening the aquarium fishery and I support managing resources by science provided by DAR.

Steven Raposo

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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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From: [Nazeem Rhiman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F1
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I support opening the aquarium fishery and I support managing resources by science provided by DAR.

Regards
Naz

From: [Lynn Ryan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] item f-1 oppose issuing AQ permits and oppose delegating authority to the dept chair
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 7:11:46 PM

Dear Sir and Madam,

I oppose issuing AQ permits and oppose delegating Authority to the chair,.

I live in West Hawaii, swim for health and volunteer with others to teach ocean health and respect.

Please deny any and all permits to remove fish.

Do not delegate authority to the chair. The Board need to use their collective knowledge and expertise to make informed decisions.

With all the current knowledge of our reefs and the value of reef fish for the health of our reefs, ALL the fish need to stay where they are, in the ocean and their home, the reef.

No removing of fish for the pet industry.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ryan

POB 1237

Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96745

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From: [Brian Schaff](#)
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To whom it may be concerned,

I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR

Tropical Marine Centre is Europe's largest and oldest importer of ornamental marine animals in the Aquarium trade. We have a long association with the Hawaiian ornamental industry and have been a strong supporter of a humane, sustainable, and ethical aquarium trade for over 52 years.

Tropical Marine Centre was a founding supporter, data provider and financial sponsor of UNEP --- WCMC's Global Marine Aquarium Database (GMAD) as well as being a founding member of the Marine Aquarium Council (MAC) and became one of the first certified livestock operations in Europe. Tropical Marine Centre maintains a close relationship with our own Government's Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs and assists with the training of CITES Wildlife Inspectors in Europe in respect of identification and handling of CITES listed corals species.

Through the collecting operations in particular in West Hawaii which supplied Tropical Marine Centre, we strongly support the implementation of this initiative. The additional limits on collectors, species and collecting numbers ensure and promote a sustainable fishery in Hawaii and one that benefits and supports the livelihoods of people of Hawaiian descent. Our industry further supports all efforts by the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry to provide supporting evidence for continuing this sustainable and responsible trade in Hawaii, through Environmental impact studies and cultural assessments. The solution provided is well balanced and addresses any environmental concerns given in the past whilst still allowing the fishery to operate and held accountable. It is important for all stakeholders to note that the Hawaiian marine collecting businesses supplying Tropical Marine Centre already conform to the highest standards of best practice in our industry, this is reflected in the very high quality and condition of collected Hawaiian fish and the low mortality both during transport and post transport to the UK. These mortalities are typically less than 0.3% for the long journey from the Pacific, the onward longevity in our aquariums, with our retailers, public institutes, researchers and with the hobbyist is very high. We have supported many breeding initiatives throughout the world on over 200 different species being not only responsible for many world firsts in our hatchery but also supportive to various projects in various institutes and nurseries including species typically observed in Hawaii. Captive breeding is seen like a replacement to wild collection and a more sustainable approach, but we do firmly believe through empirical evidence over the last 5 decades that these must go hand in hand with short supply chain fisheries.

The species this study targets are unique to Hawaii and should therefore be responsibly managed and any economic benefit as such should be retained by the people of Hawaii. Breeding initiatives

are rarely commercially done at source and usually closer to where the market operates for logistical reasons. We truly believe it is important to respect local heritage and sustainable short supply chain establishment that offers a viable and ecologically responsible method of supplying our industry for decades and centuries to come in hand with development of science and aquaculture efforts. The iconic status in our hobby of many unique species from Hawaii signposts not only the economic importance of Hawaiian species in our trade but also the love, appreciation and dedication to the keeping of these animals by a world-wide hobby that shares an investment with the people of Hawaii in sustaining their success and survival in both the wild and in captivity. In so doing the Ornamental Aquarium Industry keep these iconic animals in the consciousness of a much wider public audience and adds to the scientific knowledge so needed for their future survival, both in the wild and in aquariums, for future generations to enjoy. Tropical Marine Centre already considers the aquarium fishery in West Hawaii to be one of the best managed and regulated of all the 42 collection areas we work with worldwide. It is paramount to reopen what is now a sustainable and low impact trade of highly -valued marine animals from Hawaii. This will provide income back to the livelihoods from skilled people of Hawaii and focus trade away to other countries which do not benefit from the same level of scrutiny, oversight and regulation already applied to the collection of animals for the ornamental aquarium industry in Hawaii. We wholeheartedly support the reopening of the Hawaii Marine Aquarium trade fishery, and believe it is crucial to ensure the long-term sustainable and responsible management of this industry. Thank you for your attention in this matter, and I encourage you to consider the positive impacts that reopening the fishery will have on the Hawaiian community and the preservation of our marine ecosystems.

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Alexander Seile
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From: [Todd Shiraki](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda F1 please Support
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2024 4:35:28 PM

Hello Blnr

Please support the permitting of the aquarium fishery as suggested by DAR. As a life long resident of Kona i fully support any sustainable fishery. Please help our local fishermen get their jobs back!!

Mahalo

Todd Shiraki

Hawaii Tropical Fish Company

From: [Jojo Tanimoto](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Permit to allow aquarium gatherings
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 9:16:22 AM

Aloha

My name is JoJo Tanimoto and I live in the Kawaihae Hawaiian Homelands.

I am in opposition to item because-1) I see nothing identifying the shoreline outward, as a historic fish habitat, since before Kamehameha I.

2) I see nothing identifying the Na Ala Hele Trail from North and South Kohala Districts, at least.

The residents of the homestead are identified by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and this is our food sustainability. This Permit will allow food to be taken away from our children. Please vote NO.
Mahalo

Sent from my iPad

Aloha Chair and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Monica Pilimai Traub. I am a cultural practitioner, marine biologist, SCUBA instructor, environmentalist, researcher, and teacher in West Hawaii, especially hoā'āina of Pohue in Ka'ū for over 35 years.

I strongly OPPOSE issuing commercial aquarium permits in West Hawai'i and I OPPOSE delegating authority to the Department Chair.

Regarding Terms and Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i AQ permits: I request you reject DAR's AQ Terms and Conditions and deny any and all AQ (Aquarium Collection) permits. As a marine biologist and SCUBA instructor I have witnessed the decline of our fisheries in West Hawaii and the degradation of our coral reefs due to bleaching, crown of thorns, and aquarium fish collectors damaging corals when probing and chasing fish into nets. The stress placed on fish collected is so high that mortality is common in this industry. If AQ permits are approved in West Hawaii I am fearful that the impact will severely impact the future sustainability of our fisheries. The benefits of leaving our fish on our reefs far outweigh the monetary gains of a handful of people who take them off the reef for sale to the AQ pet trade outside of Hawaii.

Regarding delegating authority to issue AQ permits to the Department Chair:

Please, do not delegate authority to the Department Chair. Retain the discretionary authority with the Board who will continue to utilize their diverse island communities, specialized knowledge, and expertise to weigh in and make informed decisions together.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,
Monica Pilimai Traub
Pohue, Ka'ū

From: [Hui Wang](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F1 support
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:07:58 PM

Hi,

I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR

Best,
Hui

August 23, 2024

TO: BLNR, Chair Chang and Members,

FROM: Deborah Ward, P.O. Box 918 Kurtistown HI

RE: Testimony on agenda item F1. OPPOSE!

Aloha,

My name is Deborah Ward. I would like to acknowledge the board members for their tenacity, perseverance, and attention to these tremendously momentous issues over the past two days. Thank you!

I have lived on the island of Hawaii for over forty five years, and I have watched the gradual diminishment of the West Hawaii reef fauna. I lived and fished on the island of O'ahu for twenty years earlier, and can personally report that the fish that were abundant fifty years ago have completely crashed, due to poor oversight and management. I testify because this hurts my heart.

I strongly urge you to reject the DAR staff recommendation, and request that you CONDUCT a rule-making process to prohibit the take of reef fish in Hawaii for the benefit of the aquarium trade.

The reef fish, corals and associated algae are a critical public trust resource that you as Board members are charged to protect. The fish and algae are important to the sustenance of our local families, and specifically native Hawaiians whose traditional cultural practices are constantly being eroded by your decisions. Together, the fish/algae/coral complex provide valuable ecosystem protections, including the protection of human infrastructure, like coastal roads and buildings. Your role as trustees of the public trust is to weigh the request of the profit driven aquarium industry with the health and safety of Hawaii's residents. We ask that you protect the needs of our residents over the whims of the offshore hobbyist and their collector enablers. The public trust resources of our state must be protected when private entities wish to mine the commons for private gain.

DAR staff claim that the legislature has failed to pass publicly supported legislation to shut down the aquarium trade. In actual fact ONE legislator, Mr Tarnas, as committee chair, has been refusing to hold hearings on the proposed legislation. This refusal to even entertain public testimony and legislative action does not indicate an unwillingness of the Legislature to act.

We could wait and weigh in on every proposed permit application, and indeed we will, if we have to. But the cultural, ecosystem and ethical issues that aquarium collection raise are so powerfully felt across our islands, and the loss of our beautiful reef fish to 80 years excessive collection is so tragic and needless! We can attest to the repeated rule-breaking, dangerous lawlessness and arrogant treatment of our coastal reefs and fish, well documented over the

years. The aquarium collection practice provides little to no benefit to our economy, while damaging the very resources that attract visitors to our coasts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: [aerie waters](#)
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Our reefs are so compromised already...
They will not survive fewer fish.
Think about it.
Tourism will take a huge dive.
The ocean coral and fish are interdependent.
STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE.
PROTECT OUR REEFS!!

With Aloha,
Aerie Waters

August 22, 2024

Aloha Chair and Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Wilfred Kaupiko of Milolii. I am kupa'aina of West Hawai'i, especially hoa'aina of Milolii, Kona Hema.

I OPPOSE issuing commercial aquarium permits in West Hawai'i and I OPPOSE delegating authority to the Department Chair. I have been fighting this issue all my life and I am testifying today and asking you to ban any aquarium collection PERMANENTLY in Hawai'i.

We live in a time when all herbivore species are in a degraded state of mass decline—a CRISIS. The request by the pet industry is not sustainable and would continue the decline of our reef fish, which serve a vital role.

Our herbivore species perform a critical function on our coral that we, as humans, cannot be a substitute for. We need all reef species in abundance for more than just food. We need them in vast numbers to increase coral resilience and stabilize our ocean ecosystems.

The tipping point for a coral collapse is near. We must remember that a healthy ecosystem plays a crucial role in the production of photosynthesizing algae, such as phytoplankton. These organisms are responsible for producing up to 70% of oxygen in the air. That is every other breath we take, no matter where we live.

The increased opposition from outside Hawai'i should NOT DISTRACT BLNR from making a regenerative decision. We cannot continue to degrade our natural resources further and continue to break our Hawai'i State Constitution for Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Rights.

We lack a healthy symbiotic relationship on our coral reef; therefore, drastic measures to protect them are necessary.

Regarding Terms & Conditions to Issue West Hawai'i AQ permits, I request you reject DAR's AQ Terms and Conditions and deny any and all permits. Our Ohana have seen the destruction of this industry throughout our lifetime and witness reefs and corals being destroyed and many reef fish have died during the process of collection. Many of these collectors do not follow the protocol of the FRA'a and have gone rouge and have been able to get away without any prosecution or fines. I am currently seeking support with Earth Justice and hope we see favorable results.

Regarding Delegating Authority to Issue AQ Permits to the Department Chair, do not delegate authority to the Department Chair. Retain the discretionary authority with the Board who will continue to utilize their diverse island communities, specialize knowledge, and expertise to weigh in and make informed decisions together.

Mahalo for this opportunity,



Wilfred Kaupiko - Milolii – Ahupu'a, Moku o Keawe

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I support opening the aquarium fishery and managing resources by science provided by DAR.