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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC  
RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
TO CONVENE A MARINE GAME FISHING TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii requires licenses for freshwater game  
2 fishing and commercial marine fishing, but the State does not  
3 require a license for marine game fishing; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the few coastal states that does  
6 not require a license for marine game fishing; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the nearshore recreational catch is likely equal  
9 to or greater than the nearshore commercial fisheries catch, and  
10 these recreational fishers take more species using a wider range  
11 of fishing gear; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in addition to commercial and recreational  
14 fisheries, most of the marine ornamental fish and invertebrates  
15 originating from United States waters are collected in Hawaii,  
16 which is known for its high quality animals and rare endemic  
17 species of high economic value; and  
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19           WHEREAS, it has been reported that Hawaii ranks forty-  
20 eighth among the fifty states in terms of public money spent on  
21 aquatic resource management, even though Hawaii has the largest  
22 exclusive economic zone in the United States; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the United States requires anglers who fish for  
25 recreational purposes in federal waters to be registered with  
26 the National Saltwater Angler Registry; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Administrator  
31 of the Division of Aquatic Resources, Department of Land and



1 Natural Resources, is requested to convene a marine game fishing  
2 task force to develop a proposed regulatory scheme for requiring  
3 licensure for marine game fishing; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator of the  
6 Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and  
7 Natural Resources is requested to serve as the Chairperson of  
8 the task force and to invite interested parties to be members of  
9 the task force, including:

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- 11 (1) One member representing the Department of Land and  
12 Natural Resources Division of Conservation and  
13 Resources Enforcement;  
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  - 15 (2) One member representing the nearshore fishing  
16 community;  
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  - 18 (3) One member representing the Pacific Fisheries  
19 Coalition; and  
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  - 21 (4) Any other members that the Chairperson of the task  
22 force deems necessary; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
25 consider:

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- 27 (1) Establishing a regulatory framework similar to that  
28 used by the State to regulate hunting;  
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  - 30 (2) Requiring annual renewal of marine game fishing  
31 licenses;  
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  - 33 (3) The licensing fee amounts, including establishing  
34 differentiated fees for residents and nonresidents;  
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  - 36 (4) The disposition of the licensing fees collected;  
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  - 38 (5) The feasibility of establishing joint licensure for  
39 hunting and marine game fishing; and  
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  - 41 (6) Potential issues or concerns that marine game fishing  
42 licensure might present, such as specifying which  
43 activities constitute marine game fishing and



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addressing concerns regarding native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to conduct public meetings and receive public input in West Hawaii, East Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu, and Kauai; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources is requested to submit a report of the task force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources.

OFFERED BY:

Cindy Evans  
[Signature]

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