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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 19, 2013
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 99
RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 THROUGH 13, 2013,
AS "HAWAII FISHING AND SEAFOOD WEEK"**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 99 recognizes the week of October 6 – 13, 2013 as Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this resolution and acknowledges the importance of public awareness of the fishing and seafood industries in Hawaii.**

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As President of the Waialua Boat Club I want to give our strong support for SCR99. The Waialua Boat Club has been an exhibitor and volunteer for the Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival since it's inception. Our members have taken part in the extensive set up, traffic control, Country Store Booth, water booth, reception booth, VIP tour, special boat display, and break down. We do all of this because we believe that fishing and eating fish is part of our culture and a tradition that makes Hawaii remarkable. The Hawaiian names- mahimahi, ahi, ono, and opakapaka, not only starts our taste buds salivating, but are also used from Los Angeles to New York in the finest restaurants and sushi bars. Our "Pacific Rim" fusion cuisine is known worldwide and is a "must taste" for all that visit our Islands.

By expanding this event into a week long celebration we will further underline the importance of fish and seafood, and how it is brought from the sea to our dinner tables. Last year, we began the celebration with the "Fishing for Hawaii's Hungry" Tournament, which is the brainchild of Roy Morioka, and turned out to be an outstandingly successful event, raising over 700 pounds of fish that was donated to the Institute for Human Services. Another inaugural event was the Keiki Art Contest, with the winners having their art showcased at Windward Mall and at the Festival itself. Another affair was a sold out, first class experience, called Sea-To-Me, where one could taste culinary preparations from professional and student chefs, while drinking fine wines. The week culminated with the Festival which attracted over 100 vendors and 20,000 people. All of this exemplifies why the State of Hawaii needs to designate this week as Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week.

Pacific Islands Fisheries Group is the main sponsor and organizer for this week of celebration and deserves our congratulations and appreciation.

Edwin Watamura
President, Waialua Boat Club

Tony Costa
Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen
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Testimony in SUPPORT

Dear Chair Hanohano, Vice chair Cullen, & committee members, thank you so much for considering this important affirmation regarding our fishing and seafood tradition in Hawaii.

Echoing & agreeing to all the “whereas” clauses cited in SCR99 & SSCR1501, Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen strongly and passionately support this measure that affirms one of our islands finest examples of sustainable, local, and healthy food production and subsistence – as well as the unique connection that islanders have to the natural environment – in this case our marine resource ocean waters – by recognizing the week of October 6 through 13, 2013 as “Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week”.

Thank you again.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Costa
Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen

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SUBJECT: SCR 99 - TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 THROUGH 13, 2013, AS "HAWAII FISHING AND SEAFOOD WEEK"

Honorable Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SCR 99 that compliments your resolutions HCR132/HR102 recognizing the week of October 6 through 13, 2013, as "Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week." As islanders with a deep affection and affinity to our surrounding ocean, it is of great importance that we celebrate our heritage, cultures and traditions by recognizing the importance of fishing in Hawaii and ultimately its importance to our State's food security initiatives..

Your recognition of these important elements of fishing and our unique seafood and preparations serves to heighten community awareness and understanding of the critical role played by Hawaii's fishing and seafood sectors locally, and globally. Therefore, the designation of October 6-13, 2013 as Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week is extremely important and very special! Mahalo a nui loa!

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy N. Morioka
Fisherman - 96821

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Nico Chaize	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Chang	Individual	Support	No

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William Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Aloha, Bill Chang

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Kelvin Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Brian F. Funai	Individual	Support	No

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Rodney Izuo	Individual	Support	No

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Carl Jellings	Individual	Support	No

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Stephen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SCR 99, as a fisherman with a family who fishes and eats fish I strongly urge the Senate to pass this worthwhile measure.

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S. L. McNutt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great idea, especially since the Federal agencies seem to be hell-bent on shutting down access to fishing in Hawaii, especially for subsistence and traditional fishing. The value of fishing and fisheries goes way, way beyond the dollars from commercial or sport fishing. We sell a way of life here, and fishing and fisheries are an important part of the picture. An important economic aspect is usually overlooked. Honoring fishing and fisheries will help to bring recognition to this important way of life here.

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Tom Ogawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This recognition is of great importance to the people of Hawaii in that fishing and seafood are undeniably invaluable facets of our communities. Fishing activities are a common bond among the diverse ethnicities residing in our state and are thus critical to the food security of our people. Recognizing the importance of seafood will help to promote the education of sustainable practices and management of these resources for future generations.

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Dean Sensui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this resolution declaring Oct. 6 - 13, 2013 as "Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week." Mahalo! Dean Sensui, Executive Producer. Hawaii Goes Fishing.

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Debbie Takayama	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to say that I am in total support of this measure. It is important to our state that we recognise and celebrate our fishing and seafood heritage.

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Clay Tam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To the hearing committee, I fully support this reso SCR99,as this perptuates Hawaii's values in tradition and culutre. Mahalo, Clay Tam Voter, Taxpayer,Fishermen

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