
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DESIGNATE ALL STATE WATERS AND SUBMERGED LANDS WITHIN AN IRREGULAR LINE OF FIVE MILES OFFSHORE THAT IS PARALLEL TO THE CONTOURS OF MOLOKAI'S SHORELINE AS THE MOLOKAI COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA.

1 WHEREAS, in ancient times, the people of Molokai were known
2 for their ability to produce abundant quantities of food; and
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4 WHEREAS, the island of Molokai, with its resource rich
5 surrounding waters, was frequently referred to as "Aina Momona",
6 meaning "abundant land"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the people of Molokai maintained a sustainable and
9 self-sufficient food supply for over one thousand years through
10 careful stewardship; and
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12 WHEREAS, subsistence remains an important component of the
13 lives of the people of Molokai as it supplements their
14 traditionally low income; and
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16 WHEREAS, subsistence, especially fishing, can constitute
17 twenty-five per cent of the income of an average Molokai family;
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20 WHEREAS, thirty-five per cent of Molokai residents rely on
21 some form of subsistence for their food supply; and
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23 WHEREAS, the residents and community organizations of
24 Molokai want to assist in developing a management plan that
25 incorporates traditional knowledge, active monitoring, and
26 enforcement activities for the offshore fishery areas of
27 Molokai; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2009, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
32 requested to designate all state waters and submerged lands



1 within an irregular line of five miles offshore that is parallel
2 to the contours of Molokai's shoreline as the Molokai community-
3 based subsistence fishing area; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department, in consultation
6 with the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee or the Aha Moku Council,
7 is requested to regulate the following within the Molokai
8 community-based subsistence fishing area:
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- 10 (1) Any activities with a commercial purpose;
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- 12 (2) The issuance of any commercial marine license;
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- 14 (3) The issuance of any aquarium fish permits;
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- 16 (4) Fishing with self-contained underwater breathing
17 apparatus and spears; and
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- 19 (5) Any other use or activity that the interested groups
20 deem appropriate; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
23 Natural Resources is requested to consult with groups of Molokai
24 residents and other interested parties to establish rules
25 including, but not limited to:
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- 27 (1) Identify fishing practices that are customarily and
28 traditionally exercised for purposes of native
29 Hawaiian subsistence, culture, and religion in the
30 fishing area;
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- 32 (2) Develop a management plan that recognizes existing
33 marine activities permitted by the Department of Land
34 and Natural Resources and contains a description of
35 specific activities to be conducted in the fishing
36 area, including evaluation and monitoring processes
37 and methods of funding and enforcement; and
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- 39 (3) Recommend limits on the harvest of aquatic life in the
40 fishing area; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Land and Natural Resources and the Chairperson of the Aha Kiole
2 Advisory Committee.

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