
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WAIKIKI-DIAMOND HEAD SHORELINE FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT AREA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Spearfishing is an ancient method of fishing
2 that has been used throughout the world for millennia. Early
3 civilizations were familiar with the custom of spearing fish
4 from rivers and streams using sharpened sticks. Today modern
5 spearfishing makes use of elastic-powered spearguns and slings
6 or pneumatic spearguns to strike the hunted fish. Specialized
7 techniques and equipment have been developed for various types
8 of aquatic environments and target fish.

9 The legislature finds that the Waikiki-Diamond Head
10 shoreline is a popular area for fishing. However, as the
11 population in urban Honolulu has grown, the increased
12 spearfishing has had a negative impact on the fish population.
13 The legislature is concerned that unless spearfishing is curbed,
14 the area will not be sustainable for other forms of fishing.

15 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit spearfishing at all
16 hours of the day within the Waikiki-Diamond Head shoreline
17 fisheries management area.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§188- Waikiki-Diamond Head shoreline fisheries
5 management area; spearfishing prohibited. (a) Spearfishing is
6 prohibited at all hours of the day within the Waikiki-Diamond
7 Head shoreline fisheries management area, as defined by the
8 administrative rules of the department of land and natural
9 resources.

10 (b) Pole fishing, hook and line fishing, hand net, and
11 thrownet fishing shall be permitted in accordance with
12 administrative rules of the department of land and natural
13 resources.

14 (c) As used in this section:

15 "Hawaiian sling" means a fishing device that uses potential
16 energy stored in an elastic or rubber band to launch a spear.

17 "Spearfishing" means fishing by the use of a speargun,
18 polespear or handspear, Hawaiian sling, elastic-powered speargun
19 and sling, pneumatic speargun, or mechanically powered
20 speargun."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Fisheries; Spearfishing Prohibition; Waikiki-Diamond Head
Shoreline

Description:

Prohibits spearfishing at all hours of the day within the
Waikiki-Diamond Head shoreline fisheries management area.
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