A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BAG LIMITS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of land and natural resources has adopted various administrative rules regulating the taking, killing, or possession of spiny lobster (ula), Kona crab (ranina ranina), and Samoan crab (Scylla serrata). The legislature further finds that section 188-58.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, also regulates the taking or killing of the female sex of spiny lobster (ula), Kona crab (ranina ranina), and Samoan crab (Scylla serrata). The legislature recognizes that having these somewhat conflicting, dual regulations often creates confusion.

The purpose of this Act is to remove any conflicts that may exist between Hawaii Administrative Rules and the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the taking or killing of certain crustaceans by repealing the statutory prohibition of taking or killing of the female sex of spiny lobsters, Kona crabs, and Samoan crabs.

SECTION 2. Section 188-58.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.
ITEMS 3188-58.5—Female ula (spiny lobsters), Kona crabs, and Samoan crabs; taking or killing prohibited. (a) Unless otherwise exempted by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill any female ula (spiny lobster or Panulirus), Kona crab (Ranina ranina), or Samoan crab (Seyllia serrata).

(b) This section shall not prohibit the taking or killing of female marine invertebrates identified in subsection (a) if they are the product of commercial aquaculture and not removed from their natural environment.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:
Fishing Regulations; Spiny Lobster; Kona Crabs; Samoan Crabs; Taking; Bag Limits

Description:
Repeals the statutory prohibition of taking or killing female spiny lobsters, Kona crabs, and Samoan crabs.

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