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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
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INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING AFTER PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (HAR) TITLE 13,  
CHAPTERS 54, "PUAKO BAY AND PUAKO REEF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT  
AREA", AND 57, "KEAUHOU BAY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA"; REPEAL  
OF HAR TITLE 13, CHAPTER 60.3, "WEST HAWAII REGIONAL FISHERIES  
MANAGEMENT AREA, HAWAII"; ADOPTION OF A NEW CHAPTER 60.4,  
"WEST HAWAI'I REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA, HAWAI'I"; AND  
AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 13, CHAPTER 75, "RULES REGULATING THE  
POSSESSION AND USE OF CERTAIN FISHING GEAR"

Submitted for your information and review are documents relating to the public testimony on the Department of Land and Natural Resources' ("DLNR") proposal to:

- 1) Amend Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") Title 13, chapters 54, "Puako Bay and Puako Reef Fisheries Management Area" and 57, "Keauhou Bay Fisheries Management Area";
- 2) Repeal HAR Title 13, chapter 60.3, "West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management Area, Hawaii";
- 3) Adopt a new chapter 60.4, "West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area, Hawai'i"; and
- 4) Amend HAR Title 13, chapter 75, "Rules Regulating the Possession and Use of Certain Gear".

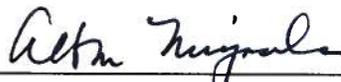
The proposed changes will allow DLNR to more effectively regulate and protect the marine resources within the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area ("WHRFMA").

The Division of Aquatic Resources ("DAR") accepted public testimony on the proposal from October 17, 2012 to December 19, 2012 and held a public hearing in West Hawaii on December 5, 2012. DAR received 1,206 testimonies (written and oral) and 2,390 general comments on this proposal. The overwhelming majority were in support of the

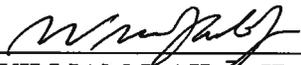
proposed rule changes. A summary of the testimony and comments is attached as **Exhibit 1**. The proposed rules are attached as **Exhibit 2**. In addition, the following supporting documents are attached:

- A) Testimony in support;
- B) Testimony in opposition;
- C) Comments;
- D) WHFC background statement; and
- E) Aquarium "white list" background paper.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

  
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