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**WAIKIKI-DIAMOND HEAD SHORELINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA  
TO OPEN TO ONE-YEAR FISHING ON JANUARY 1, 2010**

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces the opening of the Waikiki-Diamond Head Shoreline Fisheries Management Area O'ahu, to fishing for one year beginning January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

The fishery management area encompasses the nearshore waters between the 'Ewa wall of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium and the Diamond Head Lighthouse, and from the high-water mark on shore to a minimum seaward distance of 500 yards, or to the edge of the fringing reef if one occurs beyond 500 yards.

“The shoreline and nearshore waters between the Natatorium and the Diamond Head Lighthouse are very popular for fishing and recreation among residents and visitors,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “The fishing public is reminded that non-fishers frequent and use the area, too. We urge them to use caution while fishing, to keep swimmers, surfers and others safe also.

“Similarly, we remind the non-fishing public to be mindful that fishers may be present. This nearshore area has been managed for public fishing since 1978, and fishermen have a right to enjoy their activity as well,” Thielen said.

Permitted fishing methods include pole-and-line, thrownet, spear (daylight hours only), and hand harvest. Anyone who violates the provisions of this rule shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished as provided by law.

Fishing is **not** allowed in the Waikiki Marine Life Conservation District, between the 'Ewa edge of the Natatorium and the 'Ewa edge of the Kapahulu groin (seawall).

Copies of the administrative rule, Chapter 13-48 are available at the Division of Aquatic Resources office, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 330, in the Hawai'i Fishing Regulations booklet (available at most sporting goods stores), or on the DAR website: [www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar](http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar).

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