



**DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**News Release**

**LINDA LINGLE**  
GOVERNOR

---

LAURA H. THIELEN  
CHAIRPERSON  
Phone: (808) 587-0320  
Fax: (808) 587-0390

---

For Immediate Release: June 29, 2010

**DLNR SETS PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS  
POSSIBLE REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN MARINE FISH**

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) invites the public to participate in continuing public meetings in July to discuss possible regulations for certain marine fish species.

The next set of meetings will be held only on O‘ahu to continue dialogue with O‘ahu fishers. Neighbor island meetings have been completed.

All meetings will start at 6 p.m. The schedule is as follows;  
Kane‘ohe – July 9, 2010; Ben Parker Elementary School cafeteria; 45-259 Waikalua Road;  
Mililani – July 13, 2010; Mililani High School cafeteria; 95-1200 Meheula Parkway;  
Honolulu – July 15, 2010; Stevenson Middle School cafeteria; 1202 Prospect Street;

Discussions have focused on three main marine fish groups - goatfishes, parrotfishes, and jacks; potential changes to minimum size regulations, seasons, and bag limits for currently regulated and non-regulated species.

“Last year we held two previous rounds of meetings to present information on these fishes,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “We’ve taken all of these comments and concerns, and developed a set of draft rules that would support the conservation of our marine fishery resources, while balancing the needs of recreational, subsistence and commercial fishers,” she continued.”

Meetings will focus on using various measures to regulate harvesting of marine life that may be at risk of being overharvested, and which could improve the conditions of fisheries for species of concern. DLNR biologists would also like to discuss different methods to manage fisheries, including the use of daily bag limits and seasons.

The Division has posted on its website several reports on the outcomes of previous public meetings. Interested parties may find these useful for the upcoming meetings.

The website address is: <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar/announcements.html#pubmeetings>

For more information contact the Division of Aquatic Resources Honolulu office at: (808) 587-0100.

###

For more information news media may contact:  
Deborah Ward  
DLNR Public information specialist