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DLNR SETS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE MAUI/LANA‘I REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN MARINE FISH

KAHULUI, MAUI – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, August 25 on Maui to discuss possible regulations for certain marine fish species, including parrotfish, goatfish, and jacks. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at Maui Waena Intermediate School cafeteria, 795 Onehe‘e Avenue, in Kahului.

Aquatic resources staff will present the department’s regulated species rule proposals for the islands of Maui and Lana‘i. Along with the proposed rules, the meeting will discuss the scientific justifications for the proposals, and will explain the rule making process with suggestions for how the public can get involved. Anyone interested in these nearshore marine resources is encouraged to attend.

“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 said.

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> (A summary of the proposed rule changes is attached.)

For more information contact the Division of Aquatic Resources Maui office at (808) 243-5294.

Lana'i residents are encouraged to call the office for more information and/or to provide feedback.

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