

FISHERMEN FISH DEALERS FISH MARKETS RESTAURANTS *and* FISH CONSUMERS

BETWEEN **MAY 15TH** AND **OCTOBER 1ST, 2007**, IT WILL BE AGAINST FEDERAL AND/OR STATE LAW TO FISH FOR, POSSESS OR SELL THE FOLLOWING SEVEN DEEP-BOTTOMFISH SPECIES (THE DEEP 7) FROM THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS: **ONAGA, OPAKAPAKA, EHU, HAPUUPUU, LEHI, GINDAI AND KALEKALE**. IF ANY OF THESE FISH ARE CAUGHT INCIDENTALLY, THEY CANNOT BE KEPT AND MUST IMMEDIATELY BE RETURNED TO THE OCEAN. THESE RULES WILL BE COOPERATIVELY ENFORCED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

THE INTENDED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SEASONAL CLOSURE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MAY 1ST – OCTOBER 1ST, 2007 TIME PERIOD TO MAY 15TH – OCTOBER 1ST, 2007.

THIS SEASONAL CLOSURE REFLECTS COORDINATED STATE-FEDERAL REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTED TO ELIMINATE OVERFISHING OF THESE DEEP-WATER BOTTOMFISH IN THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BOTTOMFISH FISHERY IS MANAGED UNDER A FEDERAL LIMITED-ENTRY PROGRAM AND CATCH QUOTAS; THEREFORE, IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THESE RULES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE REGULATIONS OR ON METHODS TO RELEASE INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT BOTTOMFISH, CALL NOAA FISHERIES (808 944-2200), STATE OF HAWAII DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES (808 587-0100) OR THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (808 522-8220).

The "Deep 7" Bottomfish Species



EHU, OR ULA'ULA
(*Etelis carbunculus*)



KALEKALE
(*Pristipomoides sieboldii*)



GINDAI
(*Pristipomoides zonatus*)



LEHI
(*Aphareus rutilans*)



OPAKAPAKA, PINK SNAPPER
(*Pristipomoides filamentosus*)



HAPU'UPU'U
(*Epinephelus guernus*)



ONAGA, OR ULA'ULA KOA'E
(*Etelis coruscans*)

