

NO BOTTOMFISH FISHING

May 1 - September 30, 2007

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the State of Hawaii will be closing the waters of the Main Hawaiian Islands to fishing for onaga, ehū, gindai, opakapaka, kalekale, lehi and hapuupuu (Deep-7 bottomfish species) from May 1 to September 30 of this year as a result of overfishing of bottomfish in the Main Hawaiian Islands. Additional regulations are also being developed to protect Hawaii's bottomfish resources and fishermen. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council along with the NMFS and State of Hawaii will be holding public meetings to discuss these new regulations (see place and times below).

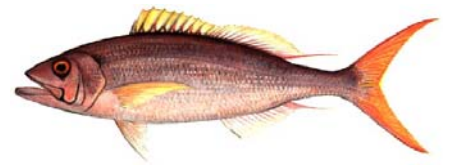
The "Deep 7" Bottomfish Species



Opakapaka, pink snapper (*Pristipomoides filamentosus*)



onaga, or ula`ula koa`e (*Etelis coruscans*)



Lehi (*Aphareus rutilans*)



Hapu`upu`u (*Epinephelus quernus*)



Ehu, or ula`ula (*Etelis carbunculus*)



Kalekale (*Pristipomoides auricilla*)



Gindai (*Pristipomoides zonatus*)

Bottomfish Public Meetings

Monday, April 16, 2007	5 to 9 p.m.	Lanai High School Cafeteria, Lanai
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	6 to 9 p.m.	Ala Moana Hotel-Carnation Room, Honolulu, Oahu
Wednesday, April 18, 2007	6 to 9 p.m.	Waiakea High School Cafeteria, Hilo, Hawaii
Thursday, April 19, 2007	6 to 9 p.m.	King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel, Kona, Hawaii (tentative)
Friday, April 20, 2007	6 to 9 p.m.	Maui Community College, Kahului, Maui
Saturday, April 21, 2007	6 to 9 p.m.	Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School, Lihue, Kauai (tentative)
Tuesday, April 24, 2007	4 to 7 p.m.	Kaunakakai, Molokai (tentative)
To be determined		Oahu



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