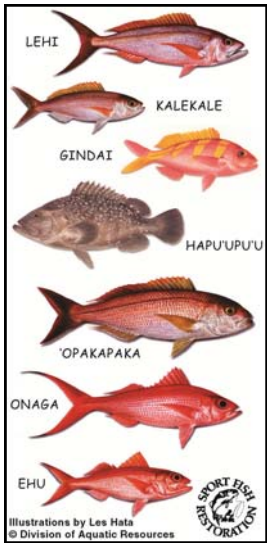




NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Main Hawaiian Islands

Bottomfish and Ahi Rule Changes



The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, State Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) and Federal NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold public meetings to discuss potential changes to MHI Deep-7 bottomfish fishery rules and regulations and changes to minimum size limits for the sale of Ahi.

Potential changes for bottomfish rules and regulation considerations will include:

- Changes to the bottomfish non-commercial bag limits
- Establishing a market grace period to allow the sale of bottomfish after the fishery closure
- Changes to the State bottomfish restricted fishing area closures and reporting grids

Potential changes to the rules for ahi include:

- Changes to the minimum size for ahi for sale
- Establishing a bag limit for undersized ahi taken for non-commercial purposes

Featured at these meetings will also be interactive booths with information on:

- State of Hawaii Bottomfish Reporting Requirements
- Standardizing and improving catch and effort reporting
- Volunteer non-commercial reporting
- Federal non-commercial bottomfish permit and reporting requirements
- Ahi science and minimum size considerations
- Community fish aggregation device voluntary reporting

FREE ADMISSION ~ FREE VALIDATED PARKING ~ PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

<u>City, Island</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lihue, Kauai	Dec. 2, Tuesday, 6-9 pm	Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School Cafeteria, 4431 Nuhou St.
Kaunakakai, Molokai	Dec. 3, Wednesday, 6-9 pm	Kaunakakai Elementary School Cafeteria, 30 Ailoa St.
Aiea, Oahu	Dec. 4, Thursday, 6-9 pm	Waimalu Elementary School Cafeteria, 98-825 Moanalua Rd
Paia, Maui	Dec 9, Tuesday, 6-9 pm	Paia Community Center, Social Hall, Hana Highway
Honolulu, Oahu	Dec. 10, Wednesday, 6-9 pm	Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 S. King St.
Hilo, Hawaii	Dec. 12, Friday, 6-9 pm	Hilo High School Cafeteria, 556 Waianuenu Ave.
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	Dec. 13, Saturday, 10 am-1 pm	King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Rd.



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