

Hawaii Fishery Regulation Review Initiative

The Council, Conservation International and interested community representatives have begun a process to initiate a paradigm shift to improve fishery management rules and regulations through a process that is grounded by sound science, uses place-based resource data, are monitored and reviewed, and able to be effectively enforced.

This initiative is to identify concerns and weaknesses in the current processes and to develop and recommend best practices to ensure the implementation of practical, effective and enforceable fishery management rules and regulations to sustainably manage our precious marine resources. This can only occur when existing rules and regulations are evaluated against a standard to ensure consistency and enforceability. A collective analysis of these rules and regulations will help identify and define the strengths, weaknesses and deficiencies if any, in the current fishery rules and regulations.

This initiative will bring together all communities including the governmental agencies to analyze, review, discuss and provide the most transparent process to formulate recommendations to the responsible government entities. Call your island coordinators for the dates and times of your island meetings.

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