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# Executive Summary

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The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seek to prioritize management efforts for fisheries active in federal waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) National Standards (NS) 1, 3, and 7 provide a framework for managing commercial fisheries. Collectively, these standards are intended to prevent overfishing while achieving optimal yield, minimize cost and avoid duplication, and require that stocks be managed as a unit. This document reports the results from a review of 115 MUS from the Hawaii Fisheries Ecosystem Plan (FEP). Following these three MSA standards, we applied multiple measures to identify fisheries that may benefit from increased management attention, ecosystem components to monitor but which do not require management action, and stocks that can be removed from the Hawaii FEP.

The proportion of landings reported over an 11-year time series (2004-2014) from federal (vs. state) waters, NMFS guidelines for following NS 1, economic data on fishery landings, and the results of a survey returned by 5 fisheries scientists were incorporated into a multivariate analysis ('Rapfish') that evaluated the ecology, fishery characteristics, local sociological importance, and institutional management of each MUS. The results are presented graphically and in tabular form; landings data, summed scores, and expert judgment were used to sort the MUS into four groups: 1) the majority, eighty-nine MUS, fisheries with <20% of their landings from federal waters that should be removed from the Hawaii FEP, 2) six MUS with a greater proportion ( $\geq 20\%$ ) of landings from federal waters but whose characteristics support removal from the FEP (i.e., vulnerability, importance, etc. suggest the lowest management priority), 3) fourteen MUS that do not appear to require management or conservation but should be retained in the FEP for monitoring or ecosystem-based management considerations, and 4) six fisheries recommended for management and conservation.



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# Section 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 Background

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC or Council) manage fishing in Federal waters (generally 3-200 nautical miles or nm from shore) around the Hawaii Islands through regulations implementing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago (Hawaii FEP) as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act or MSA). Pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the WPFMC is responsible for developing fishery management plans for fisheries under its jurisdiction that are in need of conservation and management. To identify candidate fisheries with significant landings from federal waters that may require conservation and management, we applied NMFS advisory guidelines for implementing National Standards (NS) 1, 3, and 7 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Specifically, National Standard 1 requires that conservation and management measures achieve optimum yield (OY) while preventing overfishing. National Standard 3 requires that stocks be managed as a unit to the extent practicable. And National Standard 7 requires that conservation and management measures minimize cost and avoid unnecessary duplication, where practicable. See Section 2.1, below, for more information.

Hawaiian fisheries are an integral part of the modern cultural, social and economic fabric of the Hawaiian Islands (Gulko et al. 2002, Hamnett et al. 2004, Tissot 2005), but present a substantial challenge to management agencies because of the diversity of fishing activities and target species, and the difficulty of obtaining quantitative information on these activities. Hawaiian fisheries are conducted from the high tide line out into open water, spanning multiple habitats that include both State (shoreline to 3 nautical miles) and federal (3 to 200 nautical miles) jurisdictions. Some of these fisheries are small, accounting for only a few hundred pounds landed yearly, but others land multiple tons. Their economic value too ranges widely. Some fisheries are the provenance of subsistence or recreational fishermen only; others are largely the focus of commercial operations.

In Hawaii, commercial fisheries primarily target coastal pelagic species such as bigeye scad or akule and mackerel scad or opelu (Zeller et al. 2014, Nadon 2017), but also land numerous other reef-associated species belonging to families including, but not limited to goatfishes, surgeonfishes, snappers, parrotfishes, and jacks (Nadon 2017). Recreational and subsistence fisheries are thought to substantially exceed commercial landings (Friedlander & Parrish 1997, see also Zeller et al. 2008).

## 1.2 Project Objective

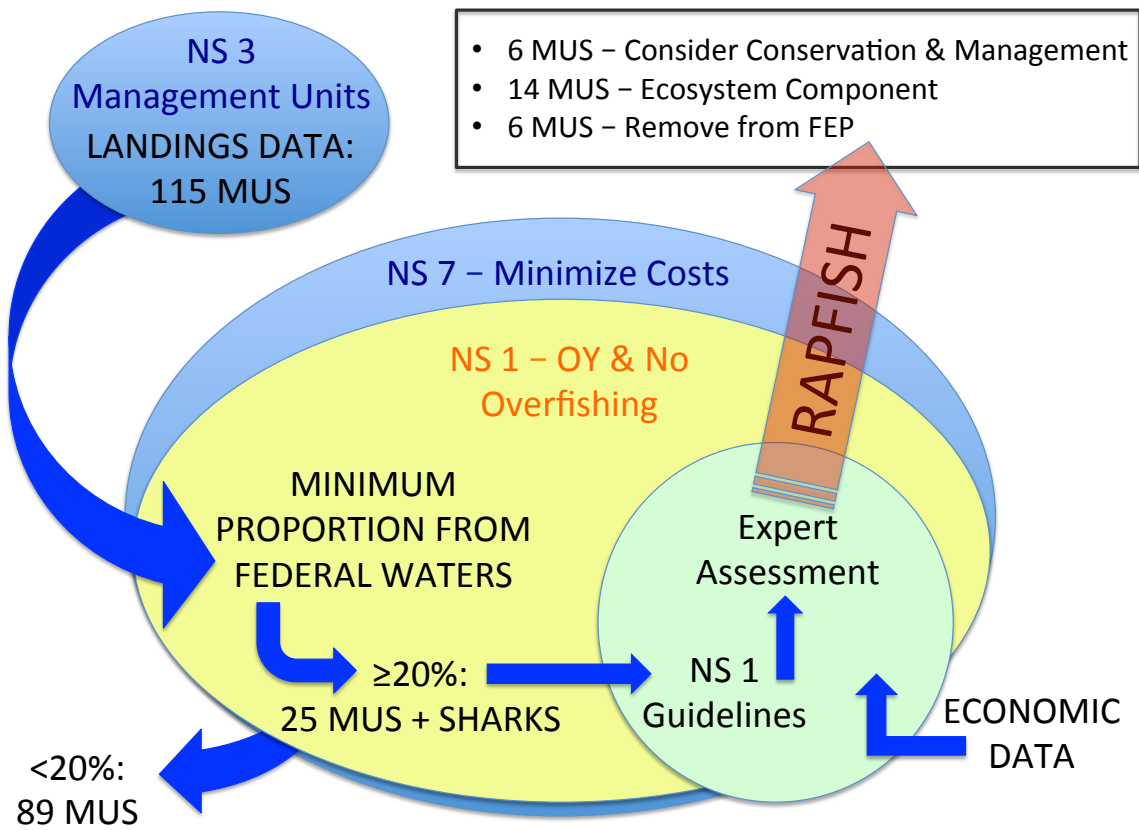
The goal of this project is to prioritize NMFS-identified management unit species (MUS) from the Hawaii FEP for the most appropriate level of conservation and management. Based on the application of National Standards 1, 3, and 7 and the consolidated criteria proposed on January 20, 2015 (80 FR 2786), and finalized on October 18, 2016 (81 FR 71858), each MUS is to be placed in one of the following categories:

1. MUS that require conservation and management
2. MUS that are not now, but should be considered for conservation and management and the justification
3. MUS that do not require conservation and management, but should remain in the FEP as ecosystem component species, for data collection purposes or ecosystem-based management considerations and any management measures would be limited
4. MUS that do not require conservation and management, and should be removed from the FEP and the justification

## 1.3 Approach

Our evaluation of these Hawaiian fisheries was based on application of the three National Standards (NS 1, 3, and 7) referenced above and described in detail below. These standards allow for a range of options for applying them to fisheries, and we sought a combination of approaches that were both consistent with the requirements of MSA and with the unique characteristics of the fisheries. We relied on a combination of quantitative data (landings, economic value), published literature, expert opinion (survey), and professional judgment (Figure 1).

**Figure 1. The process for developing management recommendations for selected management unit species (MUS).**





## Section 2. Methods

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NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), via the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC), provided non-confidential Hawaii FEP MUS landings data from the years 2004 through 2014 (inclusive) for 115 management unit species (MUS). Details of the areas, species groups, gear types, and number of fishermen landing these MUS are provided in Appendix 1. (Fisherman count information was provided to show that each datum represented the summed values from at least three fishermen.) Economic value data were obtained for the same time period for 90 of these MUS. In addition, we requested expert assessments for 26 of these MUS from five scientists familiar with Hawaii FEP fisheries.

### 2.1 Magnuson Stevens Act: National Standards 1, 3, and 7

To apply NS 1, we followed the guidelines published by NMFS (Table 1). As explained below (Section 2.5), these were applied using a multivariate, non-parametric analytical tool (Rapfish; Pitcher 1999).

**Table 1. NMFS guidelines for following NS 1.**

| NS 1 Guidelines   |
|---|
| 1. The stock is an important component of the marine environment.   |
| 2. The stock is caught by the fishery.  |
| 3. Whether an FMP can improve or maintain the condition of the stocks.  |
| 4. The stock is a target of a fishery.  |
| 5. The stock is important to commercial, recreational, or subsistence users   |
| 6. The fishery is important to the Nation and to the regional economy.  |
| 7. The need to resolve competing interests and conflicts among user groups and whether an FMP can further that resolution.  |
| 8. The economic condition of a fishery and whether an FMP can produce more efficient utilization.   |
| 9. The needs of a developing fishery, and whether an FMP can foster orderly growth.   |
| 10. The extent to which the fishery could be or is already adequately managed by states, by state/Federal programs, by Federal regulations pursuant to other FMPs or international commissions, or by industry self-regulation, consistent with the policies and standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. |

Based on the structure of the landings data received, conversations with fisheries scientists and on our own review of the data, we considered the 115 MUS to be evidence that NS 3 was satisfied: each was an individual stock of fish or interrelated stocks that could be “...managed as a unit or in close coordination”. NS 7, which requires that the economic costs of management be conservative, was applied in part through our assessment of the landings and economic data—fisheries with appreciable local significance were prioritized for management action while those with minimal significance required additional justification for high-level management attention.

## 2.2 Landings

Section 302(h)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Council to prepare an FMP for each fishery under its authority (e.g. from Federal waters) that is in need of conservation and management. The NS 1 guidelines make clear that any stock of fish that is predominantly caught in Federal waters and is overfished or subject to overfishing, or is likely to become overfished or subject to overfishing requires conservation and management. Beyond that, Councils have broad latitude in determine whether a stock requires conservation and management based on the 10 factors listed above (Table 1) and other considerations the Council determines relevant.

NMFS’ Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD), via the PSMFC, provided a list of each individual Hawaii bottomfish, crustacean, precious coral, and coral reef ecosystem MUS for which data are required, drawing, from the 2009 Hawaii FEP, and the data supplied by the State of Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources for the years 2004-2014. These data included the approximate location of capture (Appendix 1, Section 8.1.3). Landings data from all 115 MUS were evaluated to determine the proportion of total landings from 2004-2014 reported from federal versus state waters. Based on consultations with NMFS and Council staff and following a report to the Council<sup>1</sup>, we prioritized further analyses only on those fisheries with landings from Federal waters equal to greater than 20%. This is because NMFS and the Council have limited ability to implement effective Federal conservation and management measures for fisheries where greater than 80% of landings are taken from within State waters (shoreline to 3 nautical miles). We included sharks in our subsequent analyses (federal landings ratio: 19.7%) because of the potential ecological importance of this high trophic level MUS. The total number of MUS meeting the criterion of this proportion of landings from Federal waters was 25; with the addition of the shark MUS, 26 MUS were examined further.

Fishermen report catch data using the State Commercial Fisheries Statistical Charts (Appendix 1, Section 8.1.3, see F, G, and H) which includes nearshore reporting grids extending from the shoreline out 2 nautical miles (nm) and offshore reporting grids extending seaward from the inshore

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson, P. 2016. Update on the Analysis of Hawaii FEP Fish Stocks for Possible Ecosystem Component Classification. Presented by Jarad Makaiau at the 168<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Western Pacific

grids. State waters legally extend from 0 to 3 nm from the shore, so Federal catches (i.e., those reported from grids seaward of the nearshore grids) are likely to be slightly biased, depending on the MUS. We note that the bias stemming from the configuration of the Statistical Charts mentioned above results in a more conservative approach because more MUS are likely to be prioritized for further analyses.

To provide a comprehensive perspective on each MUS over the entire 11-year period, we calculated the annual proportion of the catch from federal waters and graphed these time series, overlaid with the annual landings from State and Federal waters, to review trends in annual landings. These figures for the 26 MUS are included in Appendix 4, and the calculated ratios for all 115 MUS are provided in Appendix 3.

## 2.3 Economics

Four of the NS 1 guidelines directly or indirectly rely on economic valuations of a fishery, and NS 7 requires that conservation and management keep costs to a minimum and avoid duplication. The economic value of a fishery was, therefore, used to aid in establishing priorities for additional management and conservation measures.

The available data were limited to Hawaii DAR (Division of Aquatic Resources) Fishery Statistics<sup>2</sup> from reported landings and held by the Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network (WPacFIN). We downloaded data for the 90 MUS included in the WPacFIN database with landings from federal waters equal to or in excess of 20% in this database for the same time period (2004-2014) (see Results, Section 3.2, Table 5). These data were used to determine the maximum price per pound over the 11-year period, and to calculate the total, mean, and standard deviation of the annual value of the landings from 2004-2014.

## 2.4 Expert Assessment

Five scientists, selected by NMFS and WPFMC scientists, responded to our request for assistance. Each fisheries expert received an electronic document (see Appendix 5) referencing the MUS with landings from federal waters in excess of 20% plus sharks (summed over all years, 2004-2014, n=26). For each MUS, they were asked to respond to four statements, prefaced by the following instructions:

*Please answer the following questions by choosing from the alternative answers provided. We expect that these will be “judgment calls”—that you answer these questions based on your familiarity with the stock or fishery*

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<sup>2</sup> [https://pifsc-www.irc.noaa.gov/wpacfin/hi/dar/Pages/hi\\_data\\_3.php](https://pifsc-www.irc.noaa.gov/wpacfin/hi/dar/Pages/hi_data_3.php)

*in question and your familiarity with Hawaii's nearshore environment, and not based on some quantitative assessment. The accuracy of your answers is less important than how your responses compare from one fishery to the next. Please respond to these [four] statements:*

- 1. A Fishery Management Plan (FMP) would improve the condition of the stock. If, in your estimation, the stock is currently at or near its unfished biomass, a FMP would maintain the condition of the stock.*
- 2. This stock is a target of a fishery.*
- 3. This stock is important to the regional economy (i.e. at least at the county or island level). Even if the fish is not sold commercially, a substantial sport or subsistence fishery for the stock may contribute to the local economy.*
- 4. This stock is adequately managed under current State and Federal regulations. Consider the possibility that catch levels could be so low that no active form of management is required.*

Responses were limited to: True, Possibly, Unlikely, or False. Last, they were asked: "Is there a stock of fish that is caught in Federal waters in proportions lower than 20 percent that you believe is in need of conservation and management under the Hawaii FEP? If so, explain why."

We scored each assessment individually, awarding a score of '4' for each 'True', '3' for each 'Possibly', '2' for 'Unlikely', and '1' for 'False.' After normalizing the scores (0-10), the average of the scores was used for the Rapfish analyses discussed below. To assess the degree of concordance among the respondents, we generated a heatmap from the standard deviations calculated from the respondents' scores for each question and each MUS.

## **2.5 Rapfish**

Rapfish is an analytical tool, based on a non-parametric ordination technique (non-metric multi-dimensional scaling or NMDS), developed for comparing the sustainability of fisheries (Pitcher et al. 1998). As the name suggests, the method provides a rapid assessment tool for evaluating diverse fisheries, even when quantitative information is limited (Pitcher et al. 1998, 2013). Each fishery is scored for multiple attributes including characteristics of the fishery, social and economic traits, and ecological and institutional features. This allows managers and scientists to evaluate multiple fisheries across a spectrum ranging from the ideal ("good") to the worst-case ("bad"). Below, we identify, define, and score critical attributes of the 26 MUS, and present graphics that illustrate how these fisheries compare to each other along a best-to-worst case spectrum. Notably, we distinguish among attributes relevant to multiple disciplines: ecology, socio-economics, fishery science and governance. Rapfish provides a graphical comparison of project scenarios based on a scoring structure in the form of kite diagrams that illustrate the strengths and weaknesses of scenarios relative to a "perfect" scenario and relative to each other MUS. The statistical under-pinnings of Rapfish, as well as its

applications to the fields of fisheries science and conservation, are detailed in (Pitcher & Preikshot 2001, Pitcher et al. 2013). We used R code (R Development Core Team 2016) downloaded on May 8, 2017 from [www.rapfish.org](http://www.rapfish.org) to run these analyses.

Rapfish is applied to attributes, each of which can be scored relative to best-case and worst-case hypothetical fisheries. We selected and defined multiple fisheries attributes based on the National Standards, and grouped them into 4 categories:

1. Ecology—attributes based on the ecological characteristics of the species
2. Institutional—attributes based on the prevailing status of fishery management
3. Social—attributes based on the economic value and the societal importance of the fishery
4. Fishery—attributes based on characteristics of the fishery targeting that MUS

While Rapfish was developed for the purpose of evaluating the sustainability (primarily) of fisheries (Pitcher & Preikshot 2001, Pitcher et al. 2009), we applied the technique—and defined the criteria—to evaluate the potential need of a fishery for greater management or conservation measures. The criteria, therefore, were based directly on the guidelines developed for NS 1, and designed so that “...extreme values of attribute scores could be assigned unequivocally as either ‘good’ or ‘bad’ in terms of their relationship to...” this potential need for a higher level of management (Pitcher et al. 1998). Table 2 lists these attributes, their relationship to NS 1 guidelines, and the type of data used divided into four disciplines: Ecology, economic, institutional, and fishery. We used quantitative data (where available), the results from a survey of fisheries experts, literature reviews, and professional judgment to evaluate and score these attributes.

To incorporate the time series from the landings data into the Rapfish analysis, we used linear regression to plot a line based on the annual total landings (i.e., catches from State and federal waters combined). We calculated the  $R^2$  value for each fishery, and the  $R^2$  was used to determine the score for column D: If  $R^2 > 0.33$ , we used the slope of the line. If  $R^2 < 0.33$ , the fishery was assigned a score of 2 (flat or irregular) or 3 (episodic: when the number of years with reported landings was  $<10$ ; a single missing year was not grounds for scoring the fishery as ‘episodic’). For example, *Carangoides orthogrammus* was scored as a ‘2’, despite the positive slope of the regression line because  $R^2 = 0.32$ . *Alectis ciliaris* was scored as a ‘2’ despite  $n=10$  years of landings (not 11).



**Table 2. Rapfish analyses: Metrics for fishery disciplines and attributes.**

| Discipline    | Attributes                   | NS 1 Guidelines  | Data Type   | Relevance                                |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Ecology       | trophic category             | 1a. Stock is important component of marine environment   | categorical: herbivore/planktivore/carnivore/piscivore (literature) | ecological importance                    |
|               | trophic level (quantitative) | 1b. Stock is important component of marine environment   | FishBase§ score for trophic level (literature)                      | ecological importance                    |
| Economic      | value                        | 6. Fishery is important to nation & regional economy;<br>8. Economic condition of the fishery* | landed value (PacFIN)   | economic importance; economic condition* |
|               | importance                   | 5. Stock is important to comm/rec/sub users  | categorical: tr-pos-unl-fa (expert opinion)                         | economic importance                      |
| Institutional | FMP                          | 3. FMP would improve/maintain condition of stock   | categorical: tr-pos-unl-fa (expert opinion)                         | adequacy of current management           |
|               | current                      | 10a. Fishery is already adequately managed   | categorical: tr-pos-unl-fa (expert opinion)                         | adequacy of current management           |
|               | State                        | 10b. Fishery is already adequately managed (see Note, below)                                   | proportion of the landings from State waters (see Note, below)      | adequacy of current management           |
| Fishery       | yrs_land                     | 2b. MUS is caught by fishery   | n/11: proportion of years with landings (quantitative)              | measure of MUS significance              |
|               | trend                        | 2c. MUS is caught by fishery   | categorical: graph: incr-flat/irreg-episo-decr (categorical)        | measure of MUS significance              |
|               | target                       | 4. MUS is a target of a fishery  | categorical: tr-pos-unl-fa (expert opinion)                         | measure of MUS significance              |

‘tr-pos-unl-fa’ = true—possible—unlikely—false

‘incr-flat/irreg-episo-decr’ = increasing—flat or irregular—episodic—decreasing’

§ FishBase (Froese & Pauly 2017), <[www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org)>, accessed May, 2017.

\*Annual landed values and the fluctuations in price and landed values provide applicable albeit indirect information on the economic condition of a fishery.

Note: Under NS Guideline 10a and 10b, the terminology refers to the adequacy of existing management. NMFS’ ability to provide effective management support is partially limited by the proportion of any fishery pursued in federal waters. For expediency, we assumed that effective federal management was probably limited to those fisheries where  $\geq 20\%$  of landings were reported from federal waters; critically, this is not an indication that effective management by other agencies is guaranteed when federal landings are  $< 20\%$  of total landings.

Score ranges reflected the ordinal nature of some attributes (e.g., 0 to 2 or 0 to 4) as well as the continuous values possible for other attributes (e.g., landings in pounds). In order to accommodate requirements of the Rapfish statistical analysis, these scores were standardized. These standardized scores are shown in Table 3. Results of the Rapfish analysis are given in section 3.4.

**Table 3. Standardized scores for 26 MUS.**

|                                 | Yrs. Landed | Trend | Target | FMP  | Current | State | Trophic Category | Trophic Level | Value | Importance | Sum of Scores |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| Randall's Snapper               | 1.8         | 5.0   | 3.5    | 5.5  | 9.0     | 0.0   | 10.0             | 8.9           | -     | 4.5        | 48.2          |
| No-Bite, whitefin trevally      | 0.9         | 5.0   | 5.5    | 5.5  | 8.5     | 0.0   | 10.0             | 8.9           | -     | 4.5        | 48.8          |
| Alfonsin (flashlight fish)      | 1.8         | 5.0   | 3.0    | 5.0  | 7.5     | 0.0   | 7.5              | 9.1           | -     | 3.0        | 41.9          |
| Black Coral                     | 0.9         | 5.0   | 10.0   | 9.5  | 8.0     | 0.0   | 5.0              | -             | -     | 9.5        | 47.9          |
| Deepwater Shrimp                | 2.7         | 5.0   | 9.0    | 8.0  | 7.0     | 0.7   | 5.0              | -             | 0.3   | 7.5        | 45.2          |
| Silverjaw Jobfish (Lehi)        | 10.0        | 7.5   | 9.5    | 9.5  | 8.0     | 2.6   | 10.0             | 9.1           | 0.5   | 9.0        | 75.8          |
| Pink Snapper (Opakapaka)        | 10.0        | 10.0  | 10.0   | 9.5  | 8.0     | 2.8   | 7.5              | 9.3           | 10.0  | 10.0       | 87.2          |
| Red Snapper (Onaga)             | 10.0        | 2.5   | 10.0   | 10.0 | 8.0     | 3.2   | 10.0             | 9.8           | 8.2   | 10.0       | 81.7          |
| Pink Snapper (Kalekale)         | 10.0        | 10.0  | 10.0   | 9.5  | 8.5     | 3.3   | 7.5              | 8.2           | -     | 9.5        | 76.5          |
| Gray Jobfish (Uku)              | 10.0        | 10.0  | 10.0   | 10.0 | 7.0     | 3.4   | 7.5              | 9.6           | 6.7   | 10.0       | 84.2          |
| Largeheaded scorpionfish (Hogo) | 10.0        | 7.5   | 5.5    | 6.5  | 5.5     | 3.9   | 7.5              | 8.0           | 0.2   | 5.5        | 60.0          |
| Goldspot jack (Papa)            | 10.0        | 7.5   | 8.5    | 8.5  | 6.5     | 4.0   | 7.5              | 10.0          | 0.3   | 6.5        | 69.3          |
| Red Snapper (Ehu)               | 10.0        | 7.5   | 10.0   | 10.0 | 8.0     | 4.2   | 7.5              | 10.0          | 1.8   | 10.0       | 78.9          |
| Golden Kali                     | 10.0        | 7.5   | 4.0    | 5.5  | 7.5     | 4.2   | 5.0              | 7.6           | -     | 4.0        | 55.3          |
| Sea Bass (Hapuupuu)             | 10.0        | 7.5   | 10.0   | 10.0 | 7.0     | 5.1   | 7.5              | 8.9           | 1.5   | 9.5        | 77.0          |
| Flower Snapper (Gindai)         | 10.0        | 10.0  | 9.5    | 9.5  | 8.5     | 5.2   | 7.5              | 8.9           | 0.2   | 9.5        | 78.8          |

|   | Yrs. Landed | Trend | Target | FMP  | Current | State | Trophic Category | Trophic Level | Value | Importance | Sum of Scores |
|---|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Greater Amberjack (Kahala)</b>       | 10.0        | 10.0  | 7.0    | 8.0  | 7.5     | 5.3   | 10.0             | 10.0          | -     | 5.5        | 73.3          |
| <b>Kona Crab</b>                        | 10.0        | 7.5   | 10.0   | 10.0 | 6.5     | 5.5   | 7.5              | -             | -     | 9.5        | 66.5          |
| <b>Pig Lipped Trevally (Butaguchi)*</b> | 9.1         | 7.5   | 10.0   | 8.0  | 6.0     | 5.6   | 7.5              | 8.0           | 0.2   | 10.0       | 72.0          |
| <b>Rainbow runner (Kamanu)</b>          | 10.0        | 7.5   | 5.0    | 5.0  | 7.5     | 6.8   | 7.5              | 9.6           | 0.1   | 5.5        | 64.5          |
| <b>Ulua kihikihi (Kagami)</b>           | 9.1         | 7.5   | 6.0    | 6.0  | 7.0     | 7.6   | 7.5              | 8.9           | -     | 5.0        | 64.6          |
| <b>Giant Trevally (White Ulua)</b>      | 10.0        | 7.5   | 10.0   | 8.5  | 6.0     | 7.6   | 10.0             | 9.3           | 0.4   | 10.0       | 79.3          |
| <b>Mackerel scad (Opelu)</b>            | 10.0        | 7.5   | 10.0   | 8.0  | 6.5     | 7.7   | 5.0              | 8.9           | 7.2   | 10.0       | 80.8          |
| <b>Papio, Ulua (jack family)</b>        | 6.4         | 5.0   | 10.0   | 8.0  | 6.0     | 7.8   | 7.5              | 8.4           | -     | 10.0       | 69.1          |
| <b>Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)</b>         | 10.0        | 7.5   | 8.5    | 7.0  | 6.0     | 7.8   | 7.5              | 7.8           | -     | 7.0        | 69.1          |
| <b>Shark (misc.)</b>                    | 10.0        | 10.0  | 4.5    | 7.0  | 7.0     | 8.0   | 10.0             | 9.8           | 2.0   | 4.5        | 72.8          |

\*Likely refers to *Thick* lipped Trevally (Butaguchi), *Pseudocaranx dentex*. A '-' indicates no available data.

## Section 3. Results

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### 3.1 Landings

Of the 115 MUS from the Hawaii FEP, 4 reported landings from offshore, federal waters only, 49 had landings exclusively from inshore waters, and the remainder, 62, reported landings from both inshore and offshore waters. A table of all of these species is provided in Appendix 3. Twenty-five of the MUS reported total landings from federal waters equal to or in excess of 20% (Table 4); we included sharks, despite reporting 19.7% of landing from federal waters because 1) the score is close to the criterion and 2) this MUS includes fishes with a suite of biological and fishery characteristics that make most component species particularly vulnerable to over-fishing. The first 4 MUS are notable for having no landings from State waters (i.e., federal waters only) and Table 4 presents them in rank order from those with highest proportion of catches from federal waters to the MUS with the lowest proportion  $\geq 20\%$ . Time series for all MUS were reviewed graphically, and the 26 referred to above are shown in Appendix 4; a list of all MUS reported from inshore waters (i.e., State) only is provided in Appendix 5.



**Table 4. MUS with federal landings ratios  $\geq 20\%$  + sharks.**

| Ratio | Common              | Scientific  | Pacific Islands Name   |
|-------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1.000 | Black Coral         | <i>Antipathes</i> spp.                                | Black coral  |
| 1.000 | Alfonsin            | <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                             | Alfonsin, Lantern-eye, Flashlight fish                       |
| 1.000 | No-Bite             | <i>Carangoides equula</i>                             | Whitefin trevally, No-bite ulua                              |
| 1.000 | Randall's Snapper   | <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>                    | Randall's snapper; Bake-akamutsu                             |
| 0.932 | Deepwater Shrimp    | <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                        | Deepwater shrimp, Nylon shrimp                               |
| 0.736 | Silverjaw Jobfish   | <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                              | Lehi, Deep/Silvermouth                                       |
| 0.716 | Pink Snapper        | <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>                    | Opakapaka, Pink snapper, Crimson jobfish                     |
| 0.681 | Red Snapper         | <i>Etelis coruscans</i>                               | Onaga, Ulaula, Ulu, Buninas, Taighulupegh, Longtail snapper  |
| 0.669 | Pink Snapper        | <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>                       | Kalekale, Kalikali, Lavender jobfish                         |
| 0.657 | Gray Jobfish        | <i>Aprion virescens</i>                               | Uku, Gogunafon, Aiwe, Hi-Way                                 |
| 0.614 | Hogo                | <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>                         | Hogo, Nohu, Largeheaded scorpionfish, Red seabass            |
| 0.595 | Papa                | <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                       | Island/Yellow spotted/Goldspot jack/trevally                 |
| 0.583 | Red Snapper         | <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                             | Ehu, Buninas agaga, Falaghal moroobw                         |
| 0.575 | Golden Kali         | <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>E. scintillans</i> | Golden kale, Schlegel's boga fish, Yanaginomai               |
| 0.493 | Sea Bass            | <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                            | Hapu'upu'u, Shapon, Sapon                                    |
| 0.478 | Flower Snapper      | <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>                         | Gindai, Buninas, Flower snapper, Tai, Kindai, Kentai, Shimac |
| 0.474 | Greater Amberjack   | <i>Seriola dumerili</i>                               | Kahala, Greater amberjack, Boogaman                          |
| 0.447 | Kona Crab           | <i>Ranina ranina</i>                                  | Kona crab  |
| 0.436 | Pig Lipped Trevally | <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                         | I'e, Papio   |
| 0.319 | Kamanu              | <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                           | Hawaiian Salmon, Rainbow Runner, Kamano                      |
| 0.238 | Kagami              | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>                               | Ulua kihikihi, Kagami ulua, Uluaki                           |
| 0.235 | Giant Trevally      | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>                               | White ulua, Mamulan, Tarakiton, Etam                         |
| 0.230 | Opelu               | <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                          | Opelu, Mackerel scad, Muroaji                                |
| 0.222 | Papio, Ulua         | Carangidae (family)                                   | Ulua/papio (Misc.)   |
| 0.219 | Laenihi             | <i>Iniistius pavo</i>                                 | Laenihi, Nabeta, Peacock/blue wrasse                         |
| 0.197 | Shark               | <i>Squalus</i> , <i>Carcharhinus</i> spp.             | Sharks   |

## 3.2 Economics

Fifteen of the 26 MUS selected for review were included in the WPacFIN database. The total landed values summed over the 11-year time series ranged from \$59,602 (rainbow runner) to \$7,100,133 (Opakapaka), and the maximum price per MUS pound over this time period ranged from \$1.08 (misc. sharks) to \$9.00 (deepwater shrimp) (Table 5). The value of annual landings was least variable for Uku and most variable the high-value deepwater shrimp (Table 5).

**Table 5. WPacFIN economic data (2004-2014) for priority MUS.**

| MUS                              | Price/Lb.<br>(max) | Coef<br>Var | Value<br>mean | Value total<br>(sum) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Randall's Snapper                | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| No-Bite, whitefin trevally       | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Alfonsin (flashlight fish)       | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Black Coral                      | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Deepwater Shrimp                 | \$9.00             | 1.8424      | \$19,691      | \$216,600            |
| Silverjaw Jobfish (Lehi)         | \$4.66             | 0.3327      | \$34,327      | \$377,596            |
| Pink Snapper (Opakapaka)         | \$6.79             | 0.2355      | \$645,467     | \$7,100,133          |
| Red Snapper (Onaga)              | \$8.12             | 0.2674      | \$529,188     | \$5,821,073          |
| Pink Snapper (Kalekale)          | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Gray Jobfish (Uku)               | \$4.53             | 0.0976      | \$431,628     | \$4,747,905          |
| Largeheaded scorpionfish (Hogo)  | \$6.68             | 0.3039      | \$10,338      | \$113,723            |
| Goldspot jack (Papa)             | \$4.72             | 0.7074      | \$18,916      | \$208,077            |
| Red Snapper (Ehu)                | \$6.21             | 0.2292      | \$114,146     | \$1,255,611          |
| Golden Kali                      | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Sea Bass (Hapuupuu)              | \$5.64             | 0.6311      | \$96,049      | \$1,056,541          |
| Flower Snapper (Gindai)          | \$4.92             | 0.3381      | \$12,778      | \$140,560            |
| Greater Amberjack (Kahala)       | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Kona Crab                        | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Pig Lipped Trevally (Butaguchi)* | \$4.56             | 1.1525      | \$15,365      | \$169,012            |
| Rainbow runner (Kamanu)          | \$2.63             | 0.3600      | \$5,418       | \$59,602             |
| Ulua kihikihi (Kagami)           | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Giant Trevally (White Ulua)      | \$2.89             | 0.2157      | \$23,162      | \$254,784            |
| Mackerel scad (Opelu)            | \$2.89             | 0.1432      | \$463,668     | \$5,100,346          |

| MUS                       | Price/Lb.<br>(max) | Coef<br>Var | Value<br>mean | Value total<br>(sum) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Papio, Ulua (jack family) | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)  | -                  | -           | -             | -                    |
| Shark (misc.)             | \$1.08             | 0.2500      | \$126,268     | \$1,388,947          |

\*Likely refers to *Thick* lipped Trevally (Butaguchi), *Pseudocaranx dentex*. A '-' indicates no data available.

### 3.3 Expert Assessment

Expert assessments for four key attributes can be summarized as providing answers (limited to “true”, “possibly”, “unlikely [to be true]”, “false”) to the following questions:

- Is the stock the target of a fishery?
- Is the fishery economically important to Hawaiian fishermen?
- Would the fishery benefit substantially from a formal FMP?
- Is fishery already managed sustainably?

These assessments were used in the Rapfish analysis (below), but it is important to note that these assessments were not always consistent. Table 6 shows the standard deviation for each fishery x attribute combination, ordered from the fishery where the average concordance was the greatest (blue; mean SD=0.2092 for red snapper or *ehu*) to the least (red; mean SD=0.9980 for no-bite or whitefin trevally). The experts agreed more closely about whether the MUS was the target of a fishery, and least about the efficacy of the current management approach.

**Table 6. Agreement (blue, lower scores) and disagreement (red, higher scores) among expert assessments and average congruence.**

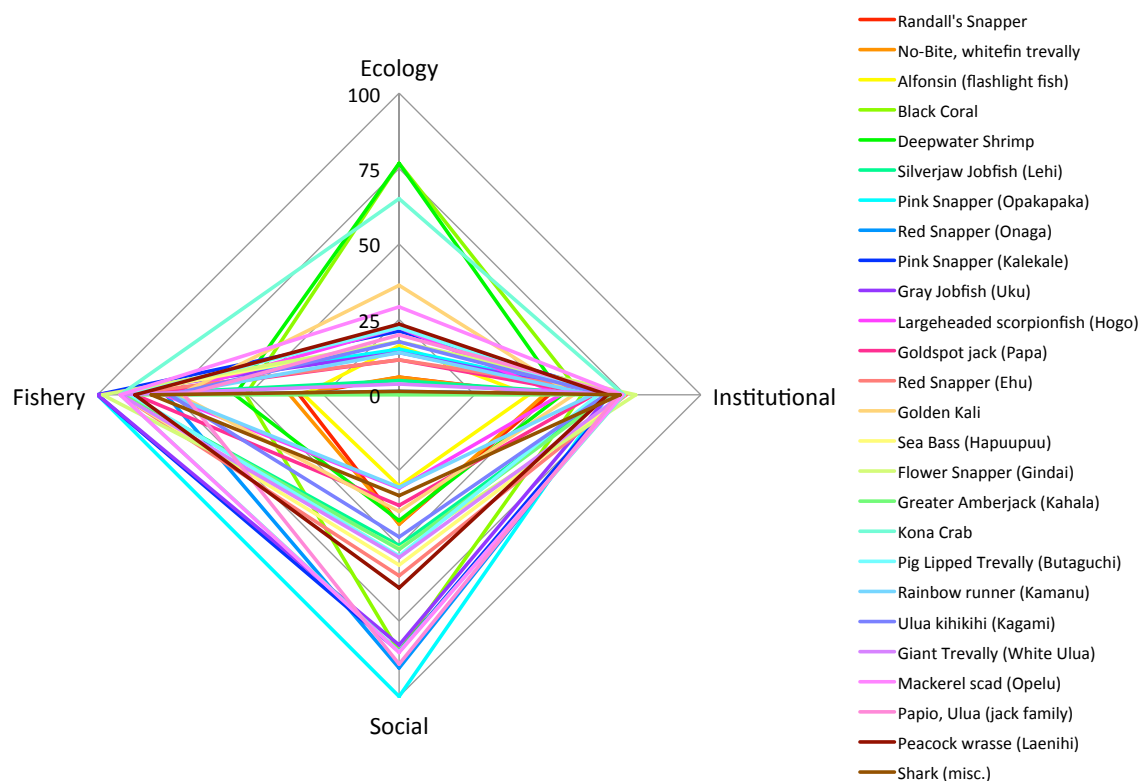
|                                  | Targeted | Econ. Imp. | FMP    | Management | Mean   |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Red Snapper (Onaga)              | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.0000 | 0.8367     | 0.2092 |
| Red Snapper (Ehu)                | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.0000 | 0.8367     | 0.2092 |
| Gray Jobfish (Uku)               | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.0000 | 1.0954     | 0.2739 |
| Pink Snapper (Opakapaka)         | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.4472 | 0.8367     | 0.3210 |
| Sea Bass (Hapuupuu)              | 0.0000   | 0.4472     | 0.0000 | 0.8367     | 0.3210 |
| Papio, Ulua (jack family)        | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.8367 | 0.5477     | 0.3461 |
| Pink Snapper (Kalekale)          | 0.0000   | 0.4472     | 0.4472 | 0.5477     | 0.3605 |
| Giant Trevally (White Ulua)      | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.8944 | 0.5477     | 0.3605 |
| Kona Crab                        | 0.0000   | 0.4472     | 0.0000 | 1.1402     | 0.3968 |
| Black Coral                      | 0.0000   | 0.4472     | 0.4472 | 0.8367     | 0.4328 |
| Mackerel scad (Opelu)            | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.8367 | 0.8944     | 0.4328 |
| Flower Snapper (Gindai)          | 0.4472   | 0.4472     | 0.4472 | 0.5477     | 0.4723 |
| Pig Lipped Trevally (Butaguchi)* | 0.0000   | 0.0000     | 0.8367 | 1.1402     | 0.4942 |
| Silverjaw Jobfish (Lehi)         | 0.4472   | 0.5477     | 0.4472 | 0.8367     | 0.5697 |
| Rainbow runner (Kamanu)          | 0.7071   | 0.4472     | 0.7071 | 0.7071     | 0.6421 |
| Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)         | 0.5477   | 0.8367     | 0.4472 | 0.8944     | 0.6815 |
| Golden Kali                      | 0.5477   | 0.5477     | 0.4472 | 1.2247     | 0.6919 |
| Alfonsin (flashlight fish)       | 0.4472   | 0.4472     | 0.7071 | 1.2247     | 0.7066 |
| Ulua kihikihi (Kagami)           | 0.5477   | 0.7071     | 0.8944 | 0.8367     | 0.7465 |
| Largeheaded scorpionfish (Hogo)  | 0.8367   | 0.8367     | 0.5477 | 0.8367     | 0.7644 |
| Greater Amberjack (Kahala)       | 1.0954   | 0.8367     | 0.4472 | 0.7071     | 0.7716 |
| Deepwater Shrimp                 | 0.8944   | 1.2247     | 0.8367 | 0.4472     | 0.8508 |
| Goldspot jack (Papa)             | 0.8944   | 1.1402     | 0.5477 | 0.8944     | 0.8692 |
| Randall's Snapper                | 0.8944   | 1.3038     | 0.8367 | 0.5477     | 0.8957 |
| Shark (misc.)                    | 0.8367   | 1.0954     | 0.8367 | 0.8367     | 0.9014 |
| No-Bite, whitefin trevally       | 1.3038   | 1.3038     | 0.8367 | 0.5477     | 0.9980 |

\*Likely refers to *Thick* lipped Trevally (Butaguchi), *Pseudocaranx dentex*.

### 3.4 Rapfish

Ordination of the MUS attributes positioned the fisheries along a spectrum between a theoretical worst-case fishery, one presumably most urgently in need of management attention, and an equally theoretical best-case fishery, one for which additional management would be least necessary. Because only the score on the first axis is relevant, we present the results in a kite diagram (Figure 2), rather than providing two-dimensional ordinations. Note that a fishery can be simultaneously well managed and, targeting an apex predator, ecologically vulnerable, these attributes were evaluated separately for each discipline (ecology, socio-economics, institution, fishery).

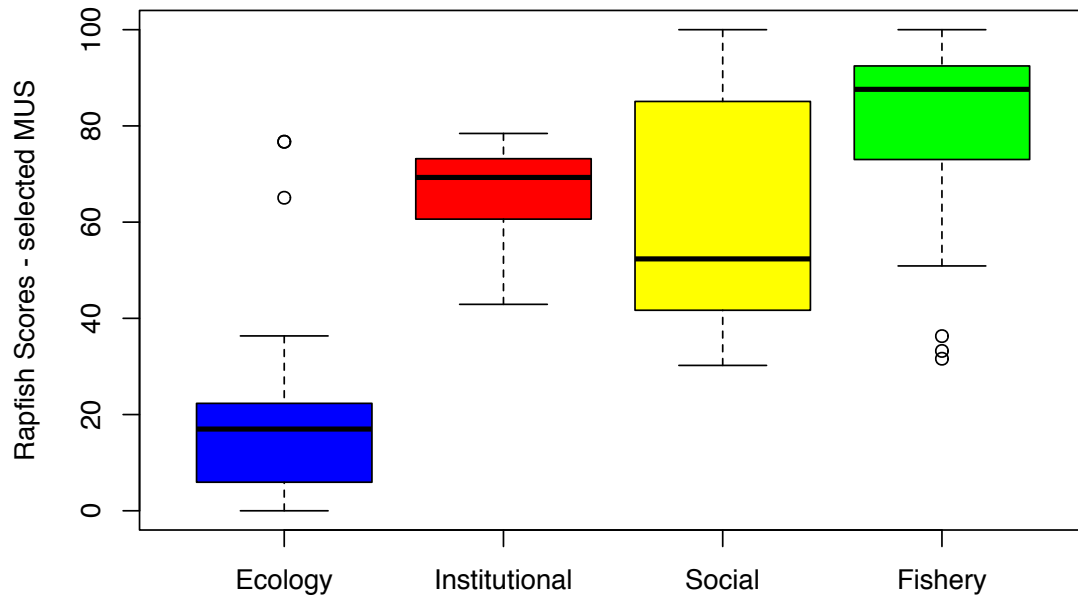
**Figure 2. Kite diagram of Rapfish results for all 26 MUS.**



The variance in the fisheries' scores by discipline (Figure 3) shows the scope for management action.

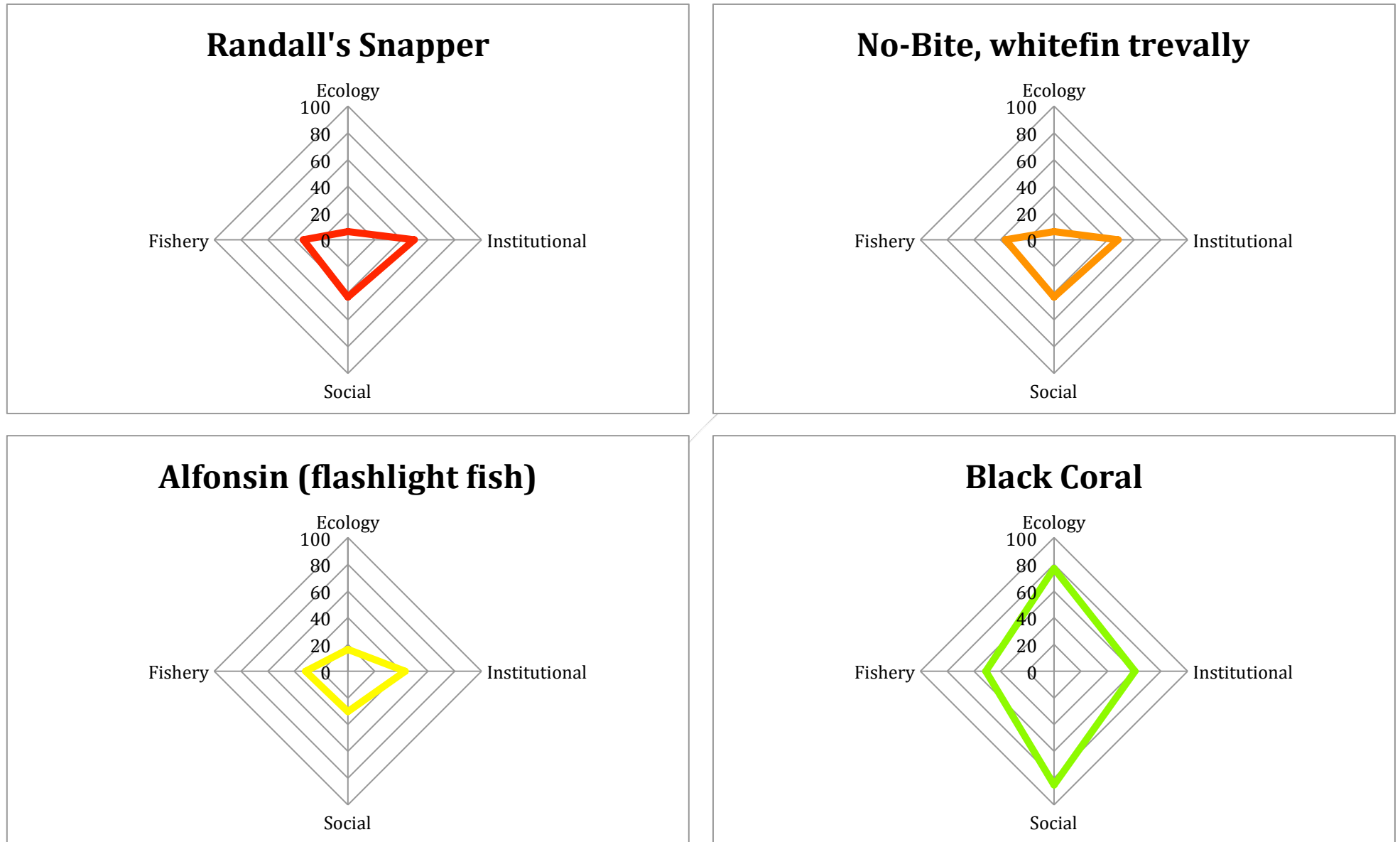


**Figure 3. Boxplot of Rapfish scores by discipline.**

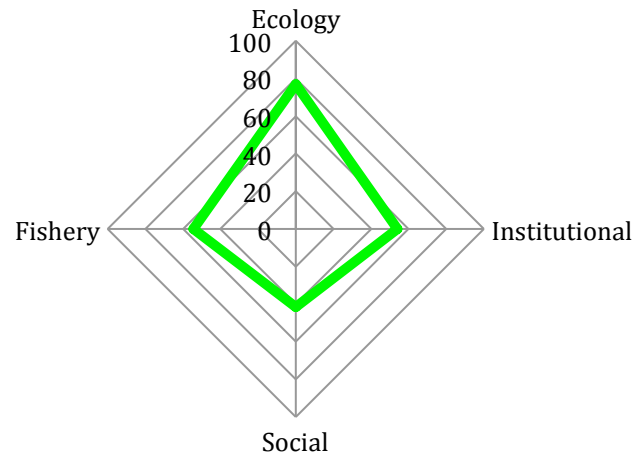


To aid in the review of individual fisheries, Figure 4 (a-z) shows Rapfish scores for individual fisheries.

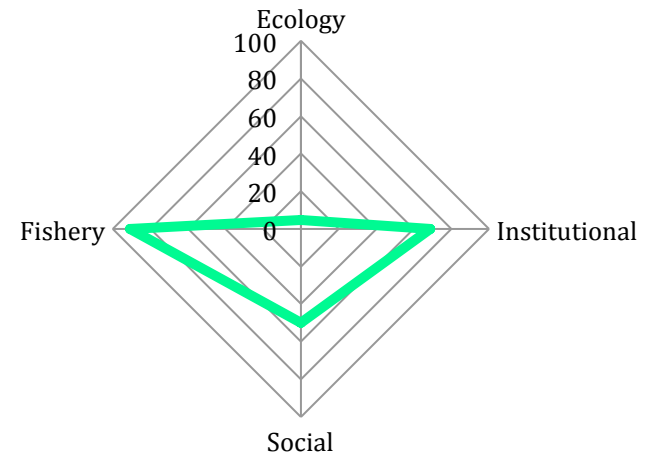
Figure 4. Kite diagrams for 26 MUS with  $\geq 20\%$  of landings from Federal waters + sharks.



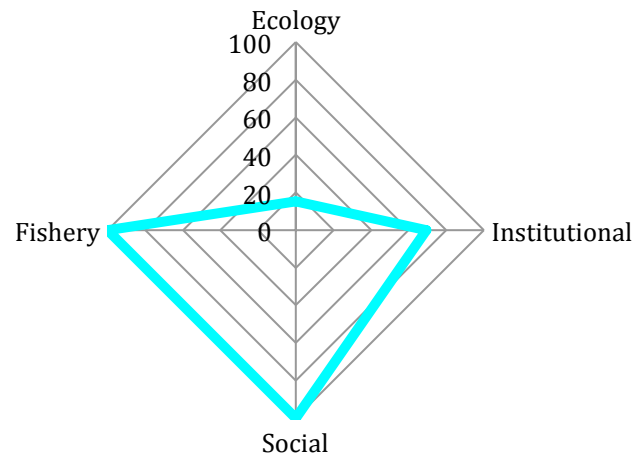
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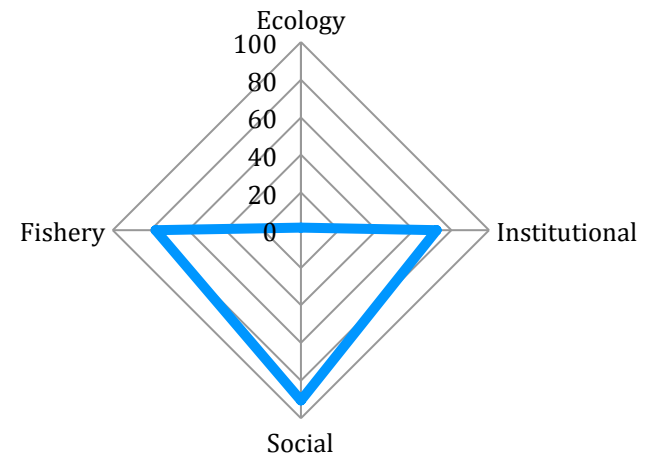
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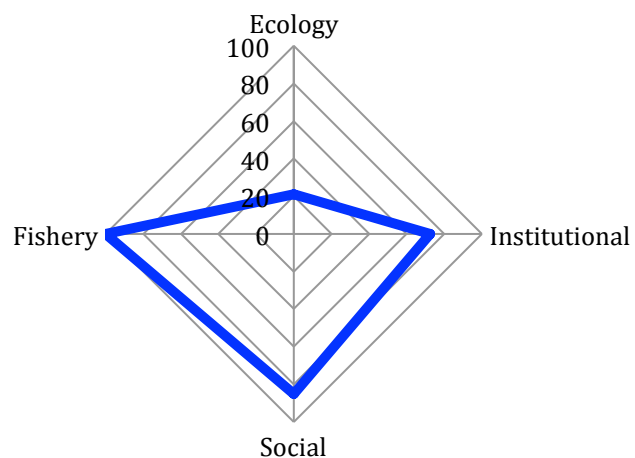
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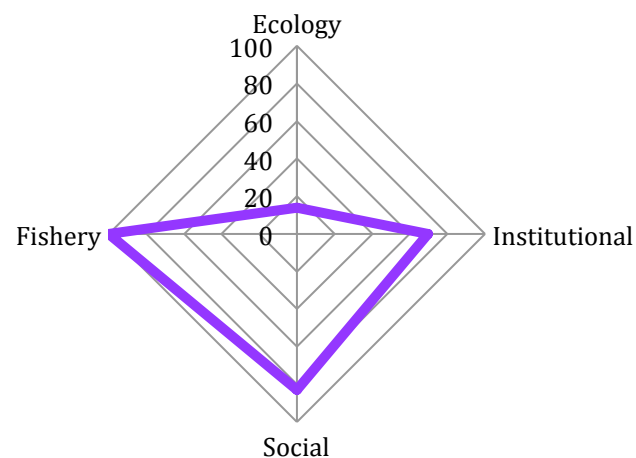
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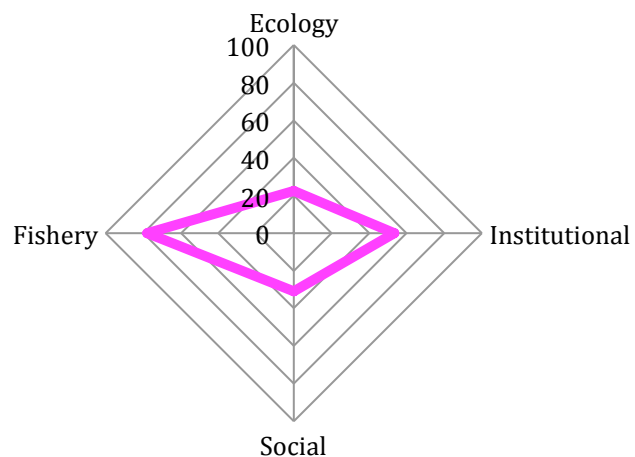
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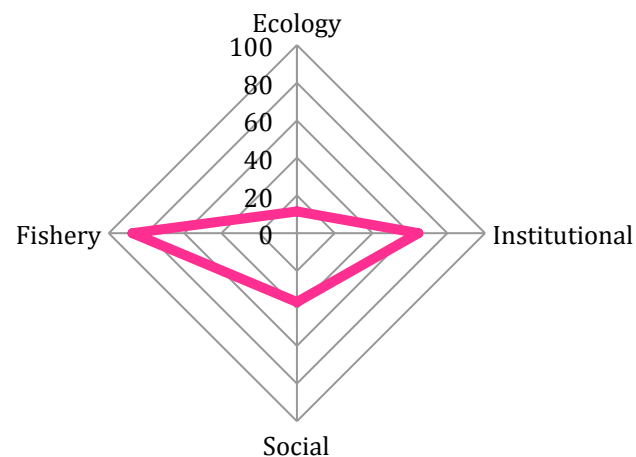
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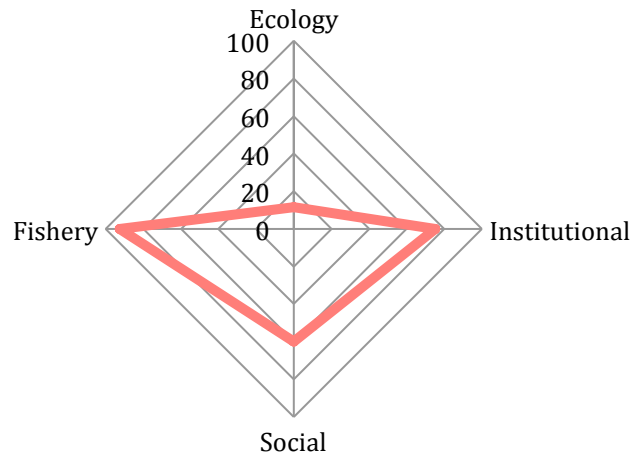
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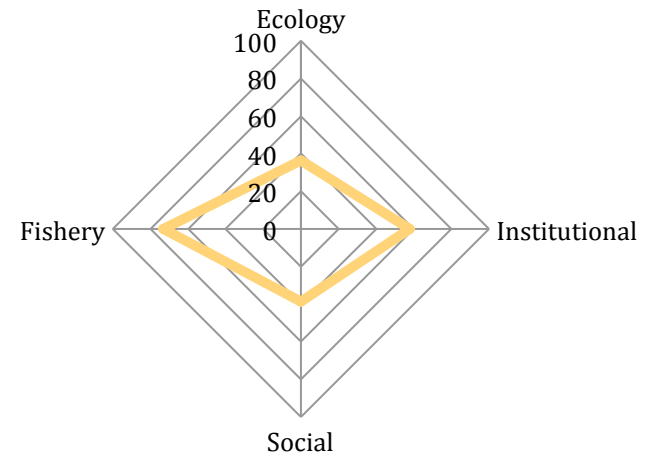
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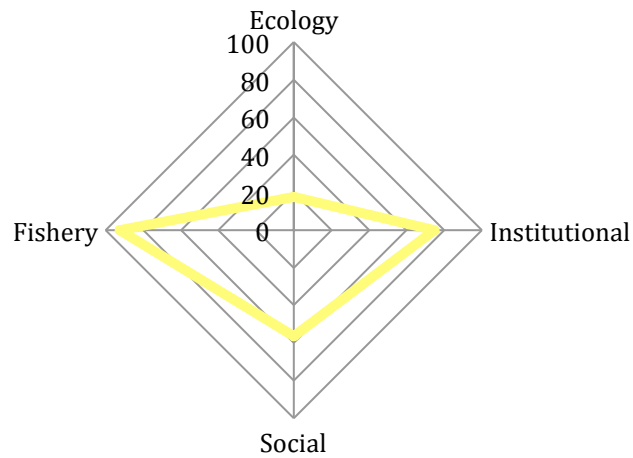
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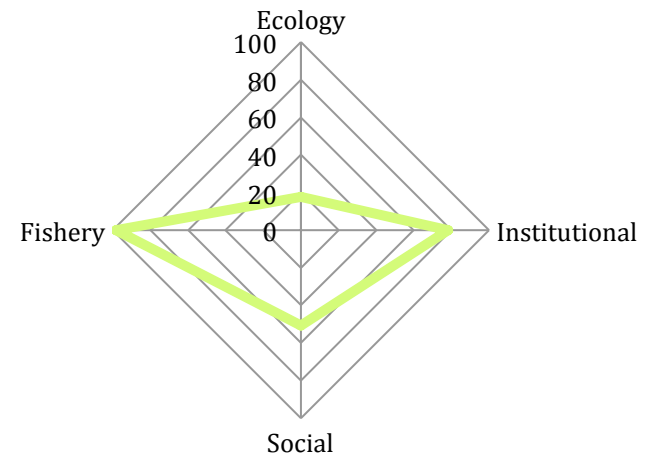
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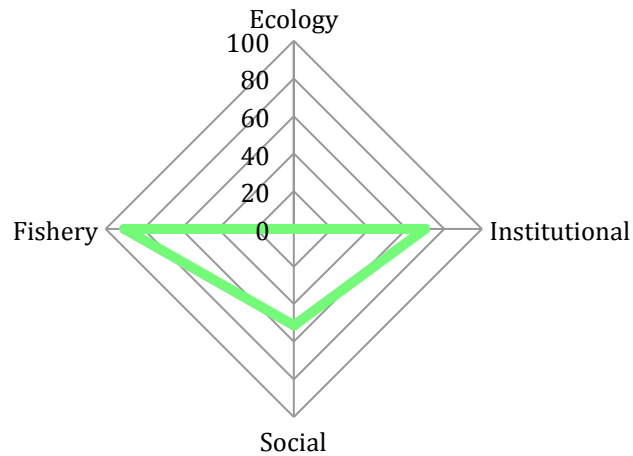
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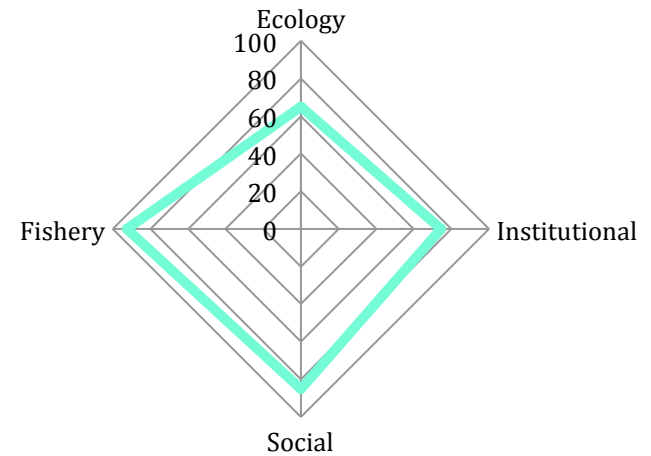
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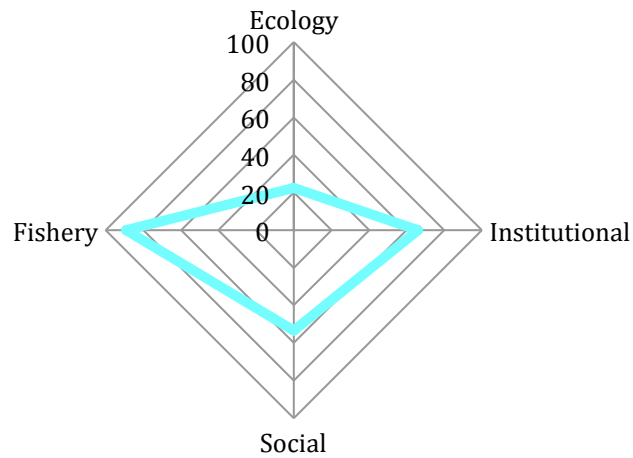
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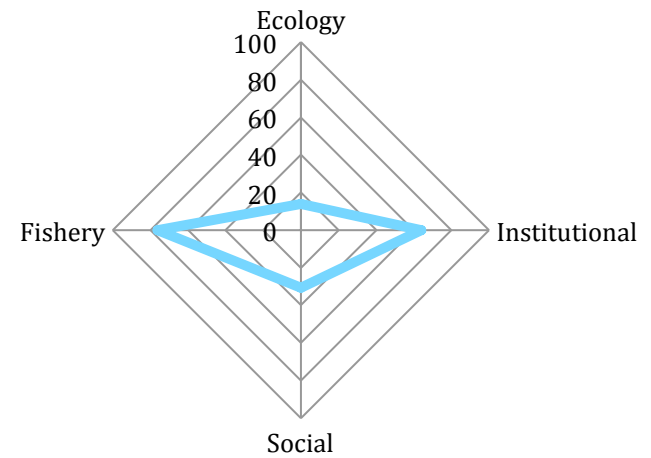
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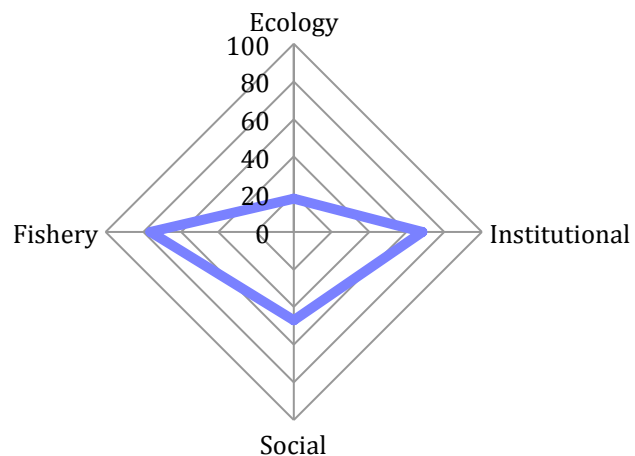
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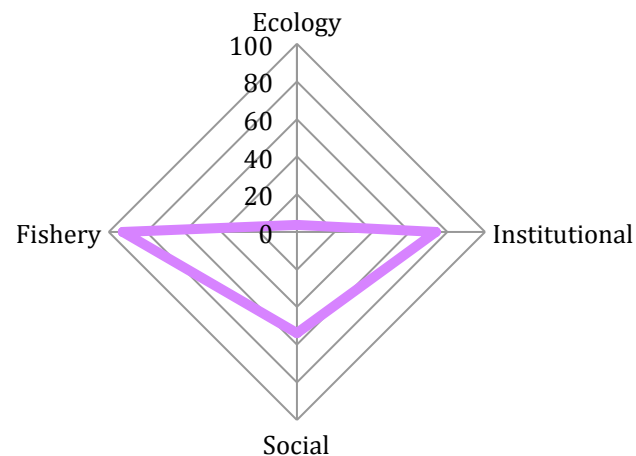
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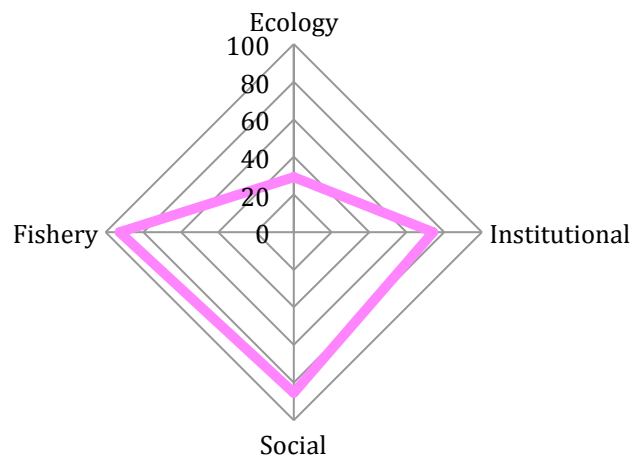
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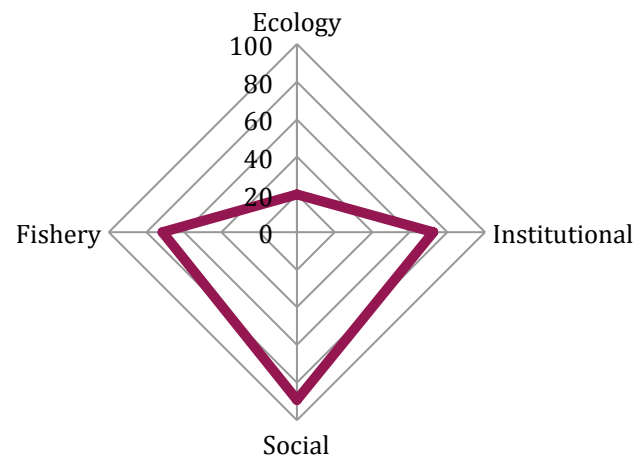
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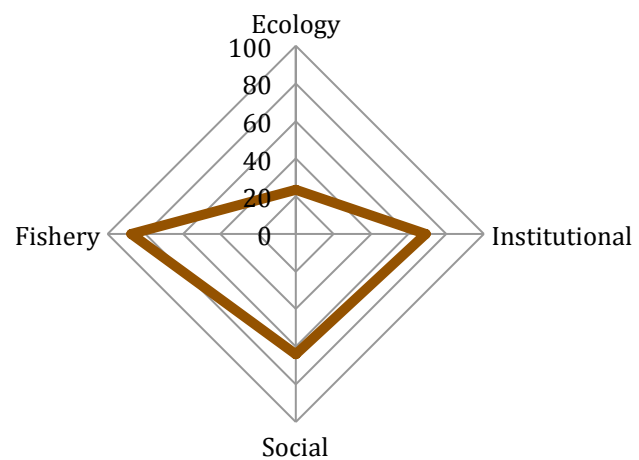
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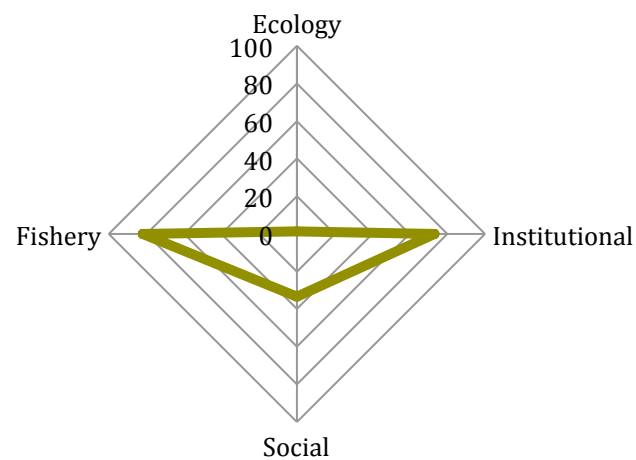
### Papio, Ulua (jack family)



## Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)



## Shark (misc.)





## Section 4. Conclusions

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All MUS with less than 20%<sup>3</sup> of their combined landings (2004-20014) from federal waters should be removed from the Hawaii FEP. The species that make up these MUS are not without ecological importance; however, from a management perspective, even a complete closure of all federal waters to their capture would have a minimal and probably undetectable impact on population dynamics. At present, these species appear either to have only a minor presence in Hawaiian fisheries or (more often) to be so strongly associated with State waters, that their management is more properly the domain of the State of Hawaii.

The MUS with landings from federal waters equal to or greater than 20%, however, have the potential to benefit from a federal component to their conservation and management. Table 7 shows the Rapfish scores for the 26 MUS with a significant presence in federal waters fisheries, and the quartiles based on the summed scores. High (yellow) scores suggest a more vulnerable fishery with greater management and conservation needs; low (green) scores suggest a reduced need for close management attention.

Application of National Standards 1, 3 and 7 using the Rapfish analysis on these MUS and their rank, coupled with the observations of fishery experts in Hawaiian fisheries and our own observations, suggest the following (see also Table 8): Six MUS should be removed from the Hawaii FEP—Goldspot Jack (*Papa*), Rainbow Runner (*Kamamu*), Largeheaded Scorpionfish (*Hogo*), No-Bite (Whitefin Trevally), Randall's Snapper, and Alfonsin (Flashlight Fish). These MUS all fell into the first (lowest) quartile of the summed Rapfish scores (Table 8). One other MUS in the first quartile, Shark (misc.), we recommend be categorized as an Ecosystem Component; this MUS is something of a catch-all for a comparatively diverse group of species, known for their low rate of reproduction and susceptibility to overfishing. In addition, sharks are high trophic level species with a potential to affect ecosystem function disproportionate to their numbers; their removal may have substantial, deleterious effects. At the other end of the spectrum where fisheries are important or uniquely vulnerable, Kona Crab, Pink Snapper (*Opakapaka*), Mackerel scad (*Opelu*), Pink Snapper (*Kalekale*), Black Coral, and Gray Jobfish (*Uku*) and should be carefully considered for conservation and management. Members of this group of MUS vary quite widely in their biological and fishery characteristics, but all warrant close attention. Most of the remaining MUS we recommend be considered as 'ecosystem components', where management may be warranted given increased fishing

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<sup>3</sup> These MUS all had <15% of their combine landings from federal waters; there was an abrupt decrease in this percentage when all MUS were compared across this boundary.

mortality, changing environmental conditions, or additional data, but highlight three that merit closer attention than the others: Peacock wrasse (*Laenih*), Red Snapper (*Onaga*), and Sea Bass (*Нарини*). Although the results of the analyses placed them comfortably in the third quartile, notes from the expert assessments and our own perspective suggest that these also deserve notice. We recommend that they remain in the ‘Ecosystem Component’ classification for the present, but additional data or changes to these fisheries could easily warrant dedicated conservation and management measures.

**Table 7. Rapfish scores for MUS with  $\geq 20\%$  of landings from federal waters + sharks and the quartiles (Q) for the summed scores.**

| MUS                              | Ecology | Institutional | Social | Fishery | Total | Q | scientific name(s)                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|---------|-------|---|---|
| Kona Crab                        | 65.1    | 74.5          | 85.1   | 92.5    | 317   | 4 | <i>Ranina ranina</i>                                  |
| Pink Snapper (Opakapaka)         | 15.2    | 69.4          | 100.0  | 100.0   | 285   | 4 | <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>                    |
| Mackerel scad (Opelu)            | 29.2    | 74.1          | 85.4   | 92.5    | 281   | 4 | <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                          |
| Pink Snapper (Kalekale)          | 21.1    | 72.5          | 85.1   | 100.0   | 279   | 4 | <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>                       |
| Black Coral                      | 76.7    | 60.6          | 85.1   | 50.9    | 273   | 4 | <i>Antipathes</i> spp.                                |
| Gray Jobfish (Uku)               | 14.0    | 69.7          | 82.9   | 100.0   | 267   | 4 | <i>Aprion virescens</i>                               |
| Papio, Ulua (jack family)        | 20.0    | 72.6          | 89.3   | 71.3    | 253   | 4 | Carangidae (family)                                   |
| Flower Snapper (Gindai)          | 17.6    | 78.4          | 50.9   | 98.4    | 245   | 3 | <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>                         |
| Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)         | 23.5    | 69.2          | 64.0   | 87.6    | 244   | 3 | <i>Iniistius pavo</i>                                 |
| Red Snapper (Onaga)              | 1.2     | 72.3          | 90.6   | 77.4    | 241   | 3 | <i>Etelis coruscans</i>                               |
| Sea Bass (Hapuupuu)              | 17.6    | 74.7          | 56.4   | 92.5    | 241   | 3 | <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                            |
| Red Snapper (Ehu)                | 11.6    | 75.3          | 60.0   | 92.5    | 239   | 3 | <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                             |
| Pig Lipped Trevally (Butaguchi)* | 22.3    | 66.0          | 53.4   | 89.1    | 231   | 2 | <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                         |
| Deepwater Shrimp                 | 76.7    | 54.0          | 41.7   | 54.5    | 227   | 2 | <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                        |
| Giant Trevally (White Ulua)      | 3.6     | 74.0          | 53.9   | 92.5    | 224   | 2 | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>                               |
| Silverjaw Jobfish (Lehi)         | 4.7     | 68.8          | 49.9   | 90.8    | 214   | 2 | <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                              |
| Greater Amberjack (Kahala)       | 0.0     | 69.8          | 51.3   | 90.3    | 211   | 2 | <i>Seriola dumerili</i>                               |
| Ulua kihikihi (Kagami)           | 17.6    | 68.4          | 47.1   | 76.1    | 209   | 2 | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>                               |
| Golden Kali                      | 36.3    | 57.8          | 38.7   | 73.0    | 206   | 2 | <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>E. scintillans</i> |
| Goldspot jack (Papa)             | 11.6    | 64.5          | 36.6   | 87.6    | 200   | 1 | <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                       |
| Shark (misc.)                    | 1.2     | 73.2          | 33.4   | 82.2    | 190   | 1 | <i>Carcharhinus</i> , <i>Squalus</i> spp.             |
| Rainbow runner (Kamanu)          | 14.0    | 64.0          | 30.6   | 76.3    | 185   | 1 | <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                           |
| Largeheaded scorpionfish (Hogo)  | 22.3    | 53.5          | 30.9   | 77.9    | 185   | 1 | <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>                         |
| No-Bite, whitefin trevally       | 5.9     | 48.0          | 42.9   | 36.3    | 133   | 1 | <i>Carangoides equula</i>                             |
| Randall's Snapper                | 5.9     | 49.7          | 42.9   | 33.2    | 132   | 1 | <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>                    |
| Alfonsin (flashlight fish)       | 16.4    | 42.9          | 30.2   | 31.6    | 121   | 1 | <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                             |

\*Likely refers to Thick lipped Trevally (Butaguchi), *Pseudocaranx dentex*.

**Table 8. Ranked scores and expert assessment were combined to recommend management actions.**

|                                  | Conservation &<br>Management | Ecosystem<br>Component | Remove from<br>FEP | Scientific Name(s)                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Kona Crab                        | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Ranina ranina</i>                                  |
| Pink Snapper (Opakapaka)         | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>                    |
| Mackerel scad (Opelu)            | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                          |
| Pink Snapper (Kalekale)          | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>                       |
| Black Coral                      | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Antipathes</i> spp.                                |
| Gray Jobfish (Uku)               | X                            |                        |                    | <i>Aprion virescens</i>                               |
| Papio, Ulua (jack family)        |                              | X                      |                    | Carangidae (family)                                   |
| Flower Snapper (Gindai)          |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>                         |
| Peacock wrasse (Laenihi)         | ?                            | X                      |                    | <i>Iniistius pavo</i>                                 |
| Red Snapper (Onaga)              | ?                            | X                      |                    | <i>Etelis coruscans</i>                               |
| Sea Bass (Hapuupuu)              | ?                            | X                      |                    | <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                            |
| Red Snapper (Ehu)                |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                             |
| Pig Lipped Trevally (Butaguchi)* |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                         |
| Deepwater Shrimp                 |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                        |
| Giant Trevally (White Ulua)      |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>                               |
| Silverjaw Jobfish (Lehi)         |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                              |
| Greater Amberjack (Kahala)       |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Seriola dumerili</i>                               |
| Ulua kihikihi (Kagami)           |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>                               |
| Golden Kali                      |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>E. scintillans</i> |
| Goldspot jack (Papa)             |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                       |
| Shark (misc.)                    |                              | X                      |                    | <i>Carcharhinus</i> , <i>Squalus</i> spp.             |
| Rainbow runner (Kamanu)          |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                           |
| Largeheaded scorpionfish (Hogo)  |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>                         |
| No-Bite, whitefin trevally       |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Carangoides equula</i>                             |
| Randall's Snapper                |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>                    |
| Alfonsin (flashlight fish)       |                              |                        | X                  | <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                             |

\*Likely refers to Thick lipped Trevally (Butaguchi), *Pseudocaranx dentex*.

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## Section 8. Appendices

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### 8.1 Appendix 1—Hawaii FEP MUS Landings

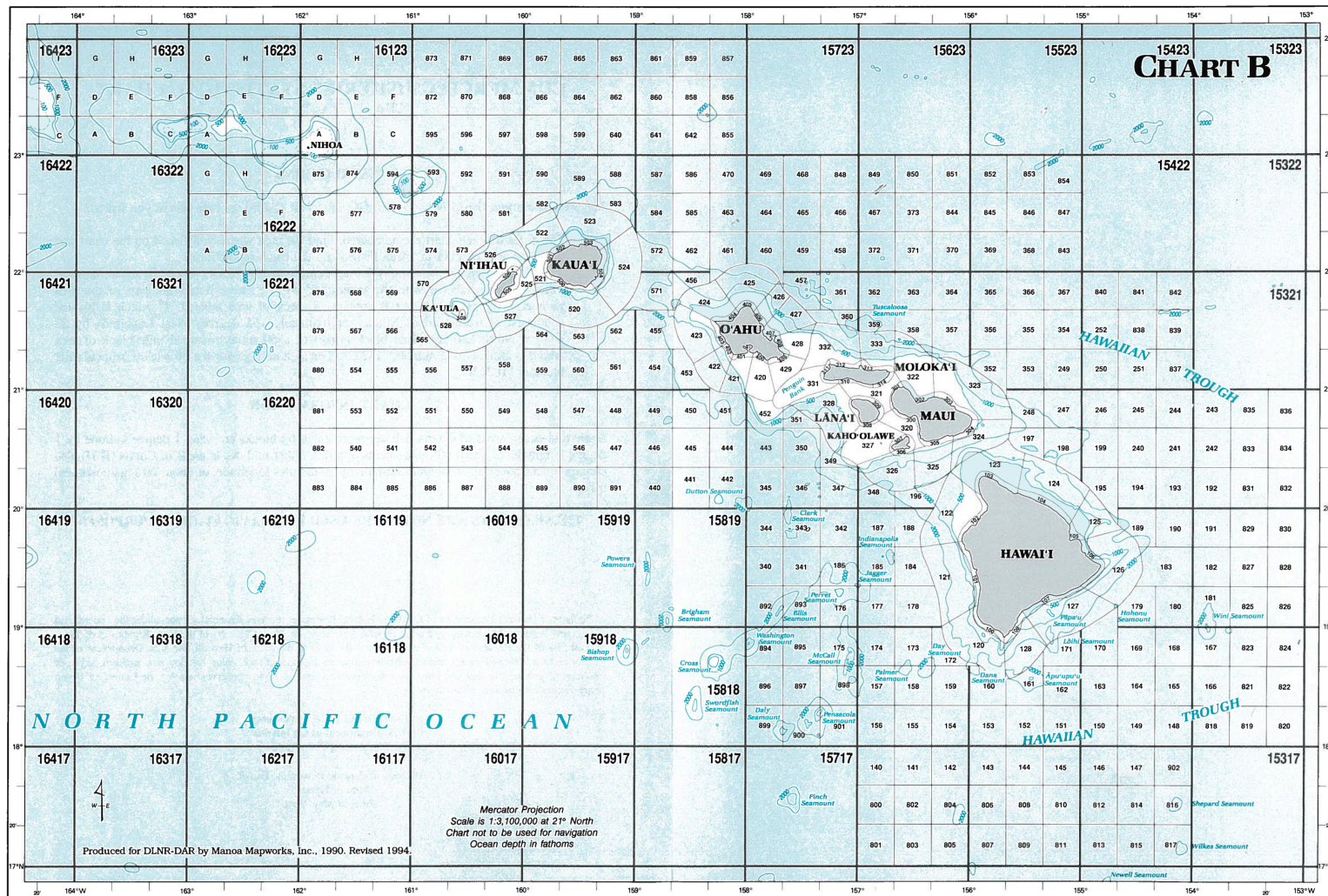
#### 8.1.1 Data Fields

| Field                  | Description  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Year</b>            | Year of date fished  |
| <b>Area_Name</b>       | Name of area groupings provided in the request (See Table X: Area Grouping)                              |
| <b>Area_Type</b>       | Either inshore or offshore depending on the area code (See Table X: Area Grouping)                       |
| <b>Group_Code</b>      | Unique species group code identifier (Used specifically for joining data.)                               |
| <b>Group_Name</b>      | Name of species groupings provided in the request (See Table X: Species Grouping)                        |
| <b>Species_Code</b>    | State of Hawaii DAR species code   |
| <b>Common_Name</b>     | Species common name  |
| <b>Scientific_Name</b> | Species scientific name  |
| <b>Subgroup</b>        | Subgroup (if available) for species in group 28: “Coral Reef Ecosystem – Other Coral Reef Ecosystem MUS” |
| <b>Lbs_Kept</b>        | Sum of lbs kept by year, area grouping, and species  |
| <b>Num_fisher</b>      | Number of unique CML counted by year, area grouping, and species   |

#### 8.1.2 Notes

- Fisherman (CML) count is provided to show that some of the summary records are confidential and will need to be grouped further.
- Common names are what were provided in the NMFS request.
- Groupings were all provided in original request.
- NMFS request established which gear to include/exclude; a list of included gear and excluded gear is included below.
- Data are included for years 2004 – 2014.

### 8.1.3 Chart of Fishing Areas



## 8.1.4 Code Tables

8.1.4.1 Area Grouping shows included area/subareas (reference map 8.1.3, above, for area/subarea locations).

| ISLAND | AREA_TYPE | AREA_FK |
|--------|-----------|---------|
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 100     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 100A    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 100B    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 101     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 101A    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 101B    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 101C    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 102     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 102A    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 102B    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 103     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 103A    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 103B    |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 104     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 105     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 106     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 107     |
| HAWAII | INSHORE   | 108     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 120     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 120*    |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 121     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 121*    |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 122     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 123     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 124     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 125     |
| HAWAII | OFFSHORE  | 126     |

| ISLAND       | AREA_TYPE | AREA_FK |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| HAWAII       | OFFSHORE  | 127     |
| HAWAII       | OFFSHORE  | 128     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 300     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 301     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 302     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 303     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 304     |
| MAUI         | INSHORE   | 305     |
| MAUI         | OFFSHORE  | 321     |
| MAUI         | OFFSHORE  | 322     |
| MAUI         | OFFSHORE  | 323     |
| MAUI         | OFFSHORE  | 324     |
| MAUI         | OFFSHORE  | 325     |
| KAHOOLAWE    | INSHORE   | 306     |
| KAHOOLAWE    | INSHORE   | 307     |
| KAHOOLAWE    | OFFSHORE  | 327     |
| LANAI        | INSHORE   | 308     |
| LANAI        | INSHORE   | 309     |
| LANAI        | OFFSHORE  | 328     |
| LANAI        | OFFSHORE  | 328*    |
| MOLOKAI      | INSHORE   | 310     |
| MOLOKAI      | INSHORE   | 311     |
| MOLOKAI      | INSHORE   | 312     |
| MOLOKAI      | INSHORE   | 313     |
| MOLOKAI      | INSHORE   | 314     |
| MOLOKAI      | OFFSHORE  | 332     |
| MOLOKAI      | OFFSHORE  | 333     |
| AUAU CHANNEL | OFFSHORE  | 320     |
| PENGUIN BANK | OFFSHORE  | 331     |
| OAHU         | INSHORE   | 400     |
| OAHU         | INSHORE   | 401     |
| OAHU         | INSHORE   | 402     |

| ISLAND | AREA_TYPE | AREA_FK |
|--------|-----------|---------|
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 403     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 404     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 405     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 406     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 407     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 408     |
| OAHU   | INSHORE   | 409     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 420     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 421     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 422     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 423     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 424     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 425     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 426     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 427     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 428     |
| OAHU   | OFFSHORE  | 429     |
| KAUAI  | INSHORE   | 500     |
| KAUAI  | INSHORE   | 501     |
| KAUAI  | INSHORE   | 502     |
| KAUAI  | INSHORE   | 503     |
| KAUAI  | INSHORE   | 504     |
| KAUAI  | OFFSHORE  | 520     |
| KAUAI  | OFFSHORE  | 521     |
| KAUAI  | OFFSHORE  | 522     |
| KAUAI  | OFFSHORE  | 523     |
| KAUAI  | OFFSHORE  | 524     |
| NIIHAU | INSHORE   | 505     |
| NIIHAU | INSHORE   | 506     |
| NIIHAU | OFFSHORE  | 526     |
| NIIHAU | OFFSHORE  | 527     |



**8.1.4.2 Gear included in the NMFS data request; records with specific gear types were included/excluded at the discretion of WPacFIN as provided in the request from NMFS.**

| GEAR_PK | GEAR_NAME                                |
|---------|--|
| 0       | *  |
| 3       | DEEP-SEA HANDLINE, BOTTOM HANDLINE       |
| 4       | INSHORE HANDLINE, COWRIE SHELL (TAKO)    |
| 7       | *  |
| 10      | CASTING, LIGHT TACKLE, SPINNER, WHIPPING |
| 11      | TRAP (MISC.)                             |
| 12      | *  |
| 13      | SPEARFISHING, DIVE, SQUIDING (TAKO)      |
| 14      | DIVING, DIVE FOR LOBSTER OR NAMAKO, ETC. |
| 15      | BLACK CORAL DIVE                         |
| 19      | *  |
| 20      | NET (MISC.)                              |
| 21      | LIFT NET, OPELU                          |
| 22      | GILL NET, FENCE NET, LAY NET, CROSS NET  |
| 23      | SEINE NET                                |
| 24      | BULLPEN TRAP                             |
| 25      | LOBSTER NET                              |
| 26      | CRAB NET                                 |
| 27      | THROW NET                                |
| 28      | *  |
| 29      | *  |
| 30      | BAIT NET                                 |
| 31      | *  |
| 32      | SHRIMP TRAWL NET                         |
| 35      | *  |
| 37      | *  |
| 40      | KONA CRAB NET, LOOPS                     |
| 49      | *  |
| 51      | CRAB TRAP (CAN BE DEEP SEA)              |

| GEAR_PK | GEAR_NAME  |
|---------|--|
| 52      | FISH TRAP  |
| 53      | LOBSTER TRAP, LOBSTER POT                              |
| 54      | SHRIMP TRAP  |
| 60      | HANDPICKED (LIMU, OPIHI, WANA, AAMA CRAB, NAMAKO, INA) |
| 72      | *  |
| 77      | *  |
| 98      | SUBMERSIBLE, PRECIOUS CORAL                            |
| 99      | OTHER  |

\* Denotes Unknown Gear (These gear codes may be from historical data out of the scope of this request.)

#### 8.1.4.3 Gear excluded in the NMFS data request.

| GEAR_PK | GEAR_NAME                      |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1       | AKUBOAT, POLE & LINE           |
| 2       | LOGLINE, AHI BOAT, FLAGLINE    |
| 5       | KAKA LINE, SET LINE            |
| 6       | TROLLING (MISC.)               |
| 8       | IKA-SHIBI                      |
| 9       | PALU AHI, DROP STONE, MAKE DOG |
| 33      | PURSE SEINE NET (PELAGIC)      |
| 41      | SCOOP NET                      |
| 45      | AQUARIUM COLLECTING NET        |
| 61      | TROLLING - LURES               |
| 62      | TROLLING - BAIT                |
| 63      | TROLLING - STICK               |
| 70      | ALBACORE TROLLING              |
| 90      | FISH POND                      |
| 91      | FLOATLINE                      |
| 92      | SHORTLINE                      |
| 93      | VERTICAL LOGLINE               |
| 97      | HYBRID                         |



## 8.2 Appendix 2—Summary: MSA National Standards 1, 3 & 7

| NS | name               | essence  | notes   |
|----|--------------------|--|---|
| 1  | Optimum Yield      | Conservation and management measures shall prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield (OY) from each fishery for the U.S. fishing industry.               | NMFS' guidelines for applying NS1 are listed in Table 1   |
| 3  | Management Units   | To the extent practicable, an individual stock of fish shall be managed as a unit throughout its range, and interrelated stocks of fish shall be managed as a unit or in close coordination. | Assumed that the fisheries data provided were assigned as properly designated Management Unit Species (MUS) |
| 7  | Costs and benefits | Conservation and management measures shall, where practicable, minimize costs and avoid unnecessary duplication.   | Prioritizing MUS for conservation measures will minimize costs and avoid duplication                        |

## 8.3 Appendix 3—Ratio of Landings from Federal Waters

The ratio of the landings for all MUS (weight summed over all years) from federal waters to all waters (federal + state).

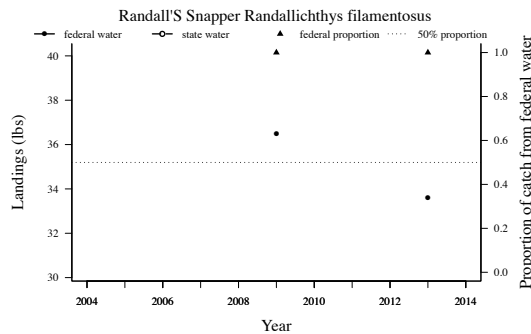
| Alphabetical  |           | Rank Order  |           |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| scientific name                                       | fed ratio | scientific name                                       | fed ratio |
| <i>Acanthurus dussumieri</i>                          | 0.0034    | <i>Antipathes</i> spp.                                | 1.0000    |
| <i>Acanthurus triostegus</i>                          | 0.0014    | <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                             | 1.0000    |
| <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>                               | 0.2378    | <i>Carangoides equula</i>                             | 1.0000    |
| <i>Antipathes</i> spp.                                | 1.0000    | <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>                    | 1.0000    |
| <i>Aphareus furca</i>                                 | 0.0271    | <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                        | 0.9323    |
| <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                              | 0.7363    | <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                              | 0.7363    |
| <i>Aprion virescens</i>                               | 0.6566    | <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>                    | 0.7156    |
| Balistidae (family)                                   | 0.0264    | <i>Etelis coruscans</i>                               | 0.6811    |
| Belonidae (family)                                    | 0.0151    | <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>                       | 0.6691    |
| <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                             | 1.0000    | <i>Aprion virescens</i>                               | 0.6566    |
| <i>Bodianus bilunulatus</i>                           | 0.0421    | <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>                         | 0.6142    |
| Carangidae (family)                                   | 0.2215    | <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                       | 0.5954    |
| <i>Carangoides equula</i>                             | 1.0000    | <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                             | 0.5832    |
| <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                       | 0.5954    | <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>E. scintillans</i> | 0.5752    |
| <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>                               | 0.2354    | <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                            | 0.4925    |
| <i>Caranx melampygus</i>                              | 0.1380    | <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>                         | 0.4779    |
| <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>                            | 0.0953    | <i>Seriola dumerili</i>                               | 0.4745    |
| <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                         | 0.4359    | <i>Ranina ranina</i>                                  | 0.4473    |
| <i>Cephalopholis argus</i>                            | 0.0065    | <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                         | 0.4359    |
| <i>Chlorurus sordidus</i>                             | 0.0057    | <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                           | 0.3187    |
| <i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>                         | 0.0061    | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>                               | 0.2378    |
| <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                          | 0.2300    | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>                               | 0.2354    |
| <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                           | 0.3187    | <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                          | 0.2300    |
| <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>E. scintillans</i> | 0.5752    | Carangidae (family)                                   | 0.2215    |
| <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                             | 0.5832    | <i>Iniistius pavo</i>                                 | 0.2189    |
| <i>Etelis coruscans</i>                               | 0.6811    | <i>Squalus</i> , <i>Carcharhinus</i> spp.             | 0.1970    |
| <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                        | 0.9323    | <i>Naso hexacanthus</i>                               | 0.1407    |
| <i>Heteropriacanthus cruentatus</i>                   | 0.0912    | <i>Caranx melampygus</i>                              | 0.1380    |
| <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                            | 0.4925    | <i>Sphyræna barracuda</i>                             | 0.1199    |
| <i>Iniistius pavo</i>                                 | 0.2189    | Labridae (family)                                     | 0.1184    |
| <i>Kuhlia</i> spp.                                    | 0.0098    | <i>Mulloidichthys pfluegeri</i>                       | 0.1113    |
| <i>Kyphosus</i> spp.                                  | 0.0008    | <i>Sphyræna helleri</i>                               | 0.1023    |
| Labridae (family)                                     | 0.1184    | <i>Myripristis murdjan</i>                            | 0.0986    |
| <i>Lutjanus fulvus</i>                                | 0.0138    | <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>                            | 0.0953    |
| <i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>                               | 0.0607    | <i>Heteropriacanthus cruentatus</i>                   | 0.0912    |
| <i>Mulloidichthys flavolineatus</i>                   | 0.0015    | <i>Uraspis helvola</i>                                | 0.0900    |
| <i>Mulloidichthys pfluegeri</i>                       | 0.1113    | NULL*   | 0.0833    |
| <i>Mulloidichthys vanicolensis</i>                    | 0.0053    | <i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>                               | 0.0607    |

| Alphabetical                       |           | Rank Order                          |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| scientific name                    | fed ratio | scientific name                     | fed ratio |
| <i>Myripristis murdjan</i>         | 0.0986    | <i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>       | 0.0593    |
| <i>Naso hexacanthus</i>            | 0.1407    | <i>Bodianus bilunulatus</i>         | 0.0421    |
| <i>Naso</i> spp.                   | 0.0004    | <i>Parupeneus multifasciatus</i>    | 0.0318    |
| NULL*                              | 0.0833    | <i>Octopus</i> spp.                 | 0.0299    |
| <i>Octopus cyanea</i>              | 0.0047    | <i>Parupeneus cyclostomus</i>       | 0.0282    |
| <i>Octopus</i> spp.                | 0.0299    | <i>Aphareus furca</i>               | 0.0271    |
| <i>Panulirus marginatus</i>        | 0.0178    | Balistidae (family)                 | 0.0264    |
| <i>Parupeneus cyclostomus</i>      | 0.0282    | <i>Sargocentron spiniferum</i>      | 0.0262    |
| <i>Parupeneus insularis</i>        | 0.0017    | <i>Sargocentron xantherythrum</i>   | 0.0207    |
| <i>Parupeneus multifasciatus</i>   | 0.0318    | <i>Pontinus</i> spp.                | 0.0191    |
| <i>Parupeneus porphyreus</i>       | 0.0095    | <i>Panulirus marginatus</i>         | 0.0178    |
| <i>Polydactylus sexfilis</i>       | 0.0040    | Belonidae (family)                  | 0.0151    |
| <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>      | 0.6142    | <i>Lutjanus fulvus</i>              | 0.0138    |
| <i>Pontinus</i> spp.               | 0.0191    | <i>Kuhlia</i> spp.                  | 0.0098    |
| <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i> | 0.7156    | <i>Parupeneus porphyreus</i>        | 0.0095    |
| <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>    | 0.6691    | <i>Cephalopholis argus</i>          | 0.0065    |
| <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>      | 0.4779    | <i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>       | 0.0061    |
| <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i> | 1.0000    | <i>Chlorurus sordidus</i>           | 0.0057    |
| <i>Ranina ranina</i>               | 0.4473    | <i>Mulloidichthys vanicolensis</i>  | 0.0053    |
| <i>Sargocentron spiniferum</i>     | 0.0262    | <i>Octopus cyanea</i>               | 0.0047    |
| <i>Sargocentron xantherythrum</i>  | 0.0207    | <i>Polydactylus sexfilis</i>        | 0.0040    |
| <i>Scomberoides lysan</i>          | 0.0014    | <i>Acanthurus dussumieri</i>        | 0.0034    |
| <i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>      | 0.0593    | <i>Parupeneus insularis</i>         | 0.0017    |
| <i>Seriola dumerili</i>            | 0.4745    | <i>Mulloidichthys flavolineatus</i> | 0.0015    |
| <i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>         | 0.1199    | <i>Acanthurus triostegus</i>        | 0.0014    |
| <i>Sphyraena helleri</i>           | 0.1023    | <i>Scomberoides lysan</i>           | 0.0014    |
| <i>Squalus, Carcharhinus</i> spp.  | 0.1970    | <i>Kyphosus</i> spp.                | 0.0008    |
| <i>Uraspis helvola</i>             | 0.0900    | <i>Naso</i> spp.                    | 0.0004    |

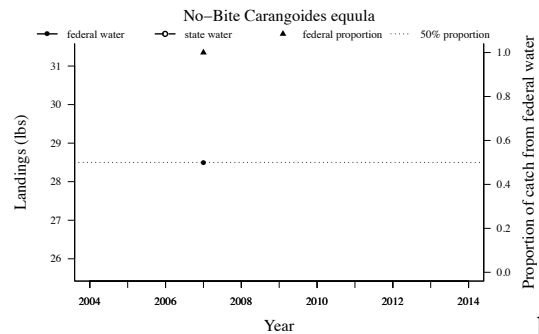
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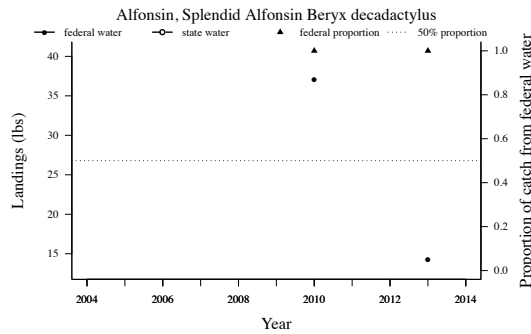
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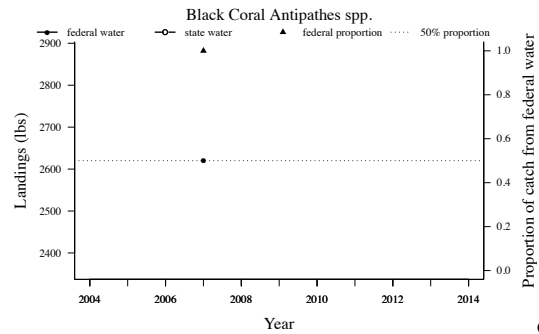
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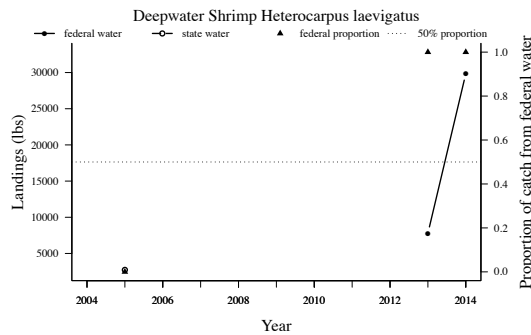
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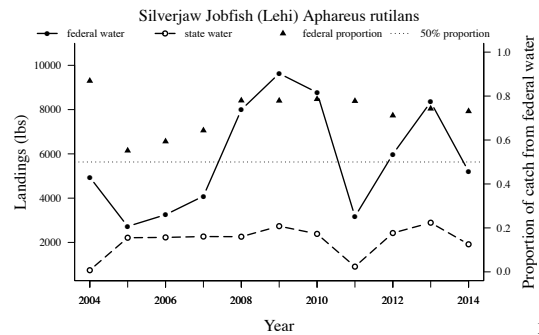
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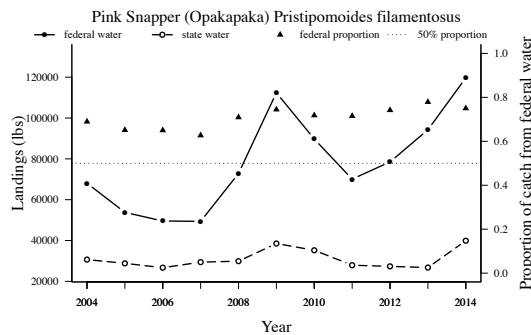
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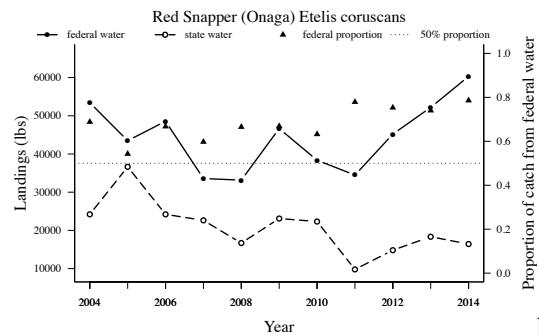
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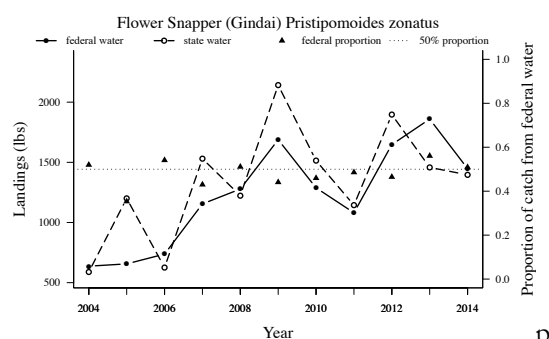
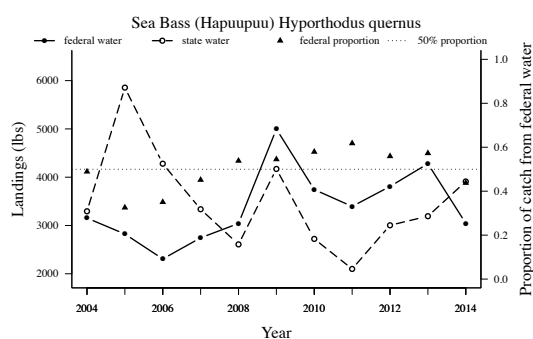
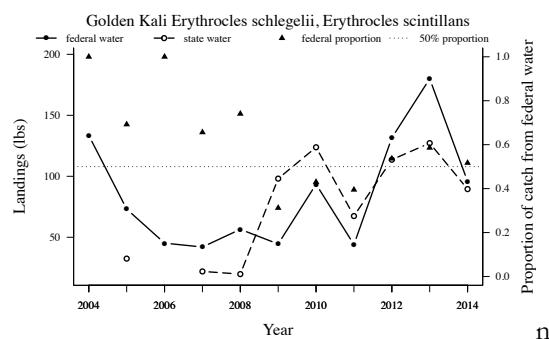
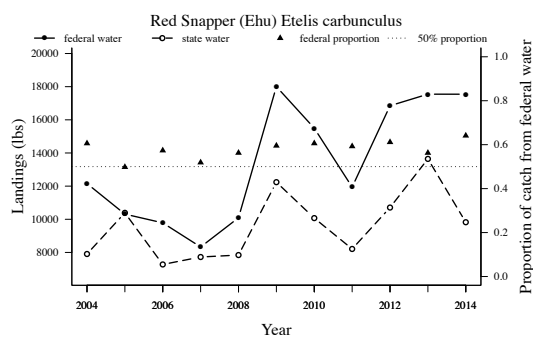
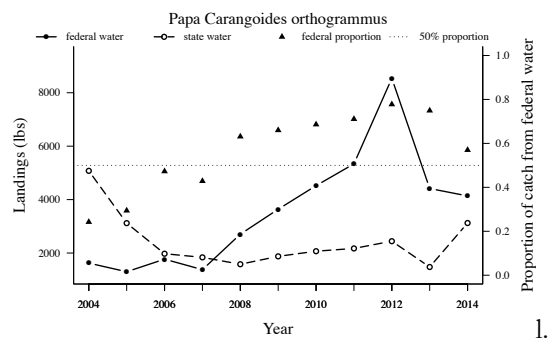
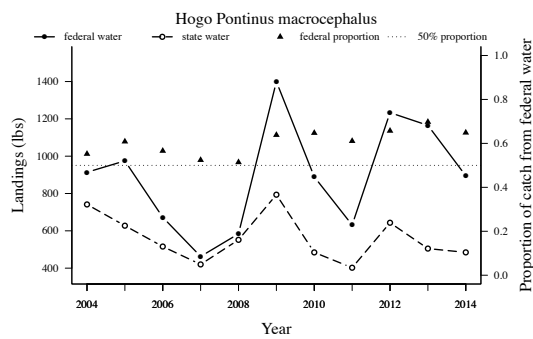
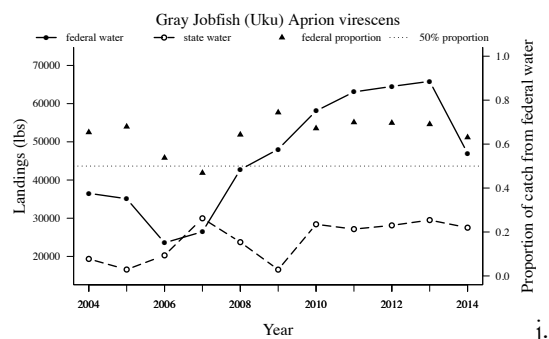
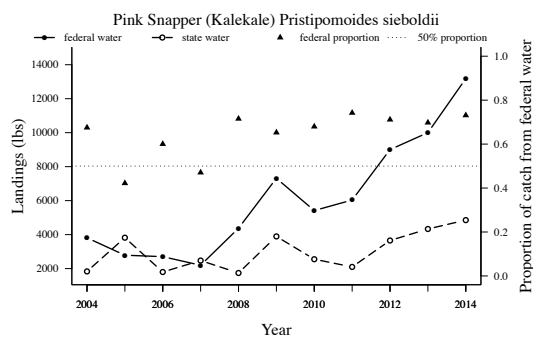
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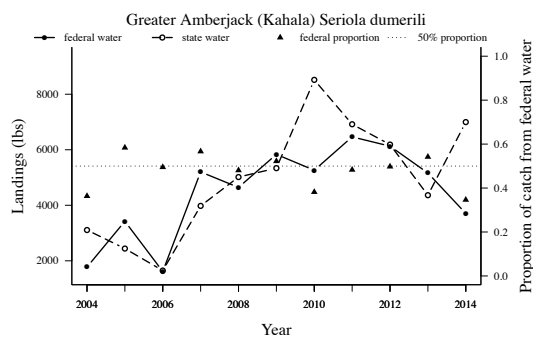


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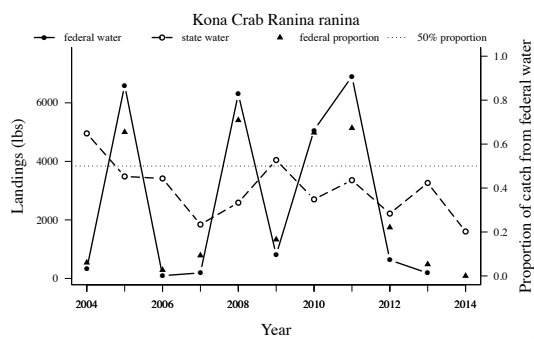


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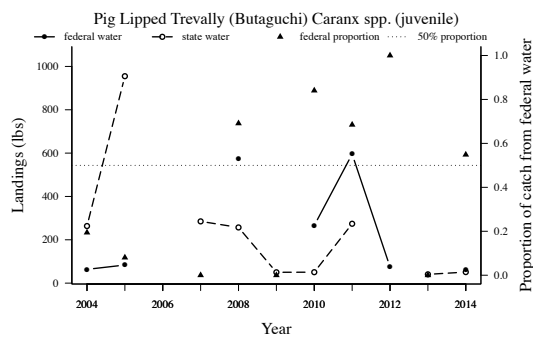




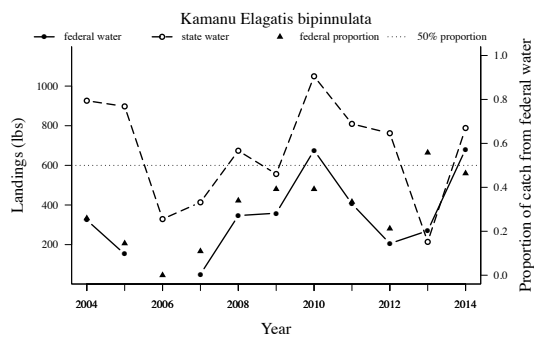
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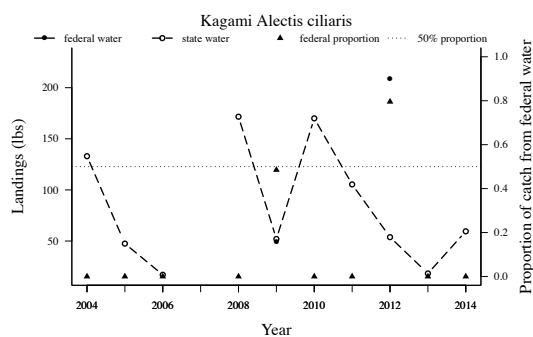
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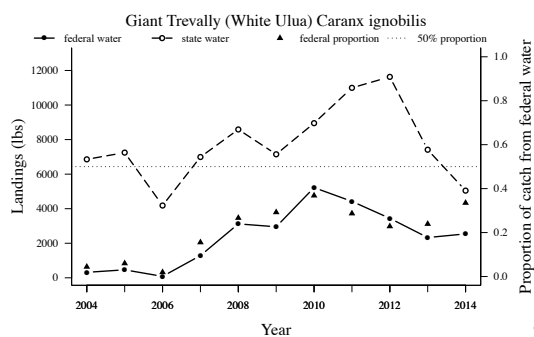
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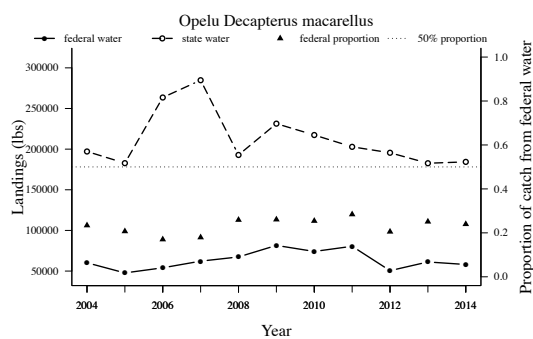
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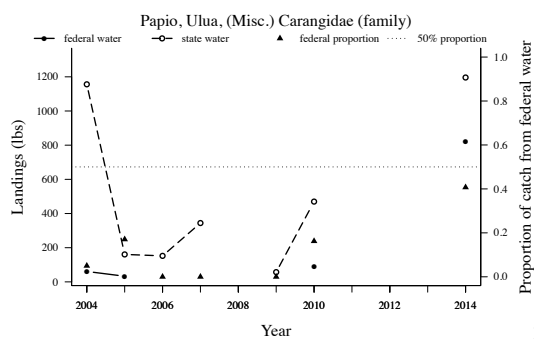
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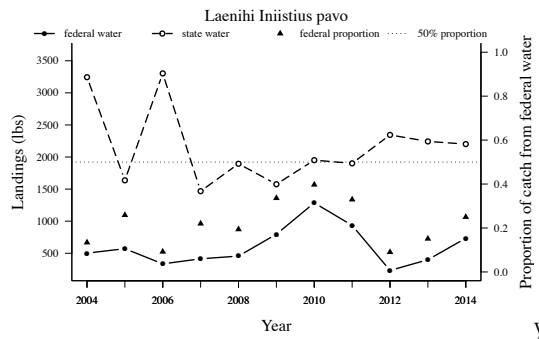
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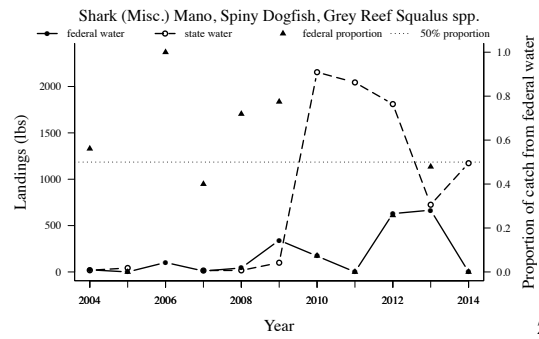
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## 8.5 Appendix 5—MUS reported from inshore waters only

| scientific name                  | common name                 | Pacific islands name                                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Abudefduf abdominalis</i>     | Ma'O Ma'O                   | Sergeant major, Hawaiian sergeant, Mamo                 |
| <i>Abudefduf sordidus</i>        | Kupipi                      | Kupipi  |
| <i>Acanthurus achilles</i>       | Pakuikui                    | Achilles tang, Pakuikui, Kolama                         |
| <i>Acanthurus blochii</i>        | Pualu                       | Pualu, Puhai, Ualu                                      |
| <i>Acanthurus guttatus</i>       | Api                         | Api   |
| <i>Acanthurus nigrofasciatus</i> | Maiii                       | Maiii, Alii bang bang, Alibangbang                      |
| <i>Acanthurus nigroris</i>       | Maiko                       | Maiko   |
| <i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>      | Naenae                      | Na'ena'e, Nuinui, Naenae                                |
| <i>Albula</i> spp.               | Oio                         | Oio, Bonefish, Ola (unspecified)                        |
| <i>Aluterus monoceros</i>        | Loulu                       | Filefish, Oili lepa, Hage                               |
| <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i>   | Limu Kohu                   | Limu kohu, Lemu   |
| <i>Atule mate</i>                | Omaka                       | Omaka, Yellowtail scad                                  |
| <i>Aulostomus</i> spp.           | Nunu                        | Nunu, Billie Hu, Cornetfish                             |
| Bothidae (family)                | Pakii                       | Pakii, Flounder, Flat fish                              |
| <i>Calotomus carolinus</i>       | Panuhunuhu                  | Star eye parrotfish, Sleeping Uhu, Panunu               |
| <i>Carangoides ferdau</i>        | Barred Jack                 | Barred jack/ulua, Blue trevally                         |
| <i>Caranx lugubris</i>           | Black Trevally (Black Ulua) | Black jack, Black trevally, Gunkan, Tarakiton Attelong  |
| <i>Carpilius maculatus</i>       | Crab (Misc.)                | 7-11 crab, Stone crab                                   |
| <i>Chanos chanos</i>             | Awa                         | Awa, Safale, Milkfish, Bangos                           |
| <i>Cheilinus unifasciatus</i>    | Poou                        | Poou, Ringtail wrasse                                   |
| <i>Cheilio inermis</i>           | Kupoupou                    | Kupoupou, Mongoose fish, Cigar wrasse                   |
| <i>Cirrhitus pinnulatus</i>      | Poo Paa                     | Po'opa'a, Pa'au, Pau'au, Popa'a, Popa, Ulutui, Rock cod |
| <i>Codium</i> spp.               | Wawaeiole                   | Limu wawaeiole, Pokpoklo, Rat feet limu, Lemu           |
| <i>Conger cinereus</i>           | Puhi (White)                | White conger/garden eel, Puhi, Pusi                     |
| Diodontidae (family)             | Oopu Hue                    | Spiny pufferfish, balloon fish, Fugu                    |
| <i>Elops hawaiiensis</i>         | Awaawa                      | Awaawa, Awa'aua, Hawaiian ladyfish, Ten pounder         |
| <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>     | Paopao                      | Paopao, Yellow ulua, Stripe ulua, Golden/Tiger trevally |



|  |                               |   |
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| <i>Gracilaria</i> spp.                     | Ogo                           | Limu, Ogo, Lipoa  |
| <i>Gymnothorax</i> spp.                    | Puhi (Black/Brown)            | Black & brown eel, Puhi, Pusi                               |
| <i>Hemiramphus</i> spp.                    | Iheihe                        | Halfbeak, Iheihe, Sayori, Ballyhoo                          |
| <i>Monotaxis grandoculis</i>               | Mu                            | Bigeye emperor, Mu, Humpnose bream                          |
| <i>Mugil cephalus</i>                      | Amaama                        | Amaama, Anae, Striped mullet                                |
| <i>Mulloidichthys</i> spp.                 | Weke (Misc.)                  | Iasina, Ti'ao, Yellow goatfishes (unknown/juv)              |
| Muraenidae (family)                        | Puhi (Misc.)                  | Puhi, Pusi, Eel   |
| <i>Naso lituratus</i>                      | Kalalei                       | Hangan, Umaumalei, Orangespine unicornfish                  |
| <i>Neomoxus leuciscus</i>                  | Uouoa (Juvenile)              | Uouoa, False mullet, Woowoo, Acute-jawed mullet             |
| <i>Oreochromis macrochir</i>               | Tilapia                       | Tilapia   |
| <i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>              | Green Spiny Lobster           | Ula hiwa, Green/Pronghorn/Tuffed spiny lobster              |
| <i>Parupeneus pleurostigma</i>             | Malu                          | Malu, Maru, Sidespot goatfish                               |
| Plantae (kingdom)                          | Limu (Misc.)                  | Lemu, Limu, Seaweed   |
| <i>Portunus sanguinolentus hawaiiensis</i> | Kuahonu Crab                  | Kuahonu/White/Koha/Swimming crab                            |
| <i>Pristipomoides auricilla</i>            | Yellowtail Snapper (Kalekale) | Yellowtail kalikali/kalekale, Purple opakapaka              |
| <i>Scarus psittacus</i>                    | Panunu                        | Pale nose/Common parrotfish, Uhu, Panunu                    |
| <i>Scylla serrata</i>                      | Samoan Crab                   | Samoan/Mangrove crab  |
| <i>Scyllarides haanii</i>                  | Ridgeback Slipper Lobster     | Humpbacked/Ridge back slipper lobster, Ulapapapa            |
| <i>Scyllarides squammosus</i>              | Scaly Slipper Lobster         | Ulapapapa, Scaly slipper lobster                            |
| Synaptidae (family)                        | Namako                        | Sea cucumber, Loli/Lole, Namako                             |
| <i>Thalassoma</i> spp.                     | Hinalea                       | Wrasse (unspecified), Hinalea                               |
| <i>Upeneus taeniopterus</i>                | Weke Pueo                     | Bandtail/Striped goatfish, Weke pueo, Nightmare weke, Obake |

## 8.6 Appendix 6—Expert Assessment form

[See following pages.]

Dear [Insert Name of Expert Reviewer]

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) are requesting your help in qualitatively evaluating social, economic, and biological factors for a number of fish stocks caught around Hawaii. Your evaluation will help us identify stocks that may require continued conservation and management under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago (Hawaii FEP). Stocks that do not require conservation and management under the Hawaii FEP may be identified as ecosystem component species and continue to be included in the plan for data collection purposes, or to achieve ecosystem management objectives.

Section 302(h)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires the Council to prepare a fishery management plan for each fishery under its authority (i.e. Federal waters 3-200 nautical miles offshore) that is in need of conservation and management. Federal regulations at 50 CFR 600.305(c) provide guidance to assist the Council in identifying fisheries under its authority that require conservation and management (81 FR 71858, October 18, 2016). Specifically, the Council must include in the Hawaii FEP any stock of fish that is predominantly caught in Federal waters, and is overfished or subject to overfishing. Beyond such stocks, the Council may decide whether additional stocks require conservation and management based on, but not limited to, the 10 factors below:

1. The stock is an important component of the marine environment.
2. The stock is caught by the fishery.
3. Whether a Federal fishery management plan can improve or maintain the condition of the stock.
4. The stock is a target of a fishery.
5. The stock is important to commercial, recreational, or subsistence users.
6. The fishery is important to the Nation or to the regional economy.
7. The need to resolve competing interests and conflicts among user groups and whether a Federal fishery management plan can further that resolution.
8. The economic condition of a fishery and whether a Federal fishery management plan can produce more efficient utilization.
9. The needs of a developing fishery and whether a Federal fishery management plan can foster orderly growth.
10. The extent to which the fishery is already adequately managed by states, by state/Federal programs, or by Federal regulations pursuant to other Federal fishery management plans or international commissions, or by industry self-regulation, consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

Currently, the Hawaii FEP includes hundreds of individual stocks, caught in association with Hawaii coral reef, crustacean, precious coral and bottomfish fisheries. The attached table provides a list of all stocks reported in the State of Hawaii's commercial marine license (CML) reporting system between 2004 and 2014, and the proportion of catch from Federal waters under the jurisdiction of NMFS and the Council. During this period, Hawaii commercial fishermen reported catching 115 different stocks, of which, 65 were caught in Federal waters.

For each of the 115 stocks, NMFS and the Council have begun evaluating the 10 factors and available information to help identify stocks that may require continued conservation and management under the Hawaii FEP. However, we are seeking your help in evaluating Factors 3, 4, 6 and 10 for those stocks that the Federal catch proportion is 20 percent and greater. That is, sharks (*Squalus* spp, *Carcharhinus* spp.) to Randall's snapper (*Randallichthys filamentosus*).

To assist you in this review, we have provided a review sheet for each stock of fish with landings >20% from federal waters (Table 1) to complete your answers. Additionally, if there a stock of fish caught in Federal waters in proportions lower than 20 percent (Table 2) that you believe is in need of conservation and management under the Hawaii FEP, please identify the fish and explain why.

Please email your completed worksheets to [pnelson@harveyecology.com](mailto:pnelson@harveyecology.com) by April 14, 2017. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact Peter at [pnelson@harveyecology.com](mailto:pnelson@harveyecology.com), 408-458-3266 (office) or 707-267-5896 (cell).

Mahalo for your time and your expertise!

**TABLE 1. Stocks with >20% of landings from federal waters**

|    | SCIENTIFIC_NAME  | FEDERAL_PROPORTION | PIR_COMMON_NAME  |
|----|--|--------------------|--|
| 1  | <i>Randallichthys filamentosus</i>                             | 1.00               | Randall's snapper; Bake-akamutsu                             |
| 2  | <i>Carangoides equula</i>                                      | 1.00               | Whitefin trevally, No-bite ulua                              |
| 3  | <i>Beryx decadactylus</i>                                      | 1.00               | Alfonsin, Lantern-eye, Flashlight fish                       |
| 4  | <i>Antipathes</i> spp.   | 1.00               | Black coral  |
| 5  | <i>Heterocarpus laevigatus</i>                                 | 0.93               | Deepwater shrimp, Nylon shrimp                               |
| 6  | <i>Aphareus rutilans</i>                                       | 0.74               | Lehi, Deep/Silvermouth                                       |
| 7  | <i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>                             | 0.72               | Opakapaka, Pink snapper, Crimson jobfish                     |
| 8  | <i>Etelis coruscans</i>  | 0.68               | Onaga, Ulaula, Ulu, Buninas, Taighulupegh, Longtail snapper  |
| 9  | <i>Pristipomoides sieboldii</i>                                | 0.67               | Kalekale, Kalikali, Lavender jobfish                         |
| 10 | <i>Aprion virescens</i>  | 0.66               | Uku, Gogunafon, Aiwe, "Hi-Way"                               |
| 11 | <i>Pontinus macrocephalus</i>                                  | 0.61               | Hogo, Nohu, Largeheaded scorpionfish, Red seabass            |
| 12 | <i>Carangoides orthogrammus</i>                                | 0.60               | Island/Yellow spotted/Goldspot jack/trevally                 |
| 13 | <i>Etelis carbunculus</i>                                      | 0.58               | Ehu, Buninas agaga, Falaghal moroobw, Squirrelfish snapper   |
| 14 | <i>Erythrocles schlegelii</i> , <i>Erythrocles scintillans</i> | 0.58               | Golden kale, Schlegel's boga fish, Yanaginomai               |
| 15 | <i>Hyporthodus quernus</i>                                     | 0.49               | Hapu'upu'u, Shapon, Sapon                                    |
| 16 | <i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>                                  | 0.48               | Gindai, Buninas, Flower snapper, Tai, Kindai, Kentai, Shimac |
| 17 | <i>Seriola dumerili</i>  | 0.47               | Kahala, Greater amberjack, Boogaman                          |
| 18 | <i>Ranina ranina</i>   | 0.45               | Kona crab  |
| 19 | <i>Caranx</i> spp. (juvenile)                                  | 0.44               | I'e, Papio   |
| 20 | <i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>                                    | 0.32               | Hawaiian Salmon, Rainbow Runner, Kamano                      |
| 21 | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i>  | 0.24               | Ulua kihikihi, Kagami ulua, Uluaki                           |
| 22 | <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>  | 0.24               | White ulua, Mamulan, Tarakiton, Etam                         |
| 23 | <i>Decapterus macarellus</i>                                   | 0.23               | Opelu, Mackerel scad, Muroaji                                |
| 24 | Carangidae (family)  | 0.22               | Ulua/papio (Misc.)   |
| 25 | <i>Iniistius pavo</i>  | 0.22               | Laenihi, Nabeta, Peacock/blue wrasse                         |
| 26 | <i>Squalus</i> spp., <i>Carcharhinus</i> spp.                  | 0.20               | Sharks (misc.), Spiny dogfish, Green-eye shark               |

**TABLE 2. Stocks with <20% of landings from federal waters**

| SCIENTIFIC_NAME                     | FEDERAL<br>PROPORTION | PIR_COMMON_NAME   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Naso hexacanthus</i>             | 0.14                  | Opelu kala, Sleek unicornfish, Tataga (Black tongue)      |
| <i>Caranx melampygus</i>            | 0.14                  | Omilu, Bluefin trevally, Hoshi Ulua, Star ulua, Nukumomi  |
| <i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>          | 0.12                  | Kaku, Sapat?, Opelu mama, Butternose                      |
| Labridae (family)                   | 0.12                  | Wrasse, Ea (unspecified)                                  |
| <i>Mulloidichthys pfluegeri</i>     | 0.11                  | Moelua, Moilua, Weke nono, Moana ula                      |
| <i>Sphyraena helleri</i>            | 0.10                  | Kawelea, Kamasu, Japanese barracuda, Kalalea              |
| <i>Myripristis murdjan</i>          | 0.10                  | Uu, Mempoichi, Bigscale/Blotcheye soldierfish             |
| <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>          | 0.10                  | Sasa ulua, Pake (Chinese) ulua                            |
| <i>Heteropriacanthus cruentatus</i> | 0.09                  | Glasseye, Bigeye, Aweoweo, Matapula                       |
| <i>Uraspis helvola</i>              | 0.09                  | Dobe ulua, Whitemouth jack                                |
| Lutjanidae (family)                 | 0.08                  | Wahanui   |
| <i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>             | 0.06                  | Ta'ape, Saas, Funai, Blue-line snapper, Yosuji-fuedai     |
| <i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>       | 0.06                  | Atulai, Akule, Lengo, Rengo                               |
| <i>Bodianus bilunulatus</i>         | 0.04                  | A'awa, Hawaiian hogfish, Table boss, Bodai, Aia, Aea      |
| <i>Parupeneus multifasciatus</i>    | 0.03                  | Manybar/Multibarred goat fish, Moana maru, Moano          |
| <i>Octopus</i> spp.                 | 0.03                  | Tako, Octopus, He'e, Fe'e                                 |
| <i>Parupeneus cyclostomus</i>       | 0.03                  | Moana kali, Moana kea, Kuchihige                          |
| <i>Aphareus furca</i>               | 0.03                  | Reef silvermouth, Crazy paka, Joey Brown, Goro, Gurutsuki |
| Balistidae (family)                 | 0.03                  | Triggerfishes (family), Hage, Joe Lewis                   |
| <i>Sargocentron spiniferum</i>      | 0.03                  | Alaihe mama, Saber squirrelfish, Uukanipo                 |
| <i>Sargocentron xantherythrum</i>   | 0.02                  | Alaihe, Hawaiian squirrelfish, Uukanipo, Indian fish      |
| <i>Pontinus</i> spp.                | 0.02                  | Nohu, Okoze, Scorpionfish, Rockfish                       |
| <i>Panulirus marginatus</i>         | 0.02                  | Ula, Hawaiian red spiny lobster                           |
| Belonidae (family)                  | 0.02                  | Ahaaha, Dasu, Needlefish, Bluebone, Garfish               |
| <i>Lutjanus fulvus</i>              | 0.01                  | Toau, Blacktail/Flametail snapper, Golden perch           |
| <i>Kuhlia</i> spp.                  | 0.01                  | Aholehole, Flagtails                                      |
| <i>Parupeneus porphyreus</i>        | 0.01                  | Kumu, Whitesaddle goatfish                                |
| <i>Cephalopholis argus</i>          | 0.01                  | Peacock grouper, Roi, Royal seabass                       |
| <i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>       | 0.01                  | Black/Hawaiian/Goldring/Yellow-eyed surgeonfish           |
| <i>Chlorurus sordidus</i>           | 0.01                  | Bullethead Parrotfish                                     |
| <i>Mulloidichthys vanicolensis</i>  | 0.01                  | Weke-ula, Yellowfin goatfish, Pink/Red weke               |
| <i>Octopus cyanea</i>               | <0.01                 | Tako, Day octopus, He'e mauili, Fe'e                      |
| <i>Polydactylus sexfilis</i>        | <0.01                 | Sixfinger/Sixfeeler threadfin, Moi                        |

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| <i>Acanthurus dussumieri</i>               | <0.01 | Palani, Pone  |
| <i>Parupeneus insularis</i>                | <0.01 | Munu, Joe Louis, Double bar goatfish, Black kumu            |
| <i>Mulloidichthys flavolineatus</i>        | <0.01 | Weke a'a, White weke, yellow stripe(d) goatfish             |
| <i>Acanthurus triostegus</i>               | <0.01 | Manini, Kichu'  |
| <i>Scomberoides lysan</i>                  | <0.01 | Lae, Leatherneck, Leatherback, Sagoshi                      |
| <i>Kyphosus</i> spp.                       | <0.01 | Rudderfish, Guilli, Nenu                                    |
| <i>Naso</i> spp.                           | <0.01 | Unicornfishes, Naso tangs, Kala, Tataga                     |
| <i>Upeneus taeniopterus</i>                | NA    | Bandtail/Striped goatfish, Weke pueo, Nightmare weke, Obake |
| <i>Thalassoma</i> spp.                     | NA    | Wrasse (unspecified), Hinalea                               |
| Synaptidae (family)                        | NA    | Sea cucumber, Loli/Lole, Namako                             |
| <i>Scyllarides squammosus</i>              | NA    | Ulapapapa, Scaly slipper lobster                            |
| <i>Scyllarides haanii</i>                  | NA    | Humpbacked/Ridge back slipper lobster, Ulapapapa            |
| <i>Scylla serrata</i>                      | NA    | Samoan/Mangrove crab  |
| <i>Scarus psittacus</i>                    | NA    | Pale nose/Common parrotfish, Uhu, Panunu                    |
| <i>Pristipomoides auricilla</i>            | NA    | Yellowtail kalikali/kalekale, Purple opakapaka              |
| <i>Portunus sanguinolentus hawaiiensis</i> | NA    | Kuahonu/White/Koha/Swimming crab                            |
| Plantae (kingdom)                          | NA    | Lemu, Limu, Seaweed   |
| <i>Parupeneus pleurostigma</i>             | NA    | Malu, Maru, Sidespot goatfish                               |
| <i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>              | NA    | Ula hiwa, Green/Pronghorn/Tuffed spiny lobster              |
| <i>Oreochromis macrochir</i>               | NA    | Tilapia   |
| <i>Neomyxus leuciscus</i>                  | NA    | Uouoa, False mullet, Woowoo, Acute-jawed mullet             |
| <i>Naso lituratus</i>                      | NA    | Hangon, Umaumalei, Orangespine unicornfish                  |
| Muraenidae (family)                        | NA    | Puhi, Pusi, Eel   |
| <i>Mulloidichthys</i> spp.                 | NA    | Iasina, Ti'ao, Yellow goatfishes (unknown/juv)              |
| <i>Mugil cephalus</i>                      | NA    | Amaama, Anae, Striped mullet                                |
| <i>Monotaxis grandoculis</i>               | NA    | Bigeye emperor, Mu, Humpnose bream                          |
| <i>Hemiramphus</i> spp.                    | NA    | Halfbeak, Iheihe, Sayori, Ballyhoo                          |
| <i>Gymnothorax</i> spp.                    | NA    | Black & brown eel, Puhi, Pusi                               |
| <i>Gracilaria</i> spp.                     | NA    | Limu, Ogo, Lipoa  |
| <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>               | NA    | Paopao, Yellow ulua, Stripe ulua, Golden/Tiger trevally     |
| <i>Elops hawaiiensis</i>                   | NA    | Awaawa, Awa'aua, Hawaiian ladyfish, Ten pounder             |
| Diodontidae (family)                       | NA    | Spiny pufferfish, balloon fish, Fugu                        |
| <i>Conger cinereus</i>                     | NA    | White conger/garden eel, Puhi, Pusi                         |
| <i>Codium</i> spp.                         | NA    | Limu wawaeiole, Pokpoklo, Rat feet limu, Lemu               |
| <i>Cirrhitus pinnulatus</i>                | NA    | Po'opa'a, Pa'au, Pau'au, Popa'a, Popa, Ulutui, Rock cod     |
| <i>Cheilio inermis</i>                     | NA    | Kupoupou, Mongoose fish, Cigar wrasse                       |
| <i>Cheilinus unifasciatus</i>              | NA    | Poou, Ringtail wrasse                                       |

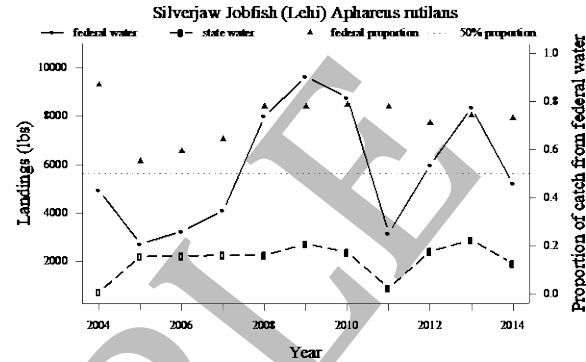
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| <i>Chanos chanos</i>           | NA | Awa, Safole, Milkfish, Bangos                          |
| <i>Carpilius maculatus</i>     | NA | 7-11 crab, Stone crab                                  |
| <i>Caranx lugubris</i>         | NA | Black jack, Black trevally, Gunkan, Tarakiton Attelong |
| <i>Carangoides ferdau</i>      | NA | Barred jack/ulua, Blue trevally                        |
| <i>Calotomus carolinus</i>     | NA | Star eye parrotfish, Sleeping Uhu, Panunu              |
| Bothidae (family)              | NA | Pakii, Flounder, Flat fish                             |
| <i>Aulostomus</i> spp.         | NA | Nunu, Billie Hu, Cornetfish                            |
| <i>Atule mate</i>              | NA | Omaka, Yellowtail scad                                 |
| <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i> | NA | Limu kohu, Lemu  |
| <i>Aluterus monoceros</i>      | NA | Filefish, Oili lepa, Hage                              |
| <i>Albula</i> spp.             | NA | Oio, Bonefish, Ola (unspecified)                       |
| <i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>    | NA | Na'ena'e, Nuinui, Naenae                               |
| <i>Acanthurus nigroris</i>     | NA | Maiko  |
| <i>Acanthurus nigrofusus</i>   | NA | Maiii, Alii bang bang, Alibangbang                     |
| <i>Acanthurus guttatus</i>     | NA | Api  |
| <i>Acanthurus blochii</i>      | NA | Pualu, Puhai, Ualu                                     |
| <i>Acanthurus achilles</i>     | NA | Achilles tang, Pakuikui, Kolama                        |
| <i>Abudefduf sordidus</i>      | NA | Kupipi   |
| <i>Abudefduf abdominalis</i>   | NA | Sergeant major, Hawaiian sergeant, Mamo                |



Scientific Name: *Aphareus rutilans*

Common Name: Lehi, Deep/Silvermouth, silverjaw jobfish

Please answer the following questions by choosing from the alternative answers provided. We expect that these will be “judgment calls”—that you answer these questions based on your familiarity with the stock or fishery in question and your familiarity with Hawai’i’s nearshore environment, and not based on some quantitative assessment. The accuracy of your answers is less important than how your responses compare from one fishery to the next. Please respond to these statements:



A Fishery Management Plan (FMP) would improve the condition of the stock. If, in your estimation, the stock is currently at or near its unfished biomass, a FMP would maintain the condition of the stock.

- a. True
- b. Possibly
- c. Unlikely
- d. False

This stock is a target of a fishery.

- a. True
- b. Possibly
- c. Unlikely
- d. False

This stock is important to the regional economy (i.e. at least at the county or island level). Even if the fish is not sold commercially, a substantial sport or subsistence fishery for the stock may contribute to the local economy.

- a. True
- b. Possibly
- c. Unlikely
- d. False

This stock is adequately managed under current State and Federal regulations. Consider the possibility that catch levels could be so low that no active form of management is required.

- a. True
- b. Possibly
- c. Unlikely
- d. False

Is there a stock of fish that is caught in Federal waters in proportions lower than 20 percent that you believe is in need of conservation and management under the Hawaii FEP? If so, explain why.

## 8.7 Appendix 7—Abbreviations

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| FEP     | Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago        |
| FMP     | Fishery Management Plan                                  |
| MSA     | Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act |
| MUS     | management unit species                                  |
| NMFS    | National Marine Fisheries Service                        |
| PacFIN  | Pacific Fisheries Information Network                    |
| PIRO    | Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS                    |
| PSMFC   | Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission               |
| SFD     | Sustainable Fisheries Division                           |
| WPacFIN | Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network            |
| WPFMC   | Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 'Council'    |

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