

APPENDIX 2

COMMENTS: Small Meetings (Approach #1)

Island	Location/Subject Matter	Number of Attendees	Link to Collected Comments in
Oahu	Spear fishers	6	Collected Comments link
Oahu	Shoreline fishers	8	
Oahu	Boat-based fishers	10	
Oahu	Tackle Suppliers	12	
Oahu	Native Hawaiian traditional fishing	8	
Oahu	Charter operations	0	N/A – Attendance impacted by hurricane
Kauai	Lihue	6	Collected Comments link
Kauai	Kapa'a	3	
Hawaii	Hilo	32	Collected Comments link
Maui	N/A – Cancelled for safety due to hurricane	N/A	N/A
Lanai	N/A – Cancelled for safety due to hurricane	N/A	N/A

Oahu meetings

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O'ahu	Spearfisher; Boatfisher; Shoreline fisher; Supply (Retail or Dealer)?	No	No. Need to know who is going to sell the license. Where specifically are the funds/money going? DLNR is large entity - it could go to non-fisheries related things. How are they going to distribute the money?	Need to consult business and rec side. Charters, boats. Anyone who makes money off the sport. Need to get leaders of community. Fishing clubs. Local communities like Kauai, Maui, Molokai. Also fishing clubs. Everyone's input can be a little skewed. Average fishermen, diver, and troller just as important.	State will not know how many officers they an go. Need to implement program first time. Don't even know how many people are fishing. Actual people who are going to get license and support it will be a percentage of the actual numbers. Won't be prepared for number crunching in the beginning. Florida did not know how much it would take for their ban on gillnetting. Did not compute as good business decision then. 10 years later when fish came back in higher numbers then they got money to justify funding program again. Negative loss in first 10 years -- better for what they gained back 12 years later with the increase of fish stock - people were ready to buy - everything was in place then - already paid for originally. Florida did not know how to forecast back then. They will lose money before they possibly break even. Get open good feedback. Not in the Capital in the room. Sometimes better to get feedback from regular people.	Visitors need to be charged way more than residents I agree with giving seniors and children and low-income fishers a break Need to see how many people will sign up first year. The see how many will sign up the next year if its enforced. More people would be willing to pay \$25 if they see better enforcement. No one is going to turn in catch reports. I don't think you need catch reports for rec license. Never gonna get better unless you get aggressive with enforcement Wealth of information from Florida that you can research on what they did. Working models are already published more or less. People don't realize how important this is. Education is how you get the next generation of fishers. You need to get into the schools. You can create the best people to protect the resources through the kids. Every state has licenses where I am able to crab, fish, whatever - \$19 for 3-day lices for out of stater - its worth \$19 of entertainment - problem is that Hawai'i does not fall under enough category to get aid - if you charge only \$19 who is going to sell the license - They have Walmart - n Educational fliers - general knowledge - questions or bullets - Will you be sending something like that out at the end of this?
O'ahu	Spearfisher; Boatfisher; Shoreline fisher; Supply (Retail or Dealer)?	No	No. All jargon at this point. What is the purpose? Is goal to lesson the number of people fishing? More enforcement, education, artificial reefs. But if you just say license, I want to know why you are doing it. How would you know if someone has a license or not. How will you need to display it? Will you have to have it on you? What is in their mind for two-way communication? What kind of communication do they have in mind? What is the bottom line? Do they just want to create revenue for the fisheries? Who is going to provide oversight to the department on what happens with the money? Like rail. Where did the money go. If we get a license, where does the money go? Who will provide that oversight? Is there going to be a breakdown of how the profit is going to be used? How do we decide? Who gets to decide? Committee or some kind of advisory board to decide?	Other states that have a fishing license imposed. Rhode Island. Florida. California. Fishing license and bag limits. Successful states.	Research. There is no way that they can do the research in time to propose a 2019 bill. Go out and talk to other states about what worked and what didn't work. They are just going to put it out there and see who opposes it. We see things get pushed through even if it doesn't make sense. Local boy network. Then you can't do anything after its done. This feels rushed. Good to include us in the conversation, but this is rushed. Next year is too soon. If they project it for 2 years from now and get community leaders on board, like us. We can talk to people about what's good and what's not. I want to see a plan for what the moneys are going to be used. Money from civil fines should go back into management.	Would be so easy to place one enforcement officer at every boat harbor. Most stuff comes in on boats. I got stopped at Haleiwa boat harbor. Looked in my cooler. Said it was an illegal sized Uhu. It was a menpachi. We argued it for so long and asked for another officer. I wanted to take a picture of him holding it and make him show it in court. Would have been hilarious. Gave me a ticket in the water for no dive flag. Where am I supposed to put the ticket when I'm in the water? More revenue in the long run. More enforcement. If they go out and ticket people, you need to give them a citation - builds revenue on top of license fee. If people see its working, they will buy into it. If people can see a result, we made X in fines, confiscated this boat, and it went back to enforcement. Way to generate revenue for the fisheries. We all want to see the fisheries prosper and recover. No lobsters on Oahu. All runoff from golf courses. Preference to do outreach once guys are busted. Look at the safety check - run by company on mainland - need all this stuff just to get check because it goes through mainland company. Don't want that to happen with this. On the east coast, the striped bass came back. Showed the strength of the fishery. They had a license, bag limits, and enforcements. California has abelone sniffing enforcement dogs. They can search your house. Abelone permit process. Rhode Island we got boarded. We don't have an enforcement presence here. You can make rules and laws, but if no one is checking it, what is the point? There is a concern that if you want too much science, it will be like aquarium fishery. Shutdown fishery to get baseline data in EIS. Fishermen provide the data that gets used against them. When we go fishing, we know there's fish but perception put in newspapers by special interest groups.

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O'ahu	Spearfisher; Boatfisher; Charter boat fisher; Supply (Retail or Dealer)?; Native Hawaiian rights/practice?	No	No. How much is it going to cost. Provide more info about statistics. What is the business plan. How many rec fishers (estimate). How many tourists annually. How many of them partake in ocean rec that would require a license. What are the funds they expect to get from licenses. Will there be any reporting required? Reporting will be a sore spot for fishers. Will commercial license supersede the rec license? Will you have to get both. DAR does not have great track record with commercial licenses. Want to make sure the state is ready to take on the responsibility of maintaining data base of rec fishers. Will be much more volume than the commercial fisher. I support the concept but am concerned about the State's ability to maintain this. All the language in the letter is just jargon. What is our break-even point? I'm a numbers person. If it doesn't make sense on numbers, I can't support it. Will Hawaii cannibalize our Dingell Johnson funds by having a rec license? Will it take away from what we get already? What is the cost/benefit of having a license in terms of Dingell-Johnson funds? How will having a rec license enhance communication? If DAR will require reporting for a recreational license, I'm not going to support it. What languages is this license requirement and rules going to be communicated in? What outreach is going to be conducted? Do we have adequate resources/budget to distribute info on the new license requirement in all the languages of the rec fishers we have here? Is it possible to have a third party vendor manage the entire rec fishing license system? I don't have confidence that it will be managed well.	Should DAR decide to move forward with this, they need to reach out to other community fishing partners. You'll get general push back. Most fishermen who are organized (part of club or certain group), consensus is that they are pretty much for it, if funds could be used to improve fisheries and enforcement. The non-organized fishermen - it's all about the squeaky wheel -- they will be up in arms. DAR need to reach out through fishponds and fishing communities to spread the info - other wise, misinformation will spread faster. They need to consult with their own DOCARE officers. The people who will be responsible for enforcing it. Right now, they are not consulted until something is rolled. They will have insight. They are the ones on the frontlines.	Concrete numbers.	Aside from moving forward with rec license, state should come up with other ways. If you ask any responsible fisher, it all boils down to enforcement. All you need is a few bad fishermen to ruin a fishery and give fishermen a bad name. In all the years I've been diving, I've seen like 4 DOCARE officers when I've been out. DOCARE numbers haven't increased. Now they are responding to calls for homelessness. This issue is the least of the State's worries right now. This might not be the best use of their time and resources. Why is it in other states that you get caught and you get your boat and gear confiscated. Here we know who is doing the notoriously bad stuff, but they are back out the next day. What are the civil penalties in this state?
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	Will regular sustainable fishing people be charged? I don't think we should have to pay a fee. We fish sustainably. DLNR has enough money. How much is the fee going to be? Is it going to up every few years? Is it just going to go to the General Fund? Some of our sustainable fishermen, that's how they sustain their families. They go fishing. They shouldn't have to pay a fee. What about ahupua'a rights? Is there a guarantee on how the money will be spent?	OHA. Military. Hawaiian Civic Clubs - convention in November on Kauai. Department should have an information table at that convention. Department should hold a public meeting. They should have a public meeting in every district. One of the public meetings should be in Kaneohe Bay. People use Kaneohe Bay as their icebox. People should come here to comment. Military should come to the meeting in Kaneohe Bay too. DLNR should look at Indian and First Nation's rights rights, too.	They shouldn't take it off of regular sustainable fishing people. Should come from commercial fishers. My grandkids follow the kapu system. I don't think sustainable fishermen should be charged. All my family are lawai'a. Should not need to sign a piece of paper to fish. DLNR should pay Hawaiians to teach classes on how to fish sustainably. Gotta look at it all different ways - gonna keep the art alive or are we going to kill it. Once you lose it, it's not going to come back. Some people need to be educated - if you're not going to eat it - leave it alone - even if it's on land. Should focus on raising squid size - rather than making people pay for license. Need to think about sustaining those for the future. DOCARE - there's not enough enforcement - people from outside Kaneohe coming to fish here.	Hawai'i's system used to be like Palau. Ahupuaa system. Common sense. What we practice in Heeia. If we know the season is over and someone's fishing, we're going to say something. Hawai'i culturally unique - every island, moku have their own system. Their own way of doing things. Once you start paying a fee. How many times do we go testify for more money for DLNR and it goes to General Fund? I'm afraid of that. This is like the boating license. Now I have to pay. We had already been doing it for all their life and now we gotta take a class and get a boat license. That was irritating. Making people register lay nets killed an art. It's dying now, because no one wants to do it anymore. Automatic malama aina in our family. Makaala - they see something isn't right, they approach them, and tell them. My kids are in the water every day.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. This letter is like blank. Why do I need to sign my name to a piece of paper to fish? Why do my kids have to pay to keep up a tradition that my dad taught me?	Look at the South Pacific examples first. Not just the mainland. Samoa- same way as Hawai'i. Chief system. Look to the Polynesians first. Samoa, Palau, old Hawai'i - no license but they really police it strong - they don't charge people for a license but they are really strict.		I raised my kids to be sustainable lawaia. Now they would have to pay what I taught them. Maybe the state should pay me to teach them. It's been passed down through generations. My dad taught me - now my kids have to pay for what my dad taught me? You should be taught sustainable size to fish. Kapu system in Palau. We should teach everyone. You see something going wrong - you police your own area. Guys coming out with full nets - I tell them to get out. My grandkids - I can't see them paying to fish. Getting them excited to fish. Patching nets, going on boat. Whatever you catch you eat. Even if it's the wrong fish. You catch em you eat em. Limu. People don't know how to pick them. Limu that my dad used to collect is gone. Takes a long process, but I'm working on bringing it back. I buy fishing gear for deep sea fishing, trolling, and for my son. Already putting cost into all kinds of equipment. Now they want to charge just for fishing? I grew up without a license. Shocking to me to have to pay for catching my food. Why should I sign my name on a piece of paper? I'm a lawaia. Passing on tradition. Should not need a piece of paper to fish. I gave up net fishing because they require me to register my nets. I just gave it up. My dad and I used to spend hours on end patching nets. When I had to register, I let all my nets go to rot. You wanted to catch a fish, gotta learn how to patch a net. It was fun for me, learning a tradition. It's dying now. I worked on the NOAA ponds for awhile. You could work overtime if you knew how to patch nets. I was the only one who could do it. I had fun. It's a dying art.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. Have they talked about how they would enforce it? Have they discussed what kind of cost would apply -- what kind of scale? Have you looked outside of the US at other cultural systems for regulating fishing? Like Palau. Is there any way to just focus primarily on nonresidents for the fees? Anyway to make the military guys pay for a license?		There's no trust the money would go anywhere it's supposed to.	I get asked daily by military if they need a license to fish. Military go fishing. And they don't have any idea what proper practices are. Even though they have regulations, because there is no requirement to get a license and there's no follow through.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. In the letter it doesn't mention native hawaiian at all. For this process, Malia Akutagawa wrote something up and I didn't see any of this in the letter and I don't see it addressed. I didn't see any native hawaiian waiver, and I would like to see waiver for someone taking care of fishery rather than someone who doesn't have a job. Waivers for malama aina. There's some nuances there that are worth exploring.	Office of Hawaiian Affairs. KUA.	Main issue - very American view of fishing - fishing and lawaia are not the same thing. Malama aina components in lawaia. Shouldn't charge money for that. Hawaiians don't draw line between malama aina. There are some people outside who do noncommercial fishing. Some people who live here and do sportfishing. I wouldn't mind charging sports fishers. I wouldn't want someone trying to feed their families to be charged. Native Hawaiian or not. Also didn't see Native Hawaiian waiver. I'd rather see a waiver for someone who is taking care of their fishery - not just because they don't have a job. Need waivers for people engaged in malama aina. This treats all classes of people as a blanket in or out. There are nuances there worth exploring.	My main issue with the way it's worded is that it's a very American view of fishing. Fishing and lawai #a aren't the same thing. For lawai #a, there are a lot of malama aina components. That's concerning to me. People outside who don't live here that do recreational fishing and people who live here that do sport fishing. If all you are trying to feed family and also to get the biggest fish, that is two different types of fishing and I wouldn't mind if the latter is charged. One of the things we talk about is opelu fishing in south kona. You feed fish first six months, then you can fish for them in the opelu seasons. Why would you charge people when they are feeding the fish that they grew?

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O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher	No	No. Biggest question, if it goes through, is the money really going to be used for what it says it will be used for? In California, you have a limit every time you go fishing, but the money is being used for what it's supposed to be used for. Here it's all about politics. Everyone's reaction at first is, no way. The trust isn't there for what it's meant to do. How do we police where the money is going to? How do we know it will go back to the fisheries? Trust is not there. If I know it's going back to DLNR to enforce and check coolers - more boots on the ground - I would support that. The question, right now there's laws, size, catch limits - with a license, would that change? Will Native Hawaiians get license for free? Will the same set of laws apply everywhere or will they change it like Maui? If it changes overtime, how is that going to affect the license holders? If there was a license that everyone had to abide by and acquire, DLNR would have the power to change things after the fact. How would that change things? How does that affect you being accountable for what you're supposed to know? What does the department think this will do? What information are they going to collect on fishers. How would they get the additional information on fishers? And how would it be shared/used?		Maybe if you register with OHA, Native Hawaiians don't have to pay. One-time class requirement. Like jet ski classes - you only take it one time and you're covered forever - take one time pay that one time. Native Hawaiians don't pay - take class one time and get license for lifetime. Take class so you understand what's going on. For a lot of fishers who aren't fishing sustainably, a lot of it is ignorance. They just come and make any kind - a lot of people don't know. I'm on the forums - I like the idea of people who aren't residents here having to get the license - they ask what the fish is and if you can eat it, after it's already in the cooler. I don't know if a license is the way, but there should be a way for them to be accountable for what they should know.	Lived in California for 10 years. Seen how the mainland licensing system works. Gotta buy a year license. Most fishermen - ahupuaa system - fish breed different on different islands, in different parts of the island - would be awesome to go back to that system - to think that is feasible with how many people we have over here now, it's hard to imagine. I know some Hawaiians that take more than they should - it's true for everyone. Maybe native Hawaiians don't have to pay. If you pay for a jetski class, you go one time and take the class in order to operate a jetski. You take the class and pay for it one time. For native Hawaiians, you take a class one time, and don't pay and that would be a good system. I think everyone's reaction at first is no way cuz the trust isn't there for what it's meant to do. If there's a way to know that it's for sure going back to the fisheries, then I would support it. There's laws on catch limits, and size limits. If native Hawaiians get the license for free, would the laws change over time, and is it something that evolves, how is it going to affect the license holder? If there was a license that everyone had to abide by and acquire, then you are accountable for what you are supposed to know. There's too many ignorant people, and there should be something to do and for those people to be accountable for what they should know. Growing up lawai #a is a privilege and some kids want to know but they don't grow up in families who can teach them. I don't know if a license system is the way to go. But something needs to be done. What is the goal for DLNR for proposing this system? What kind of information are they going to collect from fishers and how are they going to share it? How would they get the additional info on fishers?
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Spearfisher	No	I like the idea of visitors having to pay a fee. A lot of people who come here to fish. They are surprised they don't need a license. Malama. It's a different category from just fishing. It's all in the details how you gonna separate, determine, but I like that because it encompasses the ahupuaa system. MjAlama category- its all in the details of how you create the rules and incorporates mauka to makai and also teaching is also very important. With my job, I go to remote communities. The most resilient are ones with a piko and ones where people can congregate and Key Project is one for Kahalu #u.	Communities in their gathering places. KEY Project. The loi in Haena.	Have some kind of information included for visitors that have to get a license. I like the idea of teaching too. Teach all kinds of things to keiki and all ages. That's important. When I go fishing in Alaska, sometimes I get a survey. How was fishing? Not sure if it's how much fish I caught. How was your experience? That kind of survey would be an opportunity for DAR to send out for folks fishing.	Alaska. \$40/week to fish. Residents pay nominal amount. Annual fee.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher	No	What is its impact on cultural practice?	Tahiti also trying to revise the community based management stuff there too - other Pacific island nations.	What is engrained in the law that encourages certain desired behavior? Not just require license. Certain people have waivers. Folks coming from a value based angle. How do these systems help perpetuate or take away from those values? We always talk about these things in just taking/regulating - no reciprocity for giving. Look at the Pohakuloa case. What is that duty? How does it contribute? Does it just take away?	
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher	No	no. The lawsuit that was brought against the aquarium fishers that require them to get an environmental assessment linked to their permit process. Anything now that requires a permit or license becomes vulnerable to that process based on someone's personal opinion and that is troubling. I think the law applied to this case needs to be changed.	In order to get people to understand where the license system is about, DLNR needs to do more outreach, why it matters, why its importance, and you talk about bag limits, you need to know the size of a resource so you don't just guess that part of the equation.	When you talk about habitat enhancement, it could be anything and there isn't a lot of opportunities for kids to fish shorelines, and kupuna either. We need to get people out there and some place you can go that is easy to fish and to provide that experience and that should be included to enhance fishing opportunities. Money prohibited from getting into general fund and money needs to go toward the original intent for the betterment of fishing. They should make 1 license that would incorporate fresh and saltwater fishing so they don't have to determine. You could probably combine the way to get license at the store or online. DOCARE should be in charge if they are going to enforce it, and DAR would be a side arm. What's really needed is enforcement the fact that people are getting licenses and following the rules. I.e. A highly desirable fish like king salmon, you get a salmon stamp and it allows you to catch a king salmon in the season or that year. I'd like to see a stamp system to be included in the license system that needs to be heavily managed! BFRAs was big stab in the back. They did a cooperative study and standardized all the rigs in random grids and shared info and knowledge and got an increase in catch for BFRAs. The state has to develop trust and to keep things confidential and not to act against fishermen with their data. What if you turn that whole natatorium into a fishing pier with people with hand poles fish on the outside and people can swim on the inside. People want to restore the Natatorium.	In alaska, a float plane landed by a boat someone got a temporary violation and had to fax the license back to the agency or else they'd be fined \$400.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher			Can folks from DLNR talk about fishing to the kids in elementary school the way police officers talk with kids?	The fishermen have already been thinking about this issue. DLNR needs to show where the money is going and I want to see budget and transparency. Can the money be used for fisheries aquaculture for moi? When you sign up for the license, do you give up the right for DLNR to search your ice chest? Will there be a fishing pole limitation of 2 pole per fisherman? Or any gear restriction? Do you need to call into DLNR to keep track of the native fish populations? Will you need to report catch to DLNR? The problem with the current system, the most violations happen after hours after DOCARE leaves. Will there be rotational shifts for enforcement? In the constitution article 2-27 Konohiki fishing rights and marine resources and it's for real. For seniors 65+, handicapped, where does the license begin at? Age 5? At what age does the kid have to pay? How come we don't get DJ funding? Education: They bring all the young kids to testify for the monument. You need more info on education on what the license will do or enable. Where would you go to pick it up? In a fishing store? Just don't have it at the DMV. In the last 2 years, there's no 2 lb moi. 0. that's the size that breeds all the babies.	

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O'ahu	Shoreline fisher	No	No. Is the management of this license system going to be managed by DLNR or an offshoot? Will it benefit what it says in this letter?	Lawyers- make sure they aren't going to get sued. They need to consult other states that have these systems and their metrics, results, successes.	It should be used for exactly what is here, and not something else. Fishermen worry about seeing "fish habitat" and the state will close out the access for fishermen by creating an MPA because it's the cheapest way. DLNR needs to show where the money is going and I want to see budget and transparency. We don't want the funds go toward any other department in the legislature. Do we have to call in to report a case? How many people are going to call in? Concern: DLNR has all these rules and regulations and people realize there's so many rules but no one enforces. We go every week to Ka'ena to fish. There are groups of people that just wants to bog. We help mark the road for them. One or two guys get a permit, and gets the pass, and there's so many vehicles with no sticker on the bumper. They know no one is going to enforce it. With no enforcement, people don't believe that they won't get caught. They catch illegal size fish, and catching moi out of season, and they didn't want to go and retrieve. People aren't supposed to fly drones to use for fishing. I'm all in favor of a license, and I like seniors exceptions, children. As long as it's not going to the general fund, then I am ok with that. I would like to see more education for fishers. Some folks might pay \$100 for the betterment of the sport and the populations. The answer they got from DLNR is where does the funding go to? Most people agree that if it goes to betterment of the sport that includes enforcement, if you were to ask does diving, fishing, yeah there isn't fish like it used to be or small, the problem is the education of the people. the minute they hear license, money, possibly \$5 annual fee is that its cheap. There was a lot of social media responses that reacted to \$5 fee and they don't understand times have changed and populations of fish are smaller. My suggestion is that education is key. If you watch those law enforcement in Alaska, their law enforcement is strict and they have populations. They are willing to pay the fee too. The boaters are so strict as soon as someone catches a fish the first thing they do is record it. The enforcement boards your ship and the first thing they do is see the catch. The people in HI have this mentality that its the only thing they can do without paying for anything. Suggestions: To not make the report summary 8,000 pages because legislators will only read up to 12 pages How are you going to get around the konohiki rights issue? Whats the penalty for getting caught without a license? Some states they confiscate your truck, equipment, etc. We used to get licenses from sporting stores and made it real convenient. The military had good working relationships and coordinated over who had jurisdiction but if it Bellows- one guy has an illegal lay net and theres different rules and takes teenagers and lay nets at night and bring it out in the morning. He knows, but who's going to enforcement it? They caught all kind of fish and didn't feel bad because theres no game wardens on base. Would there be enough money to do all these things and what takes priority for money? Where does the bulk of the money go? Enforcement, Monitoring, etc? If this comes under 1 umbrella of DLNR, im afraid of them generating all of this money as extra revenue and gets pressured with another interest group, and take away funds that was originally created for is a big concern. I don't want to see the money generated from licensing to do something else. NEED :Written rules of the special fund so that monies generated from the special fund cannot be used for other purposes. If we're paying all this money for a license, where's the accountability? Would this include private saltwater coastlines? Because it should. If one person does lay net, spearfish, and other gear type fishing, do you need to get 3 separate licenses?	Fishers want to know you pay for a license and build a huge shack. I hope fishermen have enough sense not to build a shack.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. What are the terms and conditions? Everyone has their own interpretations of this system. What does that mean to be a resident, non-resident, child, senior low income? If this is going to be solely run by State, or other partners, or sub-contracted out to be operated? How do you know someone fishing next to you has a license or not? What is the penalty system? If you have license, if you dont have a license, what is the penalty? What kind of penalty? Criminal? etc. that makes a difference. If they say its for fishers to be accountable for their actions, DLNR should be transparent on the measures for success and why? Need to know how would you get a license? How is it distributed? Even if it is \$5, how is the information kept? and retained? Understand how much the license fee would be. How would you define shoreline fishing and how would you define saltwater fishing? If you were in brackish water for Samoan crab, would you need a license? will it allow this to supersede other bills? (i.e. native Hawaiian law) and what would the amendment or revision process look for that? Will it take 5-10 years for that to change? I would like to see the process or revision of the law. Is there a structure for where this will be held? Is there a separate entity other than DAR? How is it going to happen, and is there going to be a special appointed manager for managing this?	Non fishers. If there's a potential to have this on federal lands, then a federal representative should be consulted. Also consult the many different fishing clubs statewide.	Its hard to know whats missing from a preferred option since theres no definitive terms and conditions? By habitat enhancement, it could increase "habitat". If its going toward education, WHERE does that exactly go toward? I want to see someone like a contractor because you need leverage to be in a long term position. I want to see a business model for this system, and what is the five year plan to work up to this. Collect capital to run this out, and people pay five years in advance, to make sure the program is going to last and would there be a potential to create a special fund, is there an error, are we able to draw from general fund? You could potentially merge the hunter education course with fishing education course.	This system should be managed dual - handed to have the ability to bridge the two (management and enforcement). Its hard for 1 house to influence the other, and have an even voice on each side with longevity. Appointed positions can be undone at the same time it was created. It needs stability In order to create longevity, you need to pay someone well to keep someone in that position for a long term period of time so that the person wants to stay. You dont want someone to go home and work second job. If it does go to general fund, can we use the state IT guys, would DLNR have to pay them for their services? Does the program need to buy the resources that DLNR has already (i.e. Equipment) because that changes the business model and upfront costs. If you are going to tap into general fund to get use of the state trucks, then its a swinging door If they are going to hire enforcement officer, and funds are going to go toward enforcement, the enforcement officers should be solely focused on the ocean and not both terrestrial and ocean. How do we ensure the other groups are given the same information? (relating to the process)
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher	No	No. I want to see the benefits of having a license in terms of data. If you dont waive a kids fee, the more kids a family has, does that change a catch count? I dont want to see a catch count. We pay \$20 for hunting pigs and that money isn't going to forestry. Where does the discretion come from the rights I have how do you bridge the native hawaiian rights with a license system? If this is strictly for information, people want to keep those areas private so that you know you are going to have fish in that area. I still want to see where the money is going. At Kahana, theres a two way sword because they fix the pier, everyone is going to go. I'd like to see the breakdown of where the money goes. Can you pull tax from alcohol that can go toward fishing license program?	If you go to elementary school kids and propose this question on to them, what would their reaction be?	If there was more info on what the terms are, then we cannot determine what is missing from the preferred option. Is this going to be a tax write off? If its going to be used for something else, we should have flexibility too. DLNR needs to show where the money is going and I want to see budget and transparency.	
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher	No	They are going to pursue a bill in 2019, and I'm concerned about the timeline and how they will prepare for the system in time. I would like more information on an implementation timeline. If for some reason, the license is \$1, how will they pay for the whole system? I know DAR has a lot of vacancies already, and they dont have staff for their positions already, then how will they carry on capacity issues for this type of system within the department? If they build a pier for fishers somewhere, that's a tangible outcome and that can be a tangible metric of success rather than just paying for 1 person's salary. Did the study group look at other states with indigenous exceptions? I.e. Indian reservations The aquarium fishers might add some complications. Would the fishing license supercede an aquarium permit? Would someone getting aquarium fishers get a fishing license and not get an aquarium permit?	Do they have legislators on board with this as well? Hawaii Tourism Authority. Business owners should be consulted like tackle shops, even Go Bananas, Amazon, Walmart, Longs etc. Look at the recreational fishing symposium- in other places, their registry, license or permit system	The house and senate bill said there would be a special fund and not the general fund. I would like more information on where the funds would go, more specific than just a "special fund." When you get a drivers license, I would like to see more accountability in fishers and some people don't know that there are even fishing regulations. Something like a hunters education course. When people get cited, people plea ignorance and we want people to be stewards of the resources.	

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O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Spearfisher; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	no. What would be the reach of these areas? Kaneohe marine corp base - state personnel cannot go on that premise. Would it be statewide license or would it be island specific? If you want to break it down to ahupua'a system, would it be o'ahu county, maui county and each island being a little different in terms of rules and regulations.	You need to expand these groups to kayak, paddle out fishers, drone, three prong, tank fishers, etc. and they are all going to have different perspectives. Shore casters are looked at negatively some times. If you are going to get an all encompassing license, then you need to include their input as well. I.e. south point, they do trash bagging and don't cast too much. Things that a shore caster might say might not apply to them. Consult the territories and tribes. Some of the national conferences and HI is very unique and the ones we've found, water management practices where tribal leader allows certain practices.	If the terms are written so vaguely, they can do anything they want with it. They need a good lawyer that works with communities so funds cant be misappropriated in certain areas. It needs the right amount of flex to it. A list of short (6 month) and long term goals. For example if they money goes toward education, I want to know X amount of schools visited, X# of talks at ___ schools. Right now we are in the instant gratification era, and people like to see results and want to see progress being made along with long term goals. Whatever funds that come from licensing dont expand refuges or MPAs and could potentially fall under "habitat enhancement" and I would like to see due process if that were proposed.	At Ka'ena, a lot more people go there compared to five years ago. Are funds going to be used for accessibility i.e. Any kind of park user? This may or may not benefit fishers. But in general, this wouldn't benefit fishers and could potentially be used for any state park and not just shoreline based so I wouldn't want to support this. Right now, anyone can buy gear from anywhere and just go fishing. There's a guy teaching his daughter how to fish and reeling upside down and he thought he knew what he was doing and in certain areas, it would be a good idea to have a basic understanding of how to fish.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No		Talk to other states that have implemented a license. Look at the unsuccessful states and don't do that. Look at Tahiti - no fish on main island. Look at other states with fishing licenses that are successful. Florida, Rhode Island, California. They all have a lot of policing. You know you got a chance of someone coming to check you.	Violation fees and laws. What is the sense of policing if there is no real punishment. Need clarity on penalties. Where does the money go when someone gets busted? On the mainland it goes back into fisheries. Makes more money than the license fees. It's Hawai'i, though. You need to get people policing who are actually going to give out tickets.	If they take your boats away, people are gonna listen. If you make it severe like that, they will think its not worth it. If license money is going to policing. Enforcement should be on the top of the list of what department will do with the money. I would love for someone to come ask to see in my cooler. I'm in my 40s, last time I got my cooler searched was when I was 18. If I was an illegal fisherman, imagine how much illegal fish I would have taken by now. I've traveled to other places - US & not US - your fisheries can be gone without policing - I've seen people pull them things out of the water and by the time you call DLNR its too late If the money is going to policing -- I wish they had a volunteer DOCARE officers In other places there was not really reporting. Just give you a limit of how many you can take - bag limits. That's the states that are working. Set limit and see how things change. If it gets better, you can adjust. Key is policing size and bag limits. Mokuleia, trash bags full of baby fish being pulled out. Never pulled net. Pulled it out of trash bags. Could have put the whole net inside the trash bag.
O'ahu	Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner; Fishing charter; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	No. How much is it going to cost. Provide more info about statistics. What is the business plan. How many rec fishers (estimate). How many tourists annually. How many of them partake in ocean rec that would require a license. What are the funds they expect to get from licenses. Will there be any reporting required? Reporting will be a sore spot for fishers. Will commercial license supersede the rec license? Will you have to get both. DAR does not have great track record with commercial licenses. Want to make sure the state is ready to take on the responsibility of maintaining data base of rec fishers. Will be much more volume than the commercial fisher. I support the concept but am concerned about the State's ability to maintain this. All the language in the letter is just jargon. What is our break-even point? I'm a numbers person. If it doesn't make sense on numbers, I can't support it. Will Hawaii cannibalize our Dingell Johnson funds by having a rec license? Will it take away from what we get already? What is the cost/benefit of having a license in terms of Dingell-Johnson funds? How will having a rec license enhance communication? If DAR will require reporting for a recreational license, I'm not going to support it. What languages is this license requirement and rules going to be communicated in? What outreach is going to be conducted? Do we have adequate resources/budget to distribute info on the new license requirement in all the languages of the rec fishers we have here? Is it possible to have a third party vendor manage the entire rec fishing license system? I don't have confidence that it will be managed well.	Should DAR decide to move forward with this, they need to reach out to other community fishing partners. You'll get general push back. Most fishermen who are organized (part of club or certain group), consensus is that they are pretty much for it, if funds could be used to improve fisheries and enforcement. The non-organized fishermen - it's all about the squeaky wheel -- they will be up in arms. DAR need to reach out through fishponds and fishing communities to spread the info - other wise, misinformation will spread faster. They need to consult with their own DOCARE officers. The people who will be responsible for enforcing it. Right now, they are not consulted until something is rolled. They will have insight. They are the ones on the frontlines.	Concrete numbers.	Aside from moving forward with rec license, state should come up with other ways. If you ask any responsible fisher, it all boils down to enforcement. All you need is a few bad fishermen to ruin a fishery and give fishermen a bad name. In all the years I've been diving, I've seen like 4 DOCARE officers when I've been out. DOCARE numbers haven't increased. Now they are responding to calls for homelessness. This issue is the least of the State's worries right now. This might not be the best use of their time and resources. Why is it in other states that you get caught and you get your boat and gear confiscated. Here we know who is doing the notoriously bad stuff, but they are back out the next day. What are the civil penalties in this state?
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Spearfisher	No	Support in concept. Who would do all the work? Contract out or would it have to be done within DAR. What will the cost be? What do they mean by two-way communication between managers and fishers? What kind of information would fishers want to know? How much fish is being caught? Will that require catch reporting? If I have to report all of this, what does it do? Would there be an advisory group deciding how the money gets spent? Need it to be balanced. Need transparency. Can't have certain special interest groups having more influence than another.	Look at models that have succeeded. What did they do that was successful? What should we avoid?	What is the plan B? If it doesn't work out in year 1 or 2, what is the plan if people are yelling at them and it didn't work out yet. Is it possible to plan for long term plan? Or are they going to bail after 5 years. If they don't have the numbers to run now to figure out what the break-even point should be, there should be a contingency plan if it doesn't work out financially after first 3 years.	Judges need to not let guys go after all the effort goes in to bringing them in. How do you get the noncompliant people to follow the rules? It's hard to become a DOCARE officer. And they don't have to have background in biology. Rec people are saying commercial people are taking too much. Look at # of rec fishers. You may not fish every week, but it all adds to same or more than commercial. If you are rec and commercial, how do you manage that. In the end, is the goal to have DLNR be able to say how much fish is being taken. So do you need reports? Heard \$20 for other states. We need a break even point. If you need \$20 to break even, that's what you need to charge. Need enforcement.

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O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Fishing charter	No	No. Need to know who is going to sell the license. Where specifically are the funds/money going? DLNR is large entity - it could go to non-fisheries related things. How are they going to distribute the money?	Need to consult businesses and recreational side. Charters, boats. Anyone who makes money off the sport. Need to get leaders of community. Fishing clubs. Local communities like Kauai, Maui, Molokai. Also fishing clubs. Everyone's input can be a little skewed. Average fishermen, diver, and troller just as important.	State will not know how many officers they an go. Need to implement program first time. Don't even know how many people are fishing. Actual people who are going to get license and support it will be a percentage of the actual numbers. Won't be prepared for number crunching in the beginning. Florida did not know how much it would take for their ban on gill netting. Did not compute as good business decision then. 10 years later when fish came back in higher numbers then they got money to justify funding program again. Negative loss in first 10 years -- better for what they gained back 12 years later with the increase of fish stock - people were ready to buy - everything was in place then - already paid for originally. Florida did not know how to forecast back then. They will lose money before they possibly break even. Get open good feedback. Not in the Capital in the room. Sometimes better to get feedback from regular people.	<p>Visitors need to be charged way more than residents</p> <p>I agree with giving seniors and children and low-income fishers a break</p> <p>Need to see how many people will sign up first year. The see how many will sign up the next year if its enforced. More people would be willing to pay \$25 if they see better enforcement.</p> <p>No one is going to turn in catch reports. I don't think you need catch reports for rec license.</p> <p>Never gonna get better unless you get aggressive with enforcement</p> <p>Wealth of information from Florida that you can research on what they did. Working models are already published more or less.</p> <p>People don't realize how important this is. Education is how you get the next generation of fishers. You need to get into the schools. You can create the best people to protect the resources through the kids.</p> <p>Every state has licenses where I am able to crab, fish, whatever - \$19 for 3-day lices for out of stater - its worth \$19 of entertainment - problem is that Hawai'i does not fall under enough category to get aid - if you charge only \$19 who is going to sell the license - They have Walmart - n</p> <p>Educational fliers - general knowledge - questions or bullets - Will you be sending something like that out at the end of this?</p>
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Spearfisher	No	No. I would want to see what the money is going to be used for. How much money is going to be generated? If they did licenses and it actually got used to enforce the rules, I'd totally be for it. The letter is to vague. Not sure how much it's going to cost. How many more DLNR officers would that add to our island? How much would our license have to cost to cover itself in expenses?	Talk to other states that have been successful and unsuccessful with their license programs.	Estimated license cost. Estimated number of new officers that can be supported by license. Estimate of how exactly we're going to boost officers.	<p>License should provide more money to enforce the rules (not just crack down on whether or not people have a license).</p> <p>If they just came out and said we are going to charge \$20 for a license and for the first year we will add 50 new officers to enforce. And we know that they will crack down. I would know I would want to support it.</p> <p>To me the main thing is enforcement. The first year or 2, they should say we are just going to focus on enforcement.</p>
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	No. All jargon at this point. What is the purpose? Is goal to lesson the number of people fishing? More enforcement, education, artificial reefs. But if you just say license, I want to know why you are doing it. How would you know if someone has a license or not. How will you need to display it? Will you have to have it on you? What is in their mind for two-way communication? What kind of communication do they have in mind? What is the bottom line? Do they just want to create revenue for the fisheries? Who is going to provide oversight to the department on what happens with the money? Like rail. Where did the money go. If we get a license, where does the money go? Who will provide that oversight? Is there going to be a breakdown of how the profit is going to be used? How do we decide? Who gets to decide? Committee or some kind of advisory board to decide?	Other states that have a fishing license imposed. Rhode Island. Florida. California. Fishing license and bag limits. Successful states.	Research. There is no way that they can do the research in time to propose a 2019 bill. Go out and talk to other states about what worked and what didn't work. They are just going to put it out there and see who opposes it. We see things get pushed through even if it doesn't make sense. Local boy network. Then you can't do anything after its done. This feels rushed. Good to include us in the conversation, but this is rushed. Next year is too soon. If they project it for 2 years from now and get community leaders on board, like us. We can talk to people about what's good and what's not. I want to see a plan for what the moneys are going to be used. Money from civil fines should go back into management.	<p>Would be so easy to place one enforcement officer at every boat harbor. Most stuff comes in on boats.</p> <p>I got stopped at Haleiwa boat harbor. Looked in my cooler. Said it was an illegal sized Uhu. It was a menpachi. We argued it for so long and asked for another officer. I wanted to take a picture of him holding it and make him show it in court. Would have been hilarious.</p> <p>Gave me a ticket in the water for no dive flag. Where am I supposed to put the ticket when I'm in the water?</p> <p>More revenue in the long run. More enforcement. If they go out and ticket people, you need to give them a citation - builds revenue on top of license fee. If people see its working, they will buy into it. If people can see a result, we made X in fines, confiscated this boat, and it went back to enforcement. Way to generate revenue for the fisheries. We all want to see the fisheries prosper and recover.</p> <p>No lobsters on Oahu. All runoff from golf courses.</p> <p>Preference to do outreach once guys are busted.</p> <p>Look at the safety check - run by company on mainland - need all this stuff just to get check because it goes through mainland company. Don't want that to happen with this.</p> <p>On the east coast, the striped bass came back. Showed the strength of the fishery. They had a license, bag limits, and enforcements. California has abelone sniffing enforcement dogs. They can search your house. Abelone permit process.</p> <p>Rhode Island we got boarded. We don't have an enforcement presence here. You can make rules and laws, but if no one is checking it, what is the point?</p> <p>There is a concern that if you want too much science, it will be like aquarium fishery. Shutdown fishery to get baseline data in EIS. Fishermen provide the data that gets used against them. When we go fishing, we know there's fish but perception put in newspapers by special interest groups.</p>
O'ahu	Boatfisher	No	No. How does this fit into the master plan for the department/DAR? What is the time urgency?		DAR needs to be more transparent about what it is doing and why.	<p>This seems like it's only top down approach. They only get 2%. DAR gets DJ money. DOBOR gets the fees, and we have a natural resource that isnt supported by the state and they want us to pay. Theres no mitigation for land based pollutions etc to the state and all of that contributes to the habitat change so the fishers pay. No mitigation going on for land-based stressors to the habitat - all contributes to the habitat degradation</p> <p>There is a need for money for the department. Dept lost money when they were precluded from charging higher fee for commercial license. Dept has lost on grant money. If we don't get any legislative support to the dept they need to generate money to keep the wheels turning. They don't make it a public statement but that's what it is if you look into it.</p> <p>Original proposal for commercial catch reports was 3 days - I went to the land board and told them that was too hard on fishermen - the reason they want it fast is they want to know if you exceeded the ACLs</p> <p>Everyone here in this group has been personally involved in leg hearings, going to the state leg, land board meetings, going to talk story sessions with DAR, they are familiar about what has happened for at least 20 years - concerned that the knowledge that exists at the table today will not exist at other meetings - that other groups could be sold a bill of goods that this group would not fall for. We have decades of experience.</p> <p>This should be a department initiative - This approach is so siloed - classic example of how they don't talk to each other</p>
O'ahu	Boatfisher	No				<p>During this process, you should share the thoughts of fishers from other meetings that have already taken place ahead of those meetings.</p> <p>Even if you don't sell you need a commercial license</p> <p>Any such thing as recreational bottom fish data?</p> <p>Bag limit of 5 per fishermen - for rec - but your vessel has to be registered bottomfish</p> <p>Need commercial license for fish in federal waters? Or registration</p> <p>Every person on the boat has to have it in federal waters</p>

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O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher	No	No. Until they name what - who is in the categories. How can we decide? Until these things are defined the answer is no. If after all these years of monitoring the commercial catch it shows the stock is sound, why do we need to know the recreational catch? What would recreational catch show?		Transparency. We might be getting manipulated through these small meetings - no public notice put out - I found out about it by phone call.	This is really a money grab Need to keep in mind what happened in the CBSFA We had huge concern that no one defined what community was State - DAR is supposed to be making rules for the state - needs to be based on science Meeting last week - invitation only meeting - put on by PVS - wanted to invite others, but told it was an invitation only meeting Federal govt provides information on habitat but state doesn't want to use it How many of you got pulled aside by DOCARE and asked to see your commercial fishing license? We don't need a federal permit when we go between waters - to Penguin Banks Getting frustrated because I really feel like we're whistling in the wind Trouble with our democracy today - the number of people - take all the fishermen on the island - and you get one guy standing up -for the guy who is making the rules, what are they going to listen to? Facts or number of people? Or money that represents the number of people Nobody asks why - or if they fish - just feel good - nobody asked who paid these guys Hearing at POP - only so many people could come in - board made a decision anyway Nobody cares to ask
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher	No	No. what were the other options? What were the pros and cons of the other options? Why did DAR select what it did? To make money or to truly to go collect data? What is the organization that is going to collect that data? DAR does not do that now.	Engage the community at large. DAR has representatives on the Marine Recreational Information Program. Fishing effort survey being put out by NOAA Fisheries for east coast of US. MRIP currently done by telephone survey. Inefficient way of collecting saltwater angling information. Using saltwater license and registration information. Registry - already have one for the boats. FOTP (fishermen on the pier). If you find out the universe that is needed for survey methods - 98,000 to 306,000 - pick the mean - OK this is the # of surveys we need - go out and contact the community and ask them if they want to be a part of this - gives you the other part on how you are going to collect the data - won't be funded by the state - feds will pay for it - they need it - feds have a registry already - if you fish in federal waters - they are willing to do the work - costs the state nothing - Recreational task force - what is the better way to collect the data in hawaii? Mail - gives the person time to take the time to do it - not a phone call in the middle of the dinner - Need to work with partners because there are ways.	You need to vet what the community wants. When did you pick that option? The horse is before the cart. Going for statutory authority is already deciding the end game.	Need to work with your partners - there are ways - if the MRIP survey changes are communicated to the public - coupled with ACLs for reef species - all starts to come together Need to communicate ACLs for coral reef fish No body trusts DAR, must less the department Everyone can site examples where the fishermen give their hearts out to DAR and have been screwed in the process - everyone can reference to the BRFA's - took 20 years - still the BRFA's exist - bottom line Maunaula Bay group - I am involved in that intensely - very difficult individual to deal with - knows nothing about fishing - people that attended that were not invited I am trying to protect the fishermen's interest - the proposal is before DAR - I have held them back for at least 1/2 a year - if DAR decides to do it, it will go to public We are trying to work out details so that all stakeholders are involved Anyone requested or asked to be involved, I've been totally transparent - I can talk to anyone who wants to talk about that after DJ funds are based on the # of anglers in a state - Hawai'i, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico, etc don't have enough numbers - we get base amount - we're getting more amount now than we would - would not increase amount (above amount based on nose counting) - if we increased license holders If conservation organizations really want to help gather the data - MRIP would be ideal thing to fund Survey is a better data collection than catch reports. Best available data is all you have. ACLs - when commercial fishing ends, all fishing ends. Catch reports make a big difference for ACLs What is the opportunity for them to be catching - what is the opportunity for them to be catching something - extrapolation based on estimate of fishermen - validate that against what they caught today Currently its done by telephone call DAR has funding for marine enforcement on Maui - all over - they got everything but gasoline If you sat through the coral reef ACL sessions, you will be flabbergasted. Scientists in their own minds they create their own way to figure out ACL should be. Independent review - go vet the data with fishermen - before Deep7 1500 pounds was one trip They need a better story going out to the community Stock assessment is skewed -
O'ahu	Boatfisher	No	We need to understand what they want and why they want it. What is DAR's intent?		Need to manage the data - if the money from the license is going to fund those positions, then maybe we can support it. I think you should use an app while out there fishing for recreational data	whether there is one fishermen or a million, it doesn't matter if you don't know what they are taking out of the water They want to know the fishermen because they are going to extrapolate the amount of fish taken out of the water If everyone understands that they want noncommercial data - letter is just a part of how you get there If everyone says we will support you if its to get better data - but not just to get money - if we know what MRIP is for, we are more likely to fill it out There is a commercial catch for nearshore reef fish. They are using that data because its the only data they have.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher	Yes	Yes. There shouldn't be a preferred option. It's DLNR's preferred option but not ours.		If there is a license for recreational fishermen, they should require data to be collected on what is caught. Without requiring data to be collected, I think that would be really wrong.	If there is a license for recreational fishermen, it would not be a requirement for data to be submitted and I think that is wrong because they cant enforce people to do it. A survey is a better implement. You need the phone book first and how do you get that phone book? Who are the people in the universe? Thats what you need to know first. The other groups should know the things brought up in other group's knowledge base. Other boat fishers should know what the Oahu boat fishers are saying in order to make an educated decision. Suggestion to summarize the thoughts shared by the Oahu boaters - To other meetings! Are the meetings going to be at convenient public place with parking available to everyone?
O'ahu	Boatfisher	No	What are the pros and cons of the preferred option? How do they see it as beneficial or better than the others? Who is the study group? What does the final report say? What are the key issues? What were the 4 alternatives? What are the other options? If we don't have knowledge of what they are how do we know? What is the big plan after this? Where do we go from here? How do we know that they are going to take what we say to heart?		We don't know what the advantages and disadvantages are. Why can't they be more transparent about what the needs are? Licensing is required to get a database of people - the state lacks credible data on catch - they have none - that is paramount - tied in to the new regulations that may impose new catch limits on combined license - sounds like it's pretty critical stuff one way or another - Why aren't they just coming out and telling us that? Why aren't they being transparent? No fishermen is against getting better information. What is missing is trust. They don't want to tell us everything - just certain selected pieces of information	DAR made a decision before it went out to the full community These meetings circumvent the Chapter 91 process The course is already set We may be here just to satisfy certain requirements If they did catch reports on an app they would get more data

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O'ahu	Boatfisher	No	No. The what and the why. How do DJ funds work? How do you enforce it? How are you going to get good data, even if you ask recreational fishers to file catch reports? Is there historical baseline data on recreational fishing? If not, is the intent of this to shut down the fishery? Is someone going to try to create a baseline out of nothing and then say we need to shut it down until we have an EIS (like the aquarium fishery)? If so, why are we even talking about this?	Need to be careful. Other groups will say, oh yeah, we're all for it, because they don't know what's happened before.	How does Bruce Anderson sell this preferred option? What is his belief that this is going to accomplish.	Chapter 91 process - just a puppet show - DAR is going to do what they want - and shove it down your throat Who are we to be the community to decide/influence what should happen to the rest of the state and other communities? The 1 mile out - based on Kingdom law - what does that have to do with now? Why are you trying to put the boundary 1 mile out when the species you are trying to protect aren't found here 2009 proposal from Mac - no Maui boats and no Oahu boats - released - we see what your intent is Suzanne Case trying to ram this down our throats - formerly with TNC We want you to have your community managed fishery but we want it to be reasonable and manageable - not out to 1 mile State of Hawai'i now says if you sell one fish you need commercial license I remember heeling and hawing when catch report on monthly basis. Worse yet w/in 5 days of trip. Then they fine you. It was a pain in the okole. I can't see the recreational guys after long camping trip, filling out all the information where I was, how much I caught. How are you going to get good data? Science is only as good as the data that you put in. There is no historical baseline data on recreational fishing? None. Can't go back to 1946 and say CPUE is down and shut down fishery
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No		Don't they do that already with all their meetings, but they don't listen to it? If they're not listening, why have the meeting? If they are just going to do what they want to do, why make comment?	The hunting license is easy to get online.	On mainland you have to get a fishing license. I get asked about that all the time. They have to get license to fish.
O'ahu	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Fishing charter; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	I'm not for recreational license. I'm not for it. I'm not totally against it. I think you need to get a lot more info than in the letter. I would assume that if you have a commercial license it would give you a wavier not to have a license. More than 90% of fishermen would not want a license. Why? We would be paying a fee and what's going to happen with the money. Normally it's put into a situation where it's pay to take - Like on Maui, you can only catch one kumu - some said after the fact that it was a good deal - you never know. Too many variables in this kind of verbage. Enforcement - if they took all the money and did what they said they were going to do they would get a lot more respect from fishermen. What are they really going to use the money for? Is it just to increase the pot? We'll just have a small amount of money at the end of the year. Is the reason that you have a license to raise funds? They think they can do all of these activities with \$15 from the license? It's gonna be hard to tell a guy who has been fishing all these years they have to get a license - what is it for? It's gonna take enforcement. Does the commercial fishing license trump all of the recreational licenses? I don't have to get a recreational license?	Fishermen need to be consulted. But they don't turn out at meetings. The reason they don't turn out is because they don't trust the system. Because of decades of mistrust. Comes to point of managing the resources - the input that we give to DLNR is invaluable if done properly - they can make a more scientific decision about it.	If you're going to charge a fee for something you want to make sure you know what that fee goes to. It's whether or not you can convince the thousands of people that fish here that they have to do that. Artificial reef - guy whipped over there and caught an extra fish - guy won't care if they can relate the two products. If they go out for two days and they get nothing, they are now paying and don't have any better experience or product. I would not want to have the point of sale at the store. I get asked already.	When they were doing the moi (raising and releasing). The money was well spent. The moi came back really strong. That's more important than trying to catch Being that I have a commercial fishing license. We have to report these things. Personally I was against the fact that the commercial fishing license was so inexpensive. Did not differentiate between the hobbyist and the commercial fishermen. I was for commercial fishing license being extremely expensive. Tom/Dick/Harry with 9-5 job competing with us and selling his fish at same price as us. \$5K-10K for commercial fishing license. A lot of nonresidents probably won't get a license - they will just leave and probably won't get caught.
O'ahu	Boatfisher; Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	How much commercial fishermen are on other islands? What about when you're on a boat? Does everyone have to get a license? Or just one for the whole boat? Like commercial vessel license? What would be the levels of violations? Slap on the wrist? Where would they go to get the license if it wasn't through fishing stores? Online? Paypal? What happens to the people in Alaska that get a violation? Ticket/fine? What if they don't pay it? Go to court? Can you get jail time?			Doesn't seem like there's any enforcement now. Posting on Facebook - all bags of fish.

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O'ahu	Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	<p>No. Is this something that's going to happen? What is driving this now? If you talk about what the fishing community wants. At one time I would have supported a license. My position today has changed. Restrictions imposed on fishermen, area closures, NWHI monument - all factor into what I think about. It's just another right that we're giving up. My position is changing on it. By giving in to the licensing system it's another way to tell us when we can go, where we can go, and where we can do it. Danger is that with political climate - very liberal state. How many of these things do we give up? If they are specific about the money and how it's used - needs to benefit state inshore waters - wouldn't want to see the money spent on monk seals in NWHI or studying whales - policing how the money is used is something I would really want to take a look at. They need to have some sort of science-based decision-making process. Needs to be based on science and not what people feel about it. Will it pay for science? Goes back to moi. That's a measurable result. Need a vision of what they want to create. How are they going to give back to the guys who are spending the money? Artificial reef system? Enforcement on the commercial side? How will this be enforced? Is this an all encompassing license? Freshwater and saltwater? Still separate freshwater license? What can you do with it?</p>	<p>Talk to other places where it works. Alaska everyone is scared they're going to get busted. Some sort of partnership with another agency or something to show that they're doing what it takes to make it work.</p>	<p>I can't see what the end goal is in sight. What is the reason for doing it?</p>	
O'ahu	Tackle supplier (Retail or Dealer)	No	<p>No. I may have supported it at one point. But I don't know. Question is do the fisheries need help? When you say you want a license because it's going to do all these things. This centers on the fact that fisheries depletion is fisherman/take related more than other factors - coastal development, light pollution, coral bleaching, siltation of the reef - changes in the environment, manmade -- I don't see anyone addressing that. The easy target is to just restrict taking fish. It ignores the broader picture that there's a lot of other stuff going on that it doesn't address. One bullet designed to take out whole problem - won't happen. I wouldn't mind if this was in a package that addressed the other issues - coastal development and other things that are affecting the fishery. Change flow of freshwater. No one studies that. Just take a look at fishermen and take issue. License is another example of focusing on fishermen and take. Rather than looking at all the issues affecting the fisheries issues. Enforcement. Efforts to improve fisheries is vague. I want to see the plan to improve fisheries. What does that look like? Is it just capping the number of licenses - that's not good. If they say that they plan to improve moi stocks. How can we get behind this or not if we just have these vague statements? How does the DLNR differentiate between a commercial fisherman and a guy who drops off a fish at the auction every once in a while? If I have a commercial license and I ever go down to sell fish, I'm considered a commercial fisherman. If I have sold fish, and I get approached, do I have to have my license on me? Are commercial fishermen exempt from having a noncommercial license? If you are, approached and you don't have your license what will happen? Arrested? Prove in court?</p>	<p>Why isn't there a forum where you ask fishermen what is causing fishery decline.</p>	<p>Need to include information that federal funds (DJ funds) will not be increased by a license being put in place. That is a point of confusion that needs to be clarified. I'm not saying I'm for it, but in the event that a license goes forward anyway - the process to get a license should involve a questionnaire about how a person uses a fishery - what they do; how often they do the activity (catch, release, keep). That should be true for everyone - even groups who don't have to pay fee. DAR is in charge of managing the resource - how can you manage the resource if you don't know how many people use the resource and how they use it? The opportunity is here to get invaluable data when they get a license. To sell this idea, you have to more specifically spell out what's in it for the fishermen. If I, A'ōm going to pay something, I want to see what I'm getting back for my money. Getting back anuenu and replenishing fish stocks. There is a big distrust between the public and the state. We've been screwed so many times. Lingle closed Anuenu - claimed budget crunch. Ignorant move. Best breeders of the best breeders. Can't put a price on that stock. Super genetics. Flushed down the toilet. Doesn't take big bucks to run Anuenu - look at the rewards you reaped. Need more concrete details. "Efforts to improve the fisheries" what does that mean? You should be doing that anyway. How you going to do that? Wont' work for me, if you say you are going to hire 3 more guys in the office. Would not want the point of sale for a license to be at the store. We have enough to do.</p>	<p>DLNR has a hotline for violations. I have called in violations numerous times. I am there fishing over night. Never has anyone showed up. Got worse when the officers are not even working night shift. There really isn't enforcement. I've been fishing since I'm a little kid. I've been approached twice in my whole life. I've been approached more times on the mainland. Best available science is not always that good. I've been to Legislature to provide testimony on issues in the past. Say they have consulted scientist. They choose the scientist that is going to support their agenda. Based on past history, the deck has been stacked against us with guys they bring in so they can say they checked off talking to a native Hawaiian group or a scientist. There should be some transparency to all about who is being selected to present different ideas. Transparency so we can say that person doesn't represent us. Lack of enforcement is a really big thing.</p>

Kauai meetings

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Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. What is low income? 99% of us are in low income. Does that qualify me for that exemption? Where does the money go? Enforcement officers are strapped between mountain and ocean. On charter, how much time of their day is going to be spent filling out for their guests? Will there be an app? If paper, will the charter boat captain be responsible for getting that turned in? Will the captain be fined if they don't? Who is going to be exempt? Native Hawaiians? People who rely on it for a living? For subsistence for daily intake of food?	Shoreline fishermen. Sometimes the fishermen who do it day in and day out - subsistence and alternative food source - can tell you more than any scientist about what's happening - behavior of the fish, condition of the resource. Scientist only goes out for set amount of time - doesn't reflect the cycle. Our knowledge and upbringing comes in to play. Other groups to talk to - manufacturers - economically - fishing industry is billion dollar industry - Hawai'i has seen increase in spear guns, lewers - economically a system like this may result in lost income. Small guys who do it as a hobby - may not buy as much. Do outreach at supply stores.	There needs to be more explanation. If the state is looking to make money, put all options on the table before burdening just one group.	Boating facilities are really bad. For the north shore only one ramp because of the floods in Hanalei. Ramp in Kapaa. Chore for anyone to use because of all the sand. Ask to get it dredged. Some of the local fishermen were looking at getting the equipment on their own and doing it themselves, because they rely on it for their livelihood. The fishermen are getting nailed with something new everytime we turn around. On Kauai - changing fishing styles and habits. Tour boats are putting people in places that used to be reserved for specific kinds of fishing. Tidepools - fish come in to lay eggs in tidepools. Now the tidepools are all full of tourists. Fish don't come in to lay. They lay in the deep water where they are more vulnerable to predators. Queen's Bath, Kalihiwai. That's one of the biggest reasons that there's no more fish, but that's not reflected in the scientific data. If CBSFA rules are put in place that say you only can catch X amount of fish in this area, it should not apply to only some people. It should apply to all. After the floods, after they closed off the area, someone saw all these fishermen on the reef in the CBSFA area. How is that fair? If you get this started, fishermen aren't going to tell you how much they catch - might lead to something more drastic. Putting in permitting for fishing - going to get big push back - some rely on it for living, some for subsistence for daily intake of food. Don't know what the happy medium would be.
Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	No. There is broken trust. What is their planned efforts to improve fishing? What is their effort to improve the fisheries across the state? After years of saying the same thing, never see anything change or improve. Molokai has fishponds - Kauai does not. What are they going to do to improve fisheries in Kauai? All these tourists overrun our koas. The fish eventually move on from the koas. Each island is different. The seasons are different. The regulations make like its all the same.	Plenty guys missing. The old guys not going talk. Got burned so many times. We go talk, and they don't listen anyway. Conservation groups are funded by the state. They misrepresent what we say. They hui up. Try to control how things get managed. You gott go to guys' houses. A community session or church session. Fishing tournaments. You need to be affiliated with someone - then you can get more information - on all sides of the island. Kamehameha Schools. OHA. Take opinions from CBSFA or fishery management areas and other fishermen, to compare. Between the two, you can see the view from them, too. Good to get feedback from all. I don't agree with the Haena CBSFA folks, but I think you should hear their perspective to, if the purpose is to hear from everyone.	If the state is trying to make money, just require a license for any vessel above 11 feet. They would make a killing. All the stand up paddles, surf boards, anything considered as a watercraft. Don't need to charge the fishermen. They should consider that idea -- \$5 for one surfboard - all the ones in Waikiki and Hanalei. \$95/one day for surf school. Tax them. They need way more studies before they go for legislation. Now they are just trying to shove it down fishermen's throats. The local fishermen just get hurt. Alternative for getting better data: I reported all my catch during one summer for a UH student's thesis. Told her how much we caught, where for surround fishing - akule. She put it on a map. Fishermen can voluntarily provide information - it can be done.	For Hanalei, I don't pay because I do traditional fishing. My uncles pay. They pay for a ramp, but we don't have a ramp. The money they pay is not kept just to Hanalei or Kapaa. The ramps get neglected. Why would we pay for this? Kauai is going to fight this. They will tell you no. They have ties to legislature and they will shut it down. The fishermen always get attacked. We knew when to fish and where to fish. Now you can't hold the fishermen in 2 hands. A lot of them don't have the equipment. Size recommendations are lousy. Maybe 3 families, Hanalei 1-2, Haena - net fishing, surround - only left They close oopu and close the turtle - can't harvest them - they should be in the thousands but they're not. Now we need to make sure they put into the rules/law that they have to reopen after 5 years. Otherwise they use it as a reason to close it forever. Need them to commit to reopen within a specific period of time. For us we get plenty to lose, they do it for the dollar. I think the CBSFA management system is wrong - they don't apply the rules the same. They lock the park and only some people get keys. Supposed to be all the families can still access, like on Molokai.

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Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	<p>After this think tank goes through, is this just a rubber stamp? There is enough for me to say no to this. What about the guys who want to tag along at the spur of the moment? Do they have to get a license? How will that affect the number of people who fish? What will they use the money for? Where's the plan? Need to get a more holistic approach. I want to see a spreadsheet that's itemized of how the funds are going to be spent to help the resources - specific activities that will benefit the fisheries. If a huge part of the funds goes to benefiting the fisheries--monitoring the pH, replanting coral, reducing impact on the habitat from pollution--I might be able to support it. But I want to see exactly how it's going to be used before I support giving the department any more power to regulate fishing. The only way that this community will support it is if the plan is so sound, we can all agree that's where we need to go. The state needs to come to me with a plan so sound that I could take it to a bank and get it funded. Right now, there is not enough information. How will they circumnavigate the Hawai'i water and access rights laws with this license?</p>		<p>Nothing in the letter that talks about conservation. What about all of the other things affecting the health of the fisheries? So many pollutants from offshore and coming from our own shores. There's nothing the state can do that I trust them to do when implementing money. They put in the General Fund and then they move it everywhere. No one here trusts them because of that. If they are going to do it, they should start it with no fee. I don't mind putting my name on a list as a fisher. I don't want to get charged. They need to have waivers/exemptions for handicapped people -- not just seniors and children.</p>	<p>They've already taken funds from the TAT for DLNR - this is just more money for what they want to do. We won't see anything manifest from this other than more security presence. They take more money and it never gets back to benefit the tax payer. Rail is the ultimate example -- neighbor islands getting their TAT funds cut back to benefit the rail on Oahu.</p> <p>It's not just lack of regulation. There are just rules that just don't get enforced.</p> <p>The primary reason people in here don't support a noncommercial license is they don't trust DAR/DLNR.</p> <p>We don't trust them. We will fight it all the way to the end.</p> <p>DLNR already said they just want the money for boats and equipment upgrades. I heard them say this in a public meetng. They are just going to use this license fee to get more money to enforce against flotillas on Oahu and in the sandbar in Kaneohe. It's not going to benefit fishing or fishermen. It's not going to be for enforcement on the outer islands.</p> <p>The State of Hawai'i has money; it's just not being put into DAR.</p> <p>This is not about solutions, this is about making money.</p> <p>With all the activity that RIMPAC does, how come DAR doesn't go to the Navy and ask them for funds.</p> <p>We recognize that there is a real problem for our fisheries.</p> <p>I have gone into the DLNR/enforcement offices. I go down and help them fix the problems. If you put another system in place it won't get better.</p> <p>DLNR spends money on things you don't know about - I'd rather not give them more money. They are like a crack addict. I'm not giving the state anymore money to buy more crack.</p> <p>DAR will never reach enough money to solve the problem. I go down and cut all the drift nets off the rocks -- get baby lobsters and fish stuck inside, dying. Even if we as a local community went down every day to clean up coastal waters, we'll still get an influx of new rubbish everyday from offshore. The State should be going after getting money to clean up the ocean - not getting money from fishermen. All the rubbish they get off the coast they can send to Hpower to burn to meet Hpower's quota. We're going to need money - big money - coming from offshore.</p> <p>I'm for improving data.</p> <p>Plenty of people want to see things implemented, but they don't trust the state.</p> <p>People like to tag, because they want to learn more about the fish.</p> <p>We do want to be better fishermen - don't want to be gluttonous.</p> <p>I don't trust the state of Hawai at all - but if they want to make a website where I can go and voluntarily say what I caught, I would do that.</p> <p>The State of Hawai'i is full of waste, fraud, and abuse. The state is not capable of using the money well.</p>

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Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	I oppose it for now until DLNR can prove they can spend money wisely. What is the driver for this whole license? What is the main push? What are you going to do with the money? Are they going to require everyone to report what they catch every week? If not what is the point of this whole thing? Will there be a fine if you don't file catch report? Not getting catch report won't improve anything in what you know. It's just about making money. Why are they trying to make money off of us? What if we get sued like the aquarium fishery? They require a permit for that now. They got sued and shut down a fishery. Is that the plan here? Shut down all noncommercial fishing to give outside interests, rich people, and hotels all the rights to use the waters and beaches? The state is wealthy - there is not a money problem - there is a management problem - what is another \$150K going to do? Why would we reward the department for failing to manage our resources by paying them more money?		If it goes through, I wanna see enforcement on illegal fishing, poaching, and social media. People catching purposely for bragging rights. DLNR has gotta respond to that--especially when catching out of season. I wanna see education in the schools and community education - a flier in the airplanes about how to fish responsibly, if you're gonna buy a speargun when you land - If you are going to shoot it, you gotta eat it - Be responsible - If they are only catching fish to post on social media and not catching to eat, that's not responsible.	Is the Department's plan that you get the frustration in the communities so high for no funding that they'll support something like this? That's what it feels like. It's on purpose. This is just something else to try and get money. Tourism is up. More than 8 million tourists a year. Why are you not getting the money from them? I would like to think it would improve the information to manage the fisheries. Unless DLNR makes it mandatory to file catch report every week, there will be no more information. In Alaska, they have fish counters. Impact on the income on Kauai - economic impact that fishers put in to the economy is massive. Massive increase in the tourism and pressure on the harbors, yet they never require those operators to rent portapotties. Every kids fishing tournament hosted at the same harbor is required to rent portapotties for their events. The tourists put all this pressure on the infrastructure and the State doesn't getting any funding from them to support it. But they are now going to make you pay to fish. State of Hawai'i is so backward - most politically backward. NWHI rules only can be enforced against the US. There are 30-40 vessels in NWHI fishing right now, but because they aren't US ships, the Coast Guard cannot enforce against them. We create rules that just make it harder on us but don't fix the problem. At first I thought it would be a good idea, but the cons outweigh the pros. Why isn't DLNR busting the poachers that are being blasted on Facebook? DLNR can go bust guys in their house who poach hunting. Why can't they chase down the guys from Facebook bragging about all the poaching they do with fish? We need enforcement. We need them to do their job. The road to hell is paved with good intentions - I don't trust the State to get this right. We don't need a license. We need enforcement. I've seen new taxes and fees for services that don't get any better. Rubbish taxes, land taxes, dump taxes - all new - has anything gotten better? Has service gotten better? More services or less services? They also shortened the hours. Boat registration fees. You pay by the foot of the boat. And the State never fixed Port Allen. When is the last time the harbor was fixed? If our resources are so important, why do they get so little money for their budgets? Ige and Suzanne Case - why are they not increasing the budget so they can do more?
Kaua'i	Advocacy	No	No. I need to see a spreadsheet of how money from this is going to be used. A feasible plan and something comprehensive. Have DAR at the meeting with a spreadsheet that breaks it down. What does the State do with the information they already collect from other licenses and boat registrations? Why can't they use that?	Don't separate the fishing communities to turn them against each other.	There's no data option here. DAR's preferred option doesn't mention any data for improved management. This looks like it's only about money. If this goes through, I would want to see the money used for fisheries management - to improve the stock, restocking. Working with the Pacific Science Center to provide information and implementation support for DAR.	Hunters will not support this. When they pay their fees for hunting, all of it goes to wildlife. Nothing to enforcement or game management. It may be transparent but people are losing faith in the system. We already have a noncommercial registry. No one uses it. We already have boat license fees. I've seen the state push to steal the special boat funds to put in the General Fund. We already have licenses - and registered boat owners - all this information is already with the State - what do they do with it? Big trust issues with the State - gambling, giving them a blank check. If you don't have data, you don't know how to manage it.

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Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Boatfisher; Spearfisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	We are not going to support this - they are just trying to get more money for a secret agenda. All the cons are outweighing the pros right now. We need transparency. A clear, specific agenda. Need to have DAR here to answer questions. If I have to pay a license, as long as I know the money is being put to good use and I see progress of marine life coming back I could live with that. But if in 5 years, we don't see any improvements in marine life-- nothing's coming back, you're going to have a problem. Will we see DAR getting ideas for more licenses? Shoreline charter license? Stamps for papio, ulua, etc.? Will it get to the point that people can't go to the ocean to enjoy it anymore without getting a permission from the State? That's what happened with the hunting license. It started out low, and now I pay over \$100 to go hunting because of all the tags and stamps. I don't want the same thing to happen with fishing. No transparency. We don't know what the license is about. We don't know where the money is going to go. What are you going to do for us? What are you going to do for the environment? What is DAR doing about the invasive species? We are taking care of that ourselves. They aren't incentivizing taking these species. There is a market for them. Why don't they set up programs to incentivize the people to take care of these issues? Provide payments for cleaning up marine debris? Incentivize purse seiners to wipe out invasives instead of akule? DAR wants to protect uhu. What's the fish that loves to eat uhu? Roi. They go after the juveniles at night when their sleeping in the holes. Why isn't DAR incentivizing going after Roi to protect uhu, instead of just closing more areas off to fisherman?		If the money is going to be put into enforcement and regulation, I can see that - you'll see positive results in marine life. If the money just goes into the general fund, don't need it. Each island should keep a percentage of the money from that island. Like half the money stays on the island from the fees. If you are going to implement it, we need crisp, clean, transparency. Put the money in a special fund, not the General Fund. Show how it will be used for enforcement, marine management, conservation, regulation, data, and education to get positive outcomes. Not just to fund more government jobs. Until then, with State of Hawaii's reputation, you won't get support. If DAR wants to start a fishing license program, it needs to get the money from someone else. If license does go through, I'd like to see a fixed price. I don't want to see a price go up every year. I don't want to see tags and stamps for specific species. I want one price for next 100 years or at least a long time. I also want to see one fishing license for all types of noncommercial fishing -- diving, trolling, everything. I would want the license to be revoked, if you don't file catch report. Not fines, but just revoke the license when you don't file.	Money in Montana and other places - money they make stays in their department. They regulate their fisheries really well--Alaska, salmon, cod. They regulate it so well there's enough for recreation and commercial. Hawai'i needs to start implementing these ideas. Spearfishing, shoreline industry is booming - we're going to end up raping our own waters. Us experienced fishers - ethical fishers - we're going to have nothing to pass on to next generation. I took a break for 13 years. What I saw when I jumped in the water blew me away. No regulation. DLNR is failing. Sounds like DAR is already decided to do that already. A license is going to create poachers. License will cause decline in economy from fishing industry. People are not going to want to keep going - freediving spear fishing. It's a multi-million dollar industry. It's going to be discouraged. I've never seen the Harbor master. I've only seen the dock repaired once in my life. There's no management at the harbor. You can't even launch a boat. There's too many commercial permits being issued. State needs to at least limit when the commercial guys can launch to give locals a window for when they know they can launch their boats. Why is the State giving out so many permits and not fixing our harbors?
Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher		I think this is a good thing. Everywhere I go around the world, I have to pay a license. You have to start somewhere and improve it over time. Nothing is perfect. Need to know what the money is going to be used for. Where is the money going to go? We need to give this a chance. There are other states that have done it and its profitable.	Talk to other states. I would find a state similar to Hawai'i and see how it works. Who did we ask already?		Now, because of transparency it's easy to see where the money goes When you get money involved - people gonna follow where the money goes In other states programs work If the system is wrong here, you can fix it with transparency The numbers will be there when they implement the program If we work together we can get more done. People in charge of places are not doing their jobs. Don't go complaining. There are bad people and there are good people. Need to get rid of the bad people. We need to start somewhere - just gotta get it right If we have an issue and don't bring it up, you won't get it fixed.

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Kaua'i	Shoreline fisher; Native Hawaiian traditional fishing practitioner	No	<p>In general, personally I'm not in favor of increasing the number of government employees. Public private partnership is a better way to go. Not to increase government and costs. All the positions get put in to legislation - it's built into the bargaining unit and all the other costs. This is better suited to be discussion at the community level. What is DAR's budget relative to the other departments? What are the taxes assigned to the other departments? What is the indication of importance? One of the questions we need to ask, what is the value of our oceans and any of the resource management practices? How valuable is it to us? Is it better for DLNR/DAR to push for a bigger portion of the General Funds than to pursue this? I'm afraid if we don't approach this issues in a way that makes the government responsible for paying its own costs, we'll just end up continuing to increase government costs. How much can you keep covering an increase in taxes? DBEDT comes out with all these amazing statistics about how much the ocean is worth - \$6M - but we don't fund it. Why would the state say that the reef generates that much money? Where did all the money go?</p>		<p>The Department's priorities are all screwed up. The discussion needs to happen at the level of the General Fund instead. Rather than fight the community and the people, DLNR should be fighting the other departments for their fair share of money. Other issues - like limiting access to resources that would make it impossible for Native Hawaiian practices to survive.</p>	<p>Year after year DLNR, I see them struggle. They don't have enough people. Enforcement, active resource management. Different communities involved in management. A lot of the things the dept is doing now, it's an overreach. A lot of this stuff, belongs in the community. It should be community-based. The direction that shoreline and subsistence fishers are going - working on issues of restoration - updating practices - trying to figure out what the modern day interpretation would be of cultural and spiritual practices. It's going to take money. Updating those practices would take money. Talking to different agencies - they have to want to share that kuleana. It's a fallacy for agencies to believe that Hawaiian people can just go out and collect coconuts and get things done. It's difficult for native people. We don't have the resources to do this work, but we are expected to do it without money. That's the biggest challenge for restorative issues - what do you do if the government agency that also has jurisdiction is just not interested in doing the work? Example is Makai Watch - what was the purpose? I heard a presentation about Makai Watch. He had wonderful things to say about the work they are doing. But I don't see them doing anything. It's always a watered down version. They only report what they want you to hear. I don't think the program is effective. At the end of the day, what has the program accomplished? I'm more into public private partnerships, rather than government positions.</p>

Hilo meeting

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Hawai'i Island		No	No. How do we know what DAR's management objectives are? Where can we get those? That's going to really determine how you are going to collect the data and inform what kind of data. Also gives us an idea of what enforcement. There needs to be clarity on what is considered a fish. Opihi? limu? What fee scale are they proposing? Part time fishermen, recreationally, subsistence? What are the data collection expectations? Do I have to report back to DAR, annually, monthly? How will it apply to ohana? Will you have to cover everyone? What about the outreach mechanisms to inform communities, if this in place? How will they determine how the money will be spent? How much on enforcement? How much on Oahu/island? By population of fishers? By island? Will there be a limit to the number of licenses given out? Will there be quotas?	Management practices are not solely a western concept. People were managing their resources around the Pacific. People had traditional management practices. DAR/DLNR approach seems very western. There is an opportunity to look at the practices across the Pacific - use communities and management practices. First responders - these guys go out and manage the places they fish. DAR should access these fishers - how can you participate in the management of your community/places? I want to see DLNR survey their own staff. Enforcement and DAR. They will know critical information that will be required for this. Are they prepared to enforce it? How do they feel about current enforcement efforts? Community perception is that they do it badly	Work needs to happen to repair relationships with communities.	Using federal funds introduces a whole new layer of expectation. I see some value in data collection - some kind of regulation - even if just for outsiders - communities -
Hawai'i Island				Simple process. Ask everyone here how they found out about this meeting. Through Uncle Craig. Manoa. Word of mouth. Social media.		
Hawai'i Island		No	Does DAR have a legal opinion on whether the state's legal obligations for native Hawaiian rights would be superseded by the federal obligations not to discriminate by gender, race, etc.?		Hawai'i is the only state with a land leasing agency in charge of natural resources. Has DLNR ever looked at breaking itself up and putting natural resource responsibilities separate from land leasing? Enforcement - everything from a mall cop to lava cop to sheep cop - though funding comes from a license - not dedicated that the officers will be on the job for fisheries specifically.	

Hawai'i Island		No	Who was invited into the RPL group? License is not the thing we need.	If we have more meetings and fishermen come - you 'll have the right answers	We don't need federal funding. Need guys going out and teaching guys how to fish right. Go up and down all night. Where is the money going? Put back the uhu, put back the lobster. We patrol our areas - who is there? Are they cleaning up. Need to maintain it for the kids. It's not us. We as fishermen take care of our area - so we still have - who doesn't belong there doing the wrong thing - gotta get them out of there.	Spooky to hear about DLNR and federal money. We're still giving money for the rail. We'll lose control of it. This island is different from other islands. We do things modest. Opihi and kole bags on Facebook I do prison ministry. Teach them about the ocean and how to fish right. Look at the grounds and make sure only take enough. If the chinese restaurant does not demand, guys would not gather for them. Ban opihi so we can't gather them. Now opihi coming in from Philipinnes. Our koa is being depleted just as bad. Taylor guitar, Martin guitar When you add the feds into the mix Micronesions, Japanese - depleted fisheries because we're trying to feed everyone. They're even eating our turtles - we can't even eat them It isn't us - it's this system What about the guys using bombs - clorox balloons to kill the fish - we can't let that happen I found about this meeting on Facebook - no way - still want to go oama fishing after work - Once the federal money starts feeding this system its going to take over the system
Hawai'i Island			Did you guys take a survey about bringing this out to the public? About what they thought about a license? DLNR has to give us something first before we give them something.	The more public you get involved and the more wide the answers are going to be. The faster you get this out to the public the better. Otherwise it will get out of hand. To announce the big format community meetings. Radio announcement - put flier in 2 fishing stores on the island		
Hawai'i Island			They reviewed 4 options. This is there preferred option. They are not showing us the other options were. That's not right. Feds finally gave noncommercial designation to Hawaii. Is the state going to do that too? Do they have a recreational license? Are they going to do that for marine? Need to clarify if people who have a noncommercial license will still be able to sell their fish. Would you have to both a commercial and noncommercial? What if we aren't selling a few fish to pay for gas and trip costs? Will there be categories/tiers on the CML side to work out how commercial and noncommercial work together?			Any surveys done strictly on Oahu - fishing community on other islands are totally different. Different style and mentality. I went to a conference on the mainland - at the time Feds recognized commercial and recreational fishermen. Hawai'i is different. We are not recreational. We sell some, we share with neighbors and families. We don't play with our food. We eat our fish. I have a CML. I only have it DLNR is still making the decisions.

Hawai'i Island		No	No. Not enough information. We should stop here. Go back and tell DLNR we want detail before you ask us anything else. DLNR is using you as a target. They don't want to come out. Information you have now. Go back to them. It's not enough. Once you've gathered everything, look at all the areas. Fill in the gaps of what we need from them - fill in the gaps of what we need to tell our people - we will tell everyone what's going on. We need to education them. They will find ways every year to manipulate us until they get what they want.	Main kupuna in an area. Traditional fishing communities. Aha Moku. Each island has their own council for each island. Oahu should not dicatate to all islands. If we don't do something for what we practice - they will tell us the majority of the people were Kona and Honolulu - we had no voice - amount of people that show up -they took the vote and we lose. We need to voice what we want - we voted them in - we can vote them out if they aren't doing what we want. Better Hilo people, Kalapana, Kau, Kona - gather information will be different.	Need to exempt it from our people. Once we sign something you are on American jurisdiction. American Indians don't need license to fish on their lands. Under federal government, exempt from suit for any liability under my traditional practice. Why can't we do it for our fishing and mountain rights? Not through federal money. Need to go through grants. Around the world, willing to support Native Hawaiian practice. Federal govt tell you one thing - they will want something behind it. Nonprofits can protect the culture through grants. Need to educate the foreigners - our ways are not the way they do back in their country - more education we can get the better - destroy corals nd turtles - destroy the reef to get the fish. We need to do it under our traditional practice - not have DLNR dictate to us - have them follow our rules - we are exempt - we don't want your laws here.	
Hawai'i Island		No	No. Letter is not enough. Too vague. Come back with more informative letter. How are indigenous people benefiting from this law/action? Community associations. Hawaiian Homes associations.			Fishers don't want to give additional info on fishers - fishers don't want to give more information Indigenous people don't want to share information about their practices There's a lot of indigenous people in this community have concerns that are often ignored. A lot of responses based on issues that are ignored. Don't want back and forth with managers.
Hawai'i Island		No	No. Not details, exemptions, Native Hawaiian rights, affect on PASH, whether military would be included or excluded - if they would have to pay. Not enough information in the letter to support or not. I came intending to support the idea - better way to get information about how much fish is getting pulled out of the water - estimates vary so widely it's very difficult to know what is coming out. I understand that many people don't want to give more information - afraid that telling them will reduce the quota. Like Deep 7.			
Hawai'i Island		No	No. Salt, limu, kupee - all fish in Hawaiian tradition - will the license apply to all of that?	We are not focused on the how. You need to look at the who. Gonna tell you who you need to talk to. Now, ulua fishermen, shoreline fishermen - whole gammet of people that you need to talk to		

Hawai'i Island		No	<p>What is the definition of low cost? Low income? What other states did they look at? Alaska has something similar. What kind of license models are they looking at being implemented in other states? I'm not sure what DAR is interested in - gathering information in putting forth information - or getting information about what's being proposed? Are they asking for this for stories and traditions to propose a well-informed bill for everyone to put on - or do they want to know who they need to go to for the stamp of approval of a bill they already want to propose? Is it possible to tell them to talk to the community before they put forth the legislation? You will just get a negative off the bat. They need to get input from people to try and get people to support it.</p>	<p>More groups of people who know each other - can get deeper comments - specific meetings - by region or the type of fishing that you do - we want to hear how you guys in this area with specific kind of fishing - people who have the same type of fishing practice - can bounce off of each other - Even by age - get kupuna - get the keiki (will be theirs as well) - when child is asked about their input -don't know what they'll say but it's important - bring it to the university - marine biology department - Hawaiian studies department - available for college students as well. Two stores that every fisher goes to - print out information for the meeting - print out the report - identify the options and what DLNR considers - they can grab a copy and take it with them - who are other people that you folks think we should ask - fishermen know fishermen - get the info to contact them - people know people - best way to</p>		
Hawai'i Island						<p>Good day and time for the next meeting? Weekend? Weekday? What time can everyone be around?</p>
Hawai'i Island				<p>Need information to get out to people a week ahead. Not the same day. A lot of these guys are on boats. You need to contact the shoreline guys. They are the ones that are going to have to pay.</p>		

Hawai'i Island			Legislative bill or appropriations bill? Need to make that clear. Legislative people - who introduced those bills in 2018? What was done before? Provide the legislation to people. Can always come back to people.	Study - 1994? - Apo	Need someone at the table with data - the people are owed that	Seems like you don't know the community. Waste of a lot of peoples time here. We just finished preparing for the hurricane here. Alaska is federally recognized - gave up their rights - Jim Paul - what they do and how they do it - We identified cultural practitioners - still building and in talks - if people had this information prior to coming to prepare - would help give them feedback for DAR - DOFAW recommendations can be shared - should be an analysis of permits that have already been done - Kai people - I work with gathering practices - Minervy - KANDU - McGregor - Kepa Malley I see here that you need money. I am a data collector. Google sheet. Key questions. Important for people to know about. I'm not born and raised in Hilo. You haven't done your homework to google the people in this room or organizations that have been doing work in this area. I'm offended that you don't know the people of Hilo.
Hawai'i Island				Social media. Radio		
Hawai'i Island				Need to have multiple meetings in multiple places.		
Hawai'i Island						Call the meeting now. Just turned into a Cat 5 hurricane. Need to adjourn to return to our families.