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Your Voice Matters! Deadline is Tues, 2-14.

Another important bill to protect Hawaii's reefs and wildlife from the aquarium trade needs your support. This one gets to the *heart* of the matter -- the question of "sustainability". Those of you who've followed closely know that for years we've lost this battle to claims that aquarium take is "sustainable".

We see with our eyes and we know in our *hearts* that a 70 - 90% population decline in yellow tangs and other beautiful fishes is UNjustifiable and UNsustainable. In 2015 Hawaii's Dept. of Natural Resources showed us they know it too, admitting* they had not defined "sustainable", neither had they determined how to measure it, nor what the management goals and metrics should be.

[SB1240](#) addresses this dereliction of duty by

requiring a moratorium on the aquarium trade until those essential questions are answered and truly sustainable practices and limits are proposed to the legislature and enacted. Could this lead to a doubling, tripling or more of Hawaii's beautiful coral reef fishes in the coming years? YES - but not without your help!

Please take 5 minutes to send testimony before Tue, Feb. 14 at 3 PM:

1. Via the capitol [website](#) (You will first need to login or register for an account).

2. Via email directly to the committee: WTLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

We've included a subject line and intro statement in the email link above. PLEASE ADD A COMMENT OF YOUR OWN:

In 2 - 3 sentences, thank these legislators for hearing this bill and tell them why you LOVE these fishes. Don't forget your name, city and state. Lastly, HAWAII RESIDENTS have a unique opportunity to present oral testimony FROM HOME for the first time EVER, via videoconference. Learn more [here](#).

Preference will be given to neighbor island residents and will be limited and on a "first come, first serve" basis. So send in

your [Application to Testify via Videoconference](#) right away to make your voice heard. More details found in the previous links. Remember, this particular opportunity is for Hawaii residents ONLY -- all others may submit written testimony only.

Saturday, 2-18, 9 – 1. Recreational Steersman training. Bring a paddle and snack/lunch. Classroom and on the water instruction. Bill Armer and Dick Roberts are lead instructors with several other experienced steersmen. Sign up at cbarmer@hotmail.com.

A BIG Mahalo Nui Loa to the people that came out last Friday 2/10/17 to work on the Youth Paddles at the Halau.

Leading the work team was master woodworker Dick Roberts. Help with sanding and refinishing was Tandy Kualii, Dennis Daniell, Andy Toro, Pamela and Reginald Lindo.

They worked on over 35 paddles from the Youth Program to get them into shape and ready for the season. Dick Roberts took

ready for the season. Dick Roberts took several home for specialized work with fractures and broken joints! Final coats will be put on sometime during this week. Paddles are looking great!! If anyone is interested in wanting to help out please contact Coach Reggie at 896-8464. We appreciate and mahalo all those that helped.

**Aloha,
Carolyn Carter**



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