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Dear <<First Name>>,



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Aquatic Resources (DAR) to begin the rule process on ending the catching of fishes for the aquarium trade, DAR is instead planning to propose rewriting the rule to allow fishes to be caught instead of prohibiting it!

Please tell the Board you are opposed to DAR's plan. They need to hear from you by this Thursday (April 11th)!

Include your name, address, and mention any connection you have with Hawaii (e.g., resident, visitor, wanting to visit to see aquatic Hawaiian wildlife on the reefs.) What happens to wildlife affects us all!

- 1) State why you want the Board to entirely disregard DAR's flawed plan to open West Hawaiian waters to fish collectors for the aquarium trade.\*
- 2) Urge the Board to: uphold its unanimous vote directing DAR to begin rulemaking;  
and direct DAR to hold the required public hearings on the rules now.

Email: [BLNR.Testimony@Hawaii.Gov](mailto:BLNR.Testimony@Hawaii.Gov)

Email subject line: April 12; Agenda Items F.2 and F.3 Testimony

\* Thanks to [For the Fishes](#) for providing further explanation:  
<https://mailchi.mp/forthefishes/your-voice-needed-again-to-end-aquarium-collecting>

Please share this with others you know who may be willing to act on it in the fishes' behalf.

Thank you!

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