

## FISHING REPORTS

DLNR-DAR has been collecting commercial fish report information for over 60 years. Catch and effort information is needed to better assess and manage Hawaii's fisheries and marine resources.

## DATA ACCURACY and PARTNERSHIP

It is important that fish report information be complete and accurate, and submitted by the reporting deadline (10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.) Complete information means to report all marine life taken from the ocean, including fish given away, eaten, used for bait, or thrown back. It is also important to report when you did not catch anything. By working together, we can ensure that our resources will be here today and for future generations.

Helpful hints and suggestions:

- The best way to provide accurate and complete information is to keep a personal daily logbook or diary
- Use the online system to report your fishing activity and catch information at the end of each trip or activity

## PERSONAL CASH SALES REPORT

Fishers who sell their catch at retail (directly to the public) are required to submit the "Personal Cash Sales Report". Contact any DLNR-DAR office for this report booklet.

## FILING FISHING REPORT ONLINE

The online system was implemented on February 20, 2010. Fishers with Commercial Marine Licenses may use the online system to submit the monthly Fishing Report (pink colored report). The first report month available for online reporting is the February 2010 monthly report. DLNR-DAR will process the 'paper' January 2010 report online. To file online:

1. Enter information on your Commercial Marine License number including "License Number" or "Last Name" or "First Name" or "Business Name" from the Online Fishing Report menu screen to search for your license record. For best results, enter only a single item such as your license number.
2. Select your license record by clicking on your license number from the list of possible matches.
3. Verify your license record by entering only two of three identifying information either the last 4-digits of SSN or date of birth or ID number (also need ID type) in the License Verification screen.
4. If you use a vessel for your fishing operation, add the vessel registration or U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation number in the Account Information screen.
5. Select the Fish Report month that you want to submit from the "Fishing Report" menu
6. If you fished during the month (refer to instructions below), check off "Yes". Check off "No" if you did not fish during the entire month, or you fished with another licensed commercial fisher who is required to report the fishing activity, and submit the "Did Not Fish" report.

## FISHING REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

### Fishing Effort

**"Day Trip" or "Trip Start/End Date"** – If fishing trip is a day trip or less than 24 hours, then check off "Day Trip" box. Select day of the month fished (e.g., 1, 2, 12...31) from "Select Day Fished." For overnight fishing trips less than 24 hours, enter the day of month when the trip began. For multiple fishing trips during the same day, e.g., charter trips, enter day fished for each fishing trip. For multi-day trips, select trip start and end dates. You must report date of trip(s) even if you did not catch anything.

**"Vessel Used:"** – Select vessel registration ID or USCG document number of vessel used.

**"Port of Landing"** – Select the island where you land your catch.

“**Port**” – Select the port or launch ramp where you land your catch, or where you recover your vessel. For example, Honokohau Harbor, Kewalo Basin, Hawaii Kai, etc.

“**Chartered Trip**” – Check off “Yes” or “No” for chartered fishing trips. (Charter Boats Only)

“**Buoy or Area**” – Select either one buoy identification letter(s) or enter one area code even if you did not catch anything. If you fished more than one buoy or area during this trip, then you will need to enter this after completing fishing effort and catch information. **Refer to Commercial Fisheries Statistical Chart for area codes.** An inshore area, for example, 403, in the main Hawaiian Island is approximately 2 nautical miles from shore.

### ***Fishing Effort Continued***

“**Fishing Method**” – Select fishing method. For example, **TL** = Trolling with lures, **BF** = Deep-sea handline, **IH** = Inshore handline, **IS** = Ika-shibi and **PA** = Palu-ahi. If you used other methods during this trip, then you will need to enter this after completing fishing effort and catch information. For definition and description of methods refer to Fishing Method List.

“**Hours Fished**” – Enter number of hours fished (fishing gear soak time).

“**Number of Net Sets or Throws**” – Enter number of times the net was set (not for crab/kona crab nets).

“**Number of Fishing Lines, traps or net Length**” – Enter number of fishing lines, traps harvested, or total length of all nets in feet used. For example, Number of Lines: **4**; Number of Traps Harvested: **40**; Net Length in Feet: **500**; Number of crab/kona crab nets harvested: **400**; and number of divers or spear fishers or hand harvesters.

“**Did you catch anything**” – Check off “Yes” to report catches or “No” if you did not catch anything.

### ***Species***

“**Species Name**” – Select species landed, or lost to predation, or released dead or alive. You may also refer to Species List.

### ***L/R (Lost and Released)***

“**Did you release any?**” – Check off “Yes” if you intentionally released fish dead or alive, including those that were tagged and released.

“**Number Released only:**” - Enter number released. **Do not include released fish with number or pounds landed.**

“**Were any lost to predators?**” – Check off “Yes” if you lost fish to predators such as sharks, dolphins, etc.

“**Number Lost only:**” - enter number lost to predation. If species lost is unknown, select “unknown”. **Do not include lost fish with number or pounds landed.**

“**Type of Predator:**” – Select predator species that took your catch.

### ***Catch***

“**Number Kept or estimate**” – Enter only the number landed or kept.

“**Pounds Kept or estimate**” – Enter only the pounds landed or kept.

“**Comments**” – Enter comments in this section.