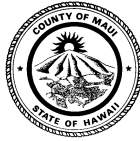


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TO: The Honorable Kaniela Ing, Chair
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Councilmember Robert Carroll *Robert Carroll*
Maui County Council

**SUBJECT: HEARING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1792, RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the sale of aquatic life acquired through spearfishing.

This measure is included in the 2016 Maui County Council Legislative Package.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Ocean species throughout Hawaii are declining because of the excessive taking of fish and other aquatic life through commercial spearfishing. Protection, such as that provided by this measure, is needed for Hawaii's threatened marine resources.
2. Hawaiian communities in Maui County are revitalizing aquatic life and implementing traditional marine stewardship, including at Koieie Fishpond on Maui and One Alii Fishpond and Kalokoaleli Fishpond on Molokai. Their important work, currently undermined by excessive commercial spearfishing, will be respected and protected by this measure.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.