

# Fishing Regulations for West Hawai'i

## West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area

- High water mark to 3 miles out to sea  
Ka Lae, Ka'u to 'Upolu Point, N. Kohala
- Fish Feeding prohibited in FRAs, NRAs & any other West Hawaii regionally managed area
- Possessing aquarium-collecting gear in managed areas, collecting, or possessing aquatic life for aquarium purposes, except while in transit.
  - Boats adrift, anchored, or moored are not considered in transit.

### Fish Replenishment Areas (FRA)

- 10 designated areas between N. Kohala and Miloli'i

### Netting Restricted Areas (NRA)

- 7 designated areas between Puako and Kalipoa

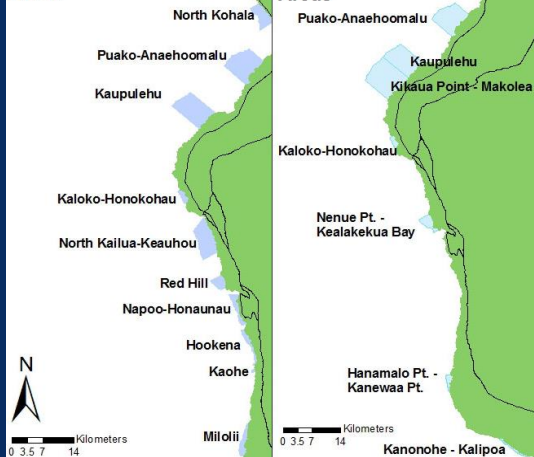


## Prohibited within all West Hawai'i Regional FMA waters

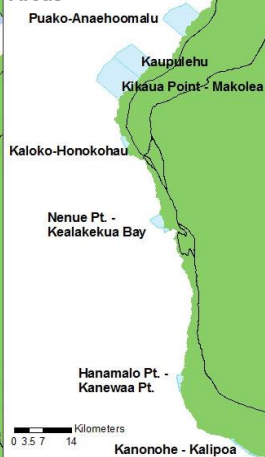
- To take, kill, possess, sell, or offer for sale, any specimen of:
  - Hawaiian Stingray
  - Broad Stingray
  - Pelagic Stingray
  - Spotted Eagle Ray
  - Black Tip Reef Shark
  - Gray Reef Shark
  - White Tip Reef Shark
  - Tiger Shark
  - Whale Shark
  - Horned Helmet
  - Triton's Trumpet
  - and more
- To possess more than five yellow tang larger than 4.5" total length, or more than five yellow tang smaller than 2" total length
- SCUBA spearfishing, to possess scuba gear and a spear at the same time or to possess a speared fish and SCUBA gear



### Fish Replenishment Areas



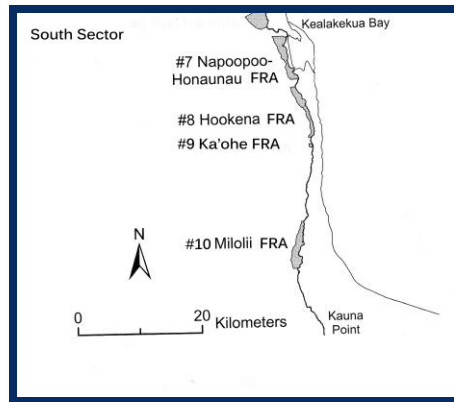
### Netting Restricted Areas



## Aquarium Collection within FMA:

- An aquarium permit is required to engage in collecting activities.
- Collectors may only take certain species. Bag limits & size restrictions apply.
- All aquarium fishing vessels shall:
  - Attain annual permit for collecting.
  - Permanently display the letters AQ on both sides of the vessel
  - Fly a stiffened flag with the letter A
  - Display a dive flag when in the water
  - If vessel becomes inoperable, immediately notify DOCARE or USCG by VHF radio and/or cell phone.

# South Kona District



The purpose of these FRAs is to provide refuge for fish targeted by the aquarium industry. Some of the FRAs are connected with other marine managed areas such as the Puako FMA, which restricts netting, thereby making the law against aquarium collecting (done with nets) effective in both areas. However, some of these other marine managed areas have additional rules for their portions and fishers should be aware of what those rules are. These rules pertain to everyone:

- No collecting of live marine organisms for use in aquaria. Professional and amateur collectors.
- No recreational fish feeding
- No taking of banned species
- Additional rules for commercial fishers.

## Lay Net Restrictions: South Kona District

- Prohibited within the following areas:
  - Nenu Point (Red Hill FRA)- Kealahou Bay NRA
  - Hanamalo Point-Kanewa'a Point NRA
- Possession or use of the following is Prohibited:
  - Lay net not registered with DLNR
  - More than one lay net per person
  - Lay nets exceeding 125 feet in length or 7 feet in stretched height; with stretched mesh less than 2 ¾ inches; 2 or more nets joined for combined total length of 250 ft.
  - Multi-panel nets
  - A lay net without at least four ID tags as specified by DLNR; tags must be attached at each end of float and lead lines.
- The following lay net fishing activities are prohibited:
  - Use of lay net not marked by buoys as specified
  - Use of lay net within 1,200 ft. of another lay net unless nets are joined.
  - Use of lay net in water more than 80 ft. deep.
  - Use of lay net for more than 4 hours during 1 set, or within 24 hrs. after the end of a set, or to set another net within 24 hrs.
  - To leave lay net unattended for more than ½ hour.
  - Retrieval that causes coral breakage from its attachment or into smaller pieces.
  - Failure to inspect entire net within 2 hrs. after beginning of set.
  - To discard or leave any lay net or portion of it for more than 4 hrs.
  - To falsely ID a lay net



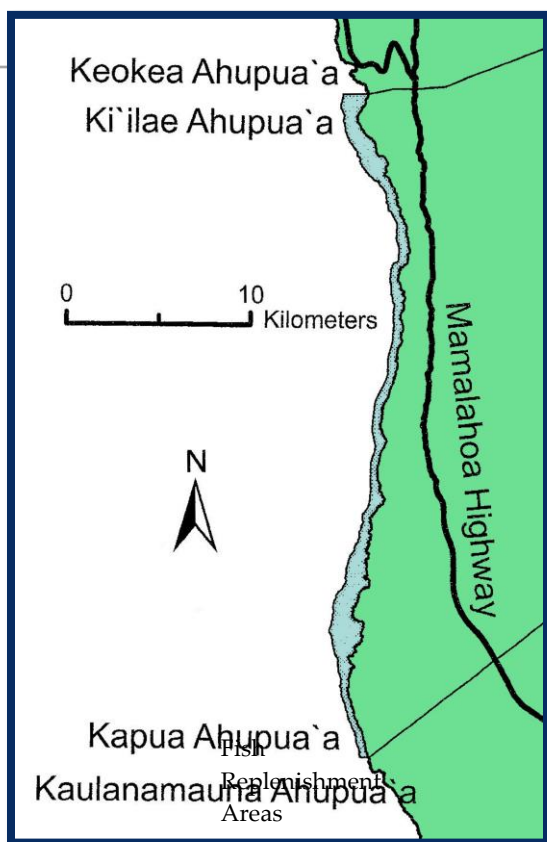
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- CBFSAs are community driven initiatives.

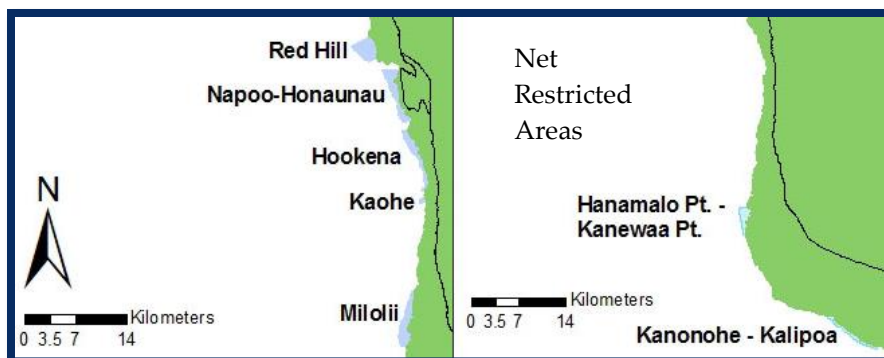


The Miloli'i FMA (also known as the South Kona FMA) runs for more 18 miles down the south Kona/Ka'u coastline. The area starts in the waters just south of the National Historical Park at Honaunau at the edge of the Ki'ilae *ahupua'a* boundary with Keokea *ahupua'a*.

Within Miloli'i FMA it is prohibited to fish for or take 'opelu with fish or animal bait, except with hook and line



It may seem to some that there are already enough rules for fisherman, however there are very few rules that are sight specific to Miloli'i. A CBFSa is a way for community members to actively participate in creating rules for the purpose Native Hawaiian subsistence, culture, and religion







CBSFAs represent a state recognized avenue for community groups to mālama ‘āina by proposing regulations to sustain health & abundance of marine resources for current and future generations

