

Over the years, since 1979 in particular, DLNR, their partnerships, US Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS;USFWS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and other Agencies have run roughshod over traditional, recreational, and culturally dependent resource users and have enacted forest policy and practice without **ever engaging with active users of the resources.**

A clear abuse of these practices are the deplorable and egregious happenings on Mauna Kea and many other places. Mauna Kea in particular, was allowed to be eradicated of a needed, necessary, and important resource without regard to actively managing this resource and millions of dollars later, we have a wasteland to show for it and no sincere effort has been made since to dialog or even address concerns of the public. Mauna Kea, the Kaupulehu fishing moratorium and many other examples are evident of this abusive dismissal of public interest and desire, Mauna Kea and Kaupulehu being just two of the most egregious representing and old and new example, but the behaviors of the above referenced agencies and departments, clearly exemplify the need.

The suggested language is presented below. The original HB105 has been modified somewhat at the observation of our Mayor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:  
SECTION 1. Section §183D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding the definition of “cooperative resource management” to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

“Cooperative resource management” means a process for the management of public resources that identifies and actively involves stakeholders with a compelling interest, such as recreation, hunting, or gathering.”

SECTION 2. Section §183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§183D-2 Powers and duties of department. The department shall:  
(1) Manage and administer the wildlife and wildlife resources of the State through cooperative resource management strategies that include traditional, recreational, and culturally dependant resource users and stakeholders;

(2) Enforce all laws relating to the protecting, taking, hunting, killing, propagating, or increasing the wildlife within the State and the waters subject to its jurisdiction;

(3) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating facility or facilities;

(4) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import wildlife for the purpose of propagating and disseminating the same in the State and the waters subject to its jurisdiction;

(5) Distribute, free of charge, as the department deems to be in the public interest, game for the purpose of increasing the food supply of the State; provided that when in the discretion of the department the public interest will not be materially interfered with by so doing, the department may propagate and furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the department may determine;

(6) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of charge, information and advice as to the best methods of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife in the State and the waters subject to its jurisdiction;

(7) Gather and compile information and statistics concerning the area, location, character, and increase and decrease of wildlife in the State;  
(8) Gather and compile information concerning wildlife recommended for release in different localities, including the care and propagation of wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic purposes and other useful information, which the department deems proper;

(9) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands which may be set apart as game management areas, public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

(10) Pursuant to section §183D-65 of this chapter, destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

(11) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to the governor and legislature, such additional legislation necessary or desirable to implement the objectives of title 12; and

(12) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.