

## YOUR CHOICE FOR HAWAII'S STATE FISH (3-5):

Common Core Standards -  
Language Arts - Reading  
Informational: [3.RI.7](#), [4.RI.7](#), [5.RI.7](#)

### DIRECTIONS:

Read about [how the humuhumunukunukuapua'a was chosen as Hawaii's state fish](#) on the Waikiki Aquarium website. Discuss how this fish was chosen on a trial basis. After the trial passed, no other options were presented to voters and it became the permanent state fish.

View the [Hanauma Bay Education Program Fish Identification Card](#), created by the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant College Program. Find the humuhumunukunukuapua'a.

Choose another fish that appeals to you and compare it to the humuhumunukunukuapua'a. What colors does it have? How is its body shaped? What do its fins look like? How big are its eyes?

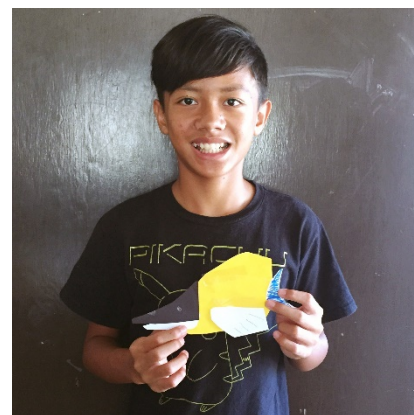
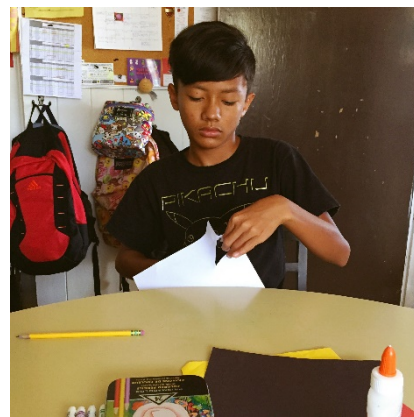
Conduct library and/or online research on your fish. Write down three interesting facts about your fish on a piece of colored or white scratch paper.

With the reusable items provided by your teacher, create a model of your choice for Hawaii's state fish.

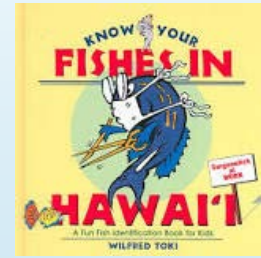
You and your classmates can display your models around the classroom—along with your lists of three interesting facts—and vote for your favorite. Your teacher can count up the votes and announce which fish has won.

### MATERIALS:

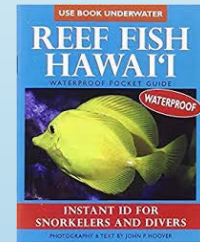
colored or white scratch paper,  
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scissors, white glue or tape



### BOOKS:



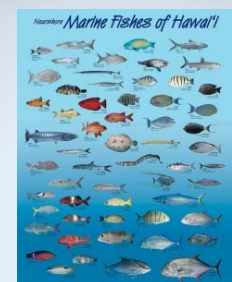
[Know Your Fishes in Hawaii](#),  
Wilfred Toki



[Reef Fish Hawaii: Waterproof Pocket Guide](#), John P. Hoover



[Let's Vote on It!](#), Janice Behrens



### WEBSITES:

[Fishing in Hawaii - A Student Manual](#), State of Hawaii's Division of Aquatic Resources

[Species Gallery - Hawaii](#), Reef Environmental Education Foundation