

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Division of Aquatic Resources
State of Hawaii

Bait (Nehu) License (Aku Boat or Live-bait Tuna Boat)
Specific Terms and Conditions

The *licensee* refers to any person issued a bait (nehu) license. The bait (nehu) license allows a commercial marine licensee whose principal livelihood is derived from aku boat fishing to use a small mesh net to take regulated baitfish species, including nehu, for use in a commercial fishing operation.

I understand that:

1. Licenses issued to individuals are non-transferable and cannot be used by anyone else.
2. It is illegal to take baitfish for a commercial fishing operation unless I have valid bait (nehu) license and valid commercial marine license.
3. I must have a valid commercial marine license before I can obtain the bait (nehu) license. If the bait (nehu) license is not purchased at the same time as the commercial marine license, then the bait (nehu) license will expire on the commercial marine license expiration date.
4. I must own or operate, or crew on, a live-bait tuna boat in a commercial fishing vessel operation, and my principal income is derived from fishing for tuna.
5. I may take the following baitfish species:

Nehu (<i>Stolephorus purpura</i>)	Iao (<i>Pranesus insularum</i>)
Tabae (<i>Mollienesia spp.</i>)	Marquesan sardine (<i>Harengula vittata</i>)
Threadfin shad (<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>)	
Piha (<i>Spratelloides delicatulus</i>)	Gold-spot herring (<i>Herklotsichthys quadrimaculatus</i>)
6. I must use all baitfish taken as bait in a commercial fishing operation and it is illegal to sell or transfer it except for bait purposes.
7. It is illegal to use a small mesh net in a conical shape, including cast or throw net. I may use a small mesh net of any length to take the baitfish.
8. I must pay a bait (nehu) license fee of \$100.00.
9. Unless exempted from the report requirement, I must report bait fishing activities on the Aku Boat Fishing Report once a month, by the tenth day of the following month, until my license expires.
10. I must provide true and accurate bait fishing activities on the Aku Boat Fishing Report. DLNR may return any report that is incomplete or illegible.