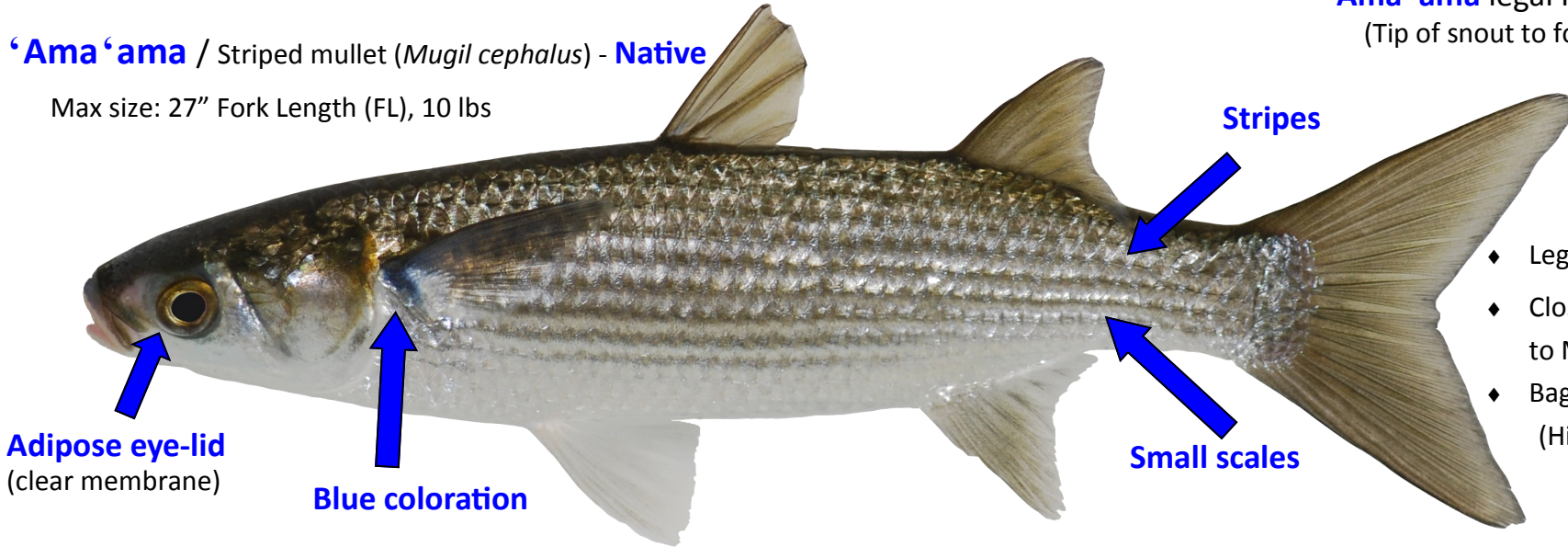


If the 'ama'ama is smaller than the length of this paper please let it go to grow!

'Ama'ama legal minimum size **11"**
(Tip of snout to fork in tail)

'Ama'ama / Striped mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) - Native

Max size: 27" Fork Length (FL), 10 lbs



'Ama'ama

- ◆ Legal size– 11" Fork Length
- ◆ Closed Season: December 1st to March 31st
- ◆ Bag Limit: 10 per day (Hilo Bay only)

Kanda / Marquesan mullet (*Moolgarda engeli*) - Introduced

Max size: 10" FL, 3/4 lbs



Introduced

Kanda and Uouoa

- ◆ No size restrictions
- ◆ No closed seasons
- ◆ No bag limit

Uouoa / Sharp-nose mullet (*Neomyxus leuciscus*) - Native

Max size: 12" FL, 1 lbs



Do all you can to conserve our aquatic life
To report violations, call
643-DLNR (3567)

Mullet species in Hawai‘i



'Ama'ama

Native
Regulated

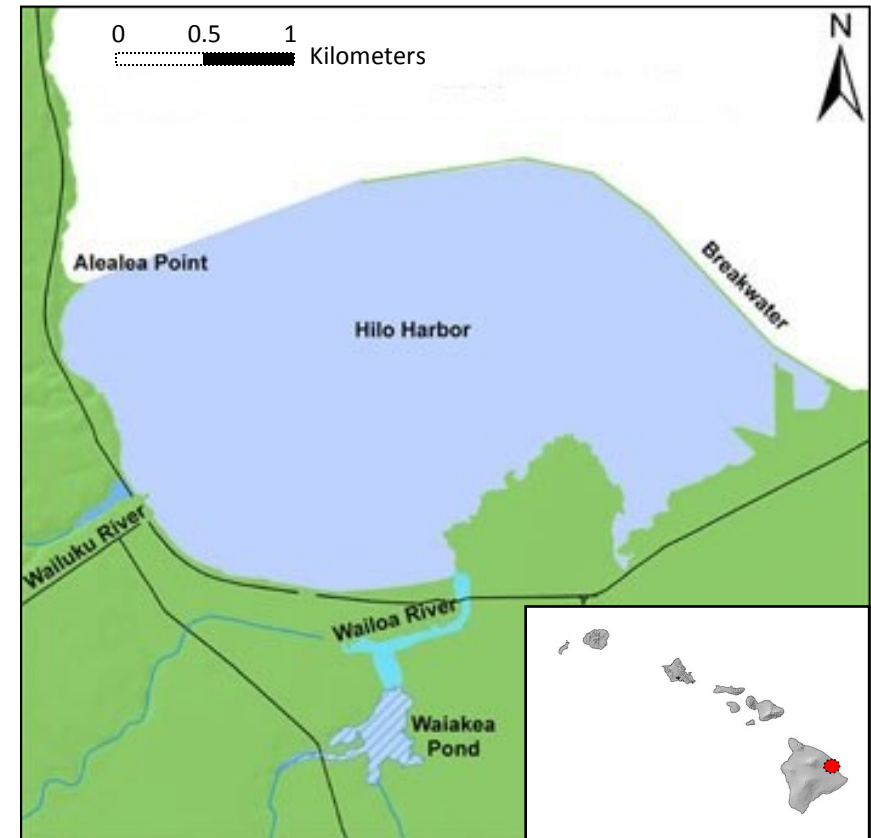
- Largest of mullet species in Hawai‘i
- Found in estuaries, streams, marine, coastal, and reef environments
- Spawns during winter months
- Important game/food fish, excellent eating
- Revered in Hawaiian culture and legends
- Unique fishery in Hilo
 - only place in the world where a chain diatom is used as bait



Tandem hooks baited with chain diatoms to catch 'ama'ama in Wailoa River, Hilo Hawai‘i

'Ama'ama Regulations for

Hilo Bay: Hilo Harbor, Wailuku River, Wailoa River, Waiākea Pond Public Fishing Area (PFA)



Uouoa

Native
Not Regulated

- Mid-sized of the three mullet species
- Found in marine, coastal, reef and occasionally estuarine habitats
- Favor areas of high surge (white water)
- Usually caught with cast or scoop nets
- Excellent eating
 - according to Hawaiian legend, nightmares or restless sleep may occur if the head is eaten



Kanda

Introduced
Not Regulated

- Accidentally introduced in the 1950's
- Smallest of the three mullet species
- Found in estuaries, streams, marine, coastal, and reef environments
- Year round spawning with summer and winter peaks
- Excellent eating although difficult to catch
- Displacing native 'ama'ama throughout the state

- ◆ Bag limit of 10 'ama'ama 11" FL or greater per day during open season



For further information and rules please contact the nearest Division of Aquatic Resources office or visit—<http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar>