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### Sea Turtles

CONSERVATION GROUPS think endangered sea turtles should be protected but they also think common sense should be used in making rules.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a proposal to treat three non-endangered species of sea turtles as endangered because they closely resemble three species listed as endangered. The three non-endangered "look alikes" are the loggerhead, Pacific ridley and green sea turtles. The endangered species are the hawksbill, Atlantic ridley and leatherback.

The Island conservation groups oppose commercial taking of the green sea turtle but point out people in Hawaii have long taken this turtle for home consumption.

IN LETTERS sent to Lynn A. Greenwalt, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, four Island groups have proposed that exemptions be allowed to permit taking the green sea turtle for home consumption.

The letters were sent by John W. Beardsley, chairman, Animal Species Advisory Commission; Frank J. Radovsky, acting director, Bishop Museum; Robert W. Nemechek, president, Hawaii Chapter, Sierra Club; and Sheila Conant, president, Hawaii Audubon Society.