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GREEN TURTLE & RELATED TYPE NEWS

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HB 1635 DEAD BUT REGULATION 36 MOVES AHEAD

Although H.B. 1635, H.D. 1 did not pass, I am happy to announce that regulation 36 which protects the Green Sea Turtle, did meet with the approval of the Board of Land & Natural Resources on April 12th in Waimea.

Details of the regulation were sent to you in previous newsletters. The main points of Regulation 36 are: 1. It shall be unlawful within the State of Hawaii to kill, possess, or sell marine turtles without a permit from the Board of Land & Natural Resources; 2. The eggs of marine turtles are given protection (very important point); 3. Turtles having an upper shell measurement of less than 36 inches may not be taken, thus insuring the reproductive cycle of Hawaii's marine turtle population.

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN HAWAII SCIENTIST WINS U.S. GRANT TO STUDY THE HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLE



On May 23rd, Dr. George Balazs of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, will leave for the French Frigate Shoals to conduct a two-month study of Green Turtle nesting, population and fertility.

This study will be conducted with the cooperation of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Dr. Balazs has spent many long hours devoted to saving the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle and should be commended for his unselfish work. ⁴⁶

His wife Linda still has green sea turtle T-shirts. You can get them by writing George and Linda c/o HINB, P. O. Box 1346, Kaneohe, Oahu, 96744.

MAHALO!

Your kind efforts on behalf of H.B. 1635 and Regulation 36 have paid off. The continuing fight, of course, is to obtain adequate State funding for needed research. If returned to the legislature this year, I plan to re-introduce the Green Turtle Bill to provide the needed funding. My office continues to work for the conservation of Hawaii's natural resources and environmental protection.

EEL NEWS

On April 25th, the State Board of Agriculture revoked Fish Farm Hawaii's permit to import unagi, the edible eels from Japan. Our scientific community and many environmental groups vigorously opposed the importation of the eels last summer when the issue first surfaced on the grounds that the slippery pseudo serpents would surely escape and establish themselves as voracious pests in Hawaii's streams and reservoirs.