

the number of permits that could be active at any one time, introducing mandatory reporting requirements, and applying more stringent limits on the species and numbers of specimens collected.

This must not be taken as a sign that the DLNR is in any way in favour of Bill SB1240, though. Nothing of the sort! It is merely yet another sign of how thorough the regulation of the Hawaii industry (the most intensely studied fishery in the world) actually is, and of the desire to continue improving it for the welfare of all parties, including the reefs themselves, of course.

It is abundantly clear that if SB1240 had been approved and implemented, it would have resulted in the gradual phasing out of the entire Hawaii marine aquarium collecting sector, something that is, quite simply, not justifiable if decisions are to be taken on good/sound science and relevant, accurate data.

In a world where laws that have dramatic consequences for the aquarium industry are passed with alarming and disappointing regularity, and without appropriate consultation with all stakeholders (such as the new Indian law discussed in the accompanying item), it is reassuring that, sometimes, commonsense and good science appear to be given due consideration. And this, to give Governor David Ige due credit, is what has happened on this occasion.

Some weeks before I wrote these lines, the Governor had issued a notice of intent to veto the Bill, something that resulted in the following statement from PIJAC Vice President of Government Relations, Robert Likins: "Those who care about pets, fishermen safety, and Hawaii's beautiful coral reefs thank Governor Ige for proposing to support sound science and veto Senate Bill 1240. The Governor took substantial time to understand all sides of this issue, especially the lack of scientific support for SB1240 and the risk to his constituents' jobs. We agree with the Governor that available scientific information does not support SB1240, and that additional studies are needed to appropriately refine regulations for this fishery...We urge the legislature to carefully consider the Governor's excellent decision-making process, and to uphold the expected veto."

Encouragingly, on 11 July, Governor David Ige, proceeded with his veto, thus closing the latest chapter in this year's anti-trade campaign. However, he is committed to introducing legislation that will address the above-mentioned issues, probably during the next legislative session in 2018. This could result in policies that would make Hawaii's near shore aquarium fishery even more regulated than it already is, thus making it the best managed in the world. We therefore await the next episode in this perennially-running story to unfold over the coming months.

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# 2017

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Aqua 2017 – UK

18th to 19th October 2017  
Telford International Centre  
[www.aquatelford.co.uk](http://www.aquatelford.co.uk)

#### PIAA & Oster Groomex 2017 - Australia

19th to 22nd October 2017  
The Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse,  
Sydney Rydges Hotel, Rosehill  
[www.piaa.net.au/event/piaa-oster-presents-groomex-2017](http://www.piaa.net.au/event/piaa-oster-presents-groomex-2017)

#### The PIAA AusPet 2017 - Australia

19th to 20th October 2017  
Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Racecourse,  
James Ruse Drive Rosehill, NSW  
[www.piaa.net.au/event/piaa-presents-auspets-2017](http://www.piaa.net.au/event/piaa-presents-auspets-2017)

#### China International Pet Show (CIPS) – China

16th to 19th November 2017  
National Exhibition and Convention Centre, Shanghai, China  
[www.en.cipscom.com](http://www.en.cipscom.com)

### 2018

#### EXPOZOO 2018 - 21th Edition – France

13th to 14th January 2018  
Paris Porte de Versailles, Paris  
[www.expozoo.com](http://www.expozoo.com)

#### Global Pet Expo – USA

21st to 23rd March 2018  
Orlando, Florida  
[www.globalpetexpo.org/index.html](http://www.globalpetexpo.org/index.html)

#### Interpet, Asia Pacific - Japan

29th March to 1st April 2018  
Tokyo Big Sight, East Hall 1, 2, 3  
[www.interpets.jp](http://www.interpets.jp)

#### Interzoo 2018 - Germany

8th to 11th May 2018  
Nürnberg Messe, Nürnberg, Germany  
[www.interzoo.com](http://www.interzoo.com)

#### SuperZoo 2018 – USA

26th to 28th June 2018  
Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV USA  
[www.superzoo.org](http://www.superzoo.org)

#### Aquarma 2018 – China

22nd to 25th August 2018  
Shanghai New International Expo Centre, Shanghai, China  
[www.aquarama.com.cn](http://www.aquarama.com.cn)

#### Pet Fair Asia 2018 – China

22nd to 26th August 2018  
Shanghai New International Expo Centre, Shanghai, China  
[www.petfairasia.com](http://www.petfairasia.com)

### 2020

#### Interzoo 2020 - Germany

19 May to 22 May 2020  
Nürnberg Messe, Nürnberg, Germany  
[www.interzoo.com](http://www.interzoo.com)

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