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**Statement from PIJAC Vice President of Government Affairs Bob Likins on January 2021
Hawaii Supreme Court Decision on Commercial Marine Licenses**

“The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council is disappointed by the recent Hawaii Supreme Court ruling on commercial marine licenses (CML). We believe that the decision goes well beyond interpreting the State Supreme Court decision on aquarium permits and could in effect require applicants to also apply for court approval after their license has already been approved by the state. The decision appears to subject all CML issuances to the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA), meaning it could have a significant negative impact on all individuals and their families who depend on fish collection for their livelihoods, including for food as well as for aquariums. PIJAC is currently examining our options to determine our way forward.”

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About PIJAC

Founded in 1971, the [Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council](http://pijac.org) (PIJAC) serves as the legislative and regulatory voice of the responsible pet care community, working to promote animal well-being and responsible pet ownership, foster environmental stewardship, and ensure the availability of healthy pets. PIJAC members include retailers, companion animal suppliers, manufacturers, wholesale distributors, manufacturers’ representatives, pet hobbyists, and other trade organizations.