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Fishing ban requested by West Beach Estates

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The developer of a Leeward Oahu resort area wants the state to set aside the waters between Barbers Point Deep-Draft Harbor and Kahe Point Beach Park as a Marine Life Conservation District.

If the designation is granted, fishing would be banned in that mile-long stretch of coastline, which includes four lagoons built for the West Beach Estates.

The request for the designation is not a move to further curb public use of the area, West Beach Estates spokesman Jim Boersema said.

"That's not true. There should be no negative aspect of this at all," he said. "They want to keep the water nice offshore, that's all. It was always a goal for them."

Francis Oishi, aquatic biologist for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said the green sea turtle, an

endangered species, is known to frequent that area.

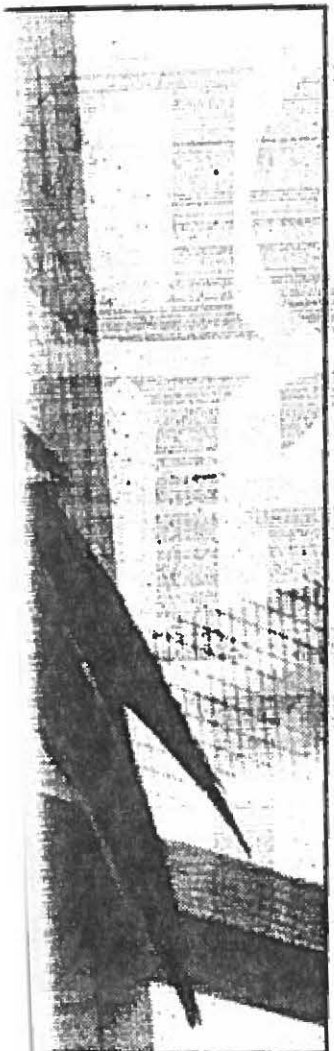
He said he has heard of other requests to turn the area into a conservation district.

"It's not the best reef on the island, but we don't determine what areas should be nominated as marine life conservation districts," he said. "We just examine what areas people suggest to use and hold public hearings to determine what restrictions will be."

West Beach Estates has already drawn some public criticism for creating the four beaches but then blocking them from public use.

The state's current Marine Life Conservation Districts include pristine areas such as Hanauma Bay and Sharks Cove on the North Shore.

The state Department of Land and Natural Resources will take public comment on the proposal in a meeting tomorrow evening at the James Campbell Building.



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