



# tideline newsletter tideline aquatics

## Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

Monday – Friday 11am-7pm

Saturday 10am-6pm

**WE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY!!**

### **READ THIS! IT COULD MEAN THE END OF THE AQUARIUM HOBBY!!**

When you read this, you may not believe it but unfortunately, it is completely true:

On April 23rd 2009, The Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Congress will hold a hearing on H.R. 669, a resolution that will in effect ban importation, interstate transport and the private ownership of most birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish (as well as all other aquatic organisms such as corals and other invertebrates, and non-native aquatic plants) as pets. The Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act (H.R. 669), introduced by Del. Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam) Chair of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife of the House Natural Resources Committee would totally revamp how nonnative species are regulated under the Lacey Act. What this means to the aquatics industry is that, in essence, all trade of ornamental non-native fishes and other aquatic organisms would be banned in the not-too-distant future. The attached document (particularly pages 3 and 4) lays everything out and includes contact information for the gov't officials that are involved with the committee. Obviously, everyone needs to make contact with these people, because complacency on our parts could very well lead to their passing this into law.

Should HR669 be adopted as written only the following nonnative animals would be allowed:

any cat (*Felis catus*)  
cattle or oxen (*Bos taurus*)  
chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*)  
dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*)  
donkey or ass (*Equus asinus*)  
domesticated members of the family Anatidae (geese)  
duck (domesticated *Anas* spp.)  
goat (*Capra aegagrus hircus*)  
goldfish (*Carassius auratus auratus*)  
horse (*Equus caballus*)  
llama (*Lama glama*)  
mule or hinny (*Equus caballus* x *E. asinus*)  
pig or hog (*Sus scrofa domestica*)  
domesticated varieties of rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)  
sheep (*Ovis aries*)

Currently, the Fish and Wildlife Service is required to demonstrate that a species is injurious [harmful] to the health and welfare of humans, the interests of agriculture, horticulture or forestry, and the welfare and survival of wildlife resources of the U.S.

**HR 669** substantially complicates that process by compelling the Service to produce two lists after conducting a risk assessment for each nonnative wildlife species to determine if it is likely to "cause economic or environmental harm or harm to other animal species' health or human health." In order to be placed on the "Approved List" it must be established that the species has not, or is not likely, to cause "harm" anywhere in the US. Species that are considered potentially harmful would be placed on an "Unapproved List."

Furthermore, **HR 669** would essentially ban all species that do not appear on the Approved List, regardless of whether or not they have ever been petitioned for listing or are sufficiently well studied to enable a listing

determination. Species not appearing on the "Approved List" could not be imported into the United States, nor could they be moved in interstate commerce. Trade in all such unlisted species would come to a halt - possession would be limited and all breeding would have to cease.

**To reiterate: Unless species are included on the Approved List import, export, transport, and breeding would be prohibited.** Exceptions are limited and would not be available to pet owners across the nation.

## THE IMPACT

Nonnative species in the pet trade encompass virtually every bird, reptile, amphibian, fish and a number of mammals (e.g., hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, ferrets) commonly kept as pets. It is immaterial under HR 669 that the

- Vast majority of these nonnative species in the pet trade have been in the United States in large numbers for decades, some for hundreds of years, and have not proven to be an environmental problem.
- Numerous species are raised in the United States for many purposes: pets, recreational fishing and hunting, food, etc.
- Only a small number of species kept as pets have caused environmental problems, and this has generally been on a very localized basis (i.e. southern Florida, Hawaii).
- Most states have exercised their authority to regulate problem species within their own borders through a mixture of management regimes ranging from permit systems to bans.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS PUSHING FOR THE PASSING OF THIS BILL

According to the Defenders of Wildlife "For far too long the pet, aquarium and other industries have imported live animals to the United States without regard to their harm..." Defenders, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are part of a coalition pushing hard for passage of this bill without amendments.

## READ ABOUT H.R. 669

**A HEARING** has been scheduled for April 23 and the pet industry needs to be heard loud and clear **prior** to the hearing! The anti-trade elements are hard at work to stop activities involving non-native species. A copy of HR 669 can be found on PIJAC's website in the "Breaking News" and the "HR669 Forum"

sections of the [www.pijac.org](http://www.pijac.org). Read the bill carefully since it could shut down major segments of the pet industry virtually overnight.

PIJAC POSITION -- PIJAC supports the underlying intent of HR 669 to establish a risk-based process in order to prevent the introduction of potentially invasive species. It has been clear for quite some time that steps are needed to enhance and improve the current listing process for species shown to be injurious under the Lacey Act. **In addition to much needed appropriations to fund staff and other ancillary support aids, the Lacey Act needs to be modernized to make the process more timely, efficient, and transparent.** However, HR 669 falls far short of accomplishing this objective.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...

### CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- emailing or faxing your opposition to HR 669 to their offices in Washington DC urging them to amend the bill
- ALSO contact their district offices: voice your opposition and request a meeting with the representative when they are back in the District

**Here is the contact information for the representative for our district:**

**Congressman Henry Brown (R-SC)**

**District Telephone#: (843) 747-4175**

**District Fax#: (843) 747-4711**

**Email Cong. Brown by visiting here:**

<http://brown.house.gov/Contact/writebrown.html>

## TIDELINE AQUATICS' STANCE

At Tideline Aquatics, we do feel that the aquatic industry does need updated regulations to deal with several issues surrounding our hobby. But to virtually shut down the aquarium industry with blanket legislation is not the answer. Instead, the pet industry should take their own steps in correcting our internal problems. For instance, fish that grow to large for captivity in aquariums should no longer be imported (redtail catfish, pacu, certain grouper species, etc). What about banning the importation of marine fish species that have do not live in captivity (most butterflyfish, spotted/clown sweetlips, ribbon eels, cleaner wrasses, leopard wrasses, pipefish, etc). Why not ban cruel practices such as the artificial dyeing of fish with color using needles (painted glass fish, colored blood parrotfish, berry tetras, etc) and fish that are being tattooed with color

(tattooed mollies, tattooed blood parrots, etc)? Put stricter laws in place that impose large fines to persons that are caught releasing non-native species (fish and aquatic plants) into our local waters. Allow individual states to continue to put their own laws in place concerning species that could pose a threat to native species if they were released and were able to survive winter in that particular state. Granted the pet industry does need regulating but shutting down the industry completely is too severe and will cause thousands of people to lose their jobs (and you will not be allowed to keep many of the pets Americans have been keeping safely at home for years). **Please take the time to contact Congressman Brown either by phone, fax or email to voice your opposition to H.R.669.**

## HOUSE FIRES INVOLVING AQUARIUMS



In the last two weeks, there have been two fires that started surrounding aquariums. You would not think a body of water would be the place a fire would start but it can happen if you do not take a few considerations when installing and maintaining your aquarium. We strongly suggest you check out your aquarium installation for the following common mistakes:

### The Receptacle:

Aquariums tend to require many plugs. The receptacle you choose to use for plugging in your aquarium is wired to a breaker in the breaker box. Each breaker is rated for a certain number

of amps. If all the plugs in the room you are using to plug in your aquarium are on the same breaker, you not only need to consider the number of amps you will be using from the aquarium, you have to consider all the amps every other electrical component in the room is using (stereos, televisions, space heaters, etc). If you exceed the amps that receptacle circuit can handle, it could cause a fire. If the breaker trips in the breaker box, it is likely due to an overload. If this is the case, we suggest you have an electrician install a plug with a dedicated breaker just for the aquarium components.



The installation of a GFI (ground fault interrupter) receptacle would be ideal. The GFI will trip if the receptacle is overloaded or if something goes wrong with one of the electrical components you are using on the aquarium.

### The Power Strip:

One of the biggest mistakes folks make is to overload a power strip or extension cord with too many amps. Every electrical product uses a certain number of amps. The number of amps each product uses is either stamped on the product or is listed in the instruction manual. When you purchase a power strip it has a maximum amp rating on the strip. If you exceed the number of amps the strip is designed to handle, it could cause a fire or at least a meltdown of the power strip!



Also, when purchasing a power strip, be sure you are purchasing one that has a "trip" mechanism



built in. This will cause the power strip to stop functioning if it becomes overloaded or if one of the electrical components malfunctions. Even with this safety feature built-in, you should be aware of the amp rating on the strip and the number of amps you are plugging into the unit. This is especially true of components that use high numbers of amps like reef lighting fixtures and pump motors.

### **Mounting The Power Strip:**

Now that you have considered the factors above, you need to MOUNT the power strip. The power strip should NEVER be allowed to lie on the bottom of your cabinet stand!!!! NEVER!!! Mount the power strip high in the cabinet stand. This will prevent water from entering the power strip either from you dripping water (esp. saltwater) inadvertently into it or if something were to malfunction and leak water on to the power strip.



### **Safety Maintenance:**

Once you have taken all the precautions listed here, now you must maintain it properly. Moisture and salt creep (salty mist that can settle on components from evaporation) MUST be wiped away from ALL electrical components (plugs, power strips, lighting fixtures, filters, etc) on a regular basis. This is especially important in saltwater and brackish water applications as salt is an excellent conductor of electricity. If salt creep is allowed to accumulate on electrical components, you can easily be electrocuted when working on the aquarium or even worse, a fire could result! It is the aquarium owner's responsibility or if your aquarium is cleaned monthly by an aquarium service company, it is their responsibility to keep your aquarium safe by cleaning salt creep and moisture off the

electrical power strip(s), receptacles and lighting components.



### **Malfunctioning Components:**

If you have any electrical component (light switch, aquarium products, stereo, pump motor, etc) that requires you to "jiggle the plug or switch" to make it operate, DO NOT USE THAT PRODUCT!! This is a warning that some sort of short has developed in the cord or switch. In this case, either replace the component or have it repaired immediately.

Aquariums are completely safe if installed and maintained properly. Neglect will only result in dangerous problems!

**Don't forget to show your military ID at the check-out counter! Tideline Aquatics now offers a discount to both active and retired military persons with a military ID!!**

**Also, print off web coupons for even more savings when you shop with us!!**

### **WHAT'S NEW AT [tideline aquatics?](#)**

#### **ON THE MENU THIS WEEK:**

Feeder Goldfish(VERY FEW), Feeder Ghost Shrimp (OUT), Feeder Rosy Redds (OUT), Feeder Black Worms (VERY LOW), Feeder Guppies (FEW), Feeder Crayfish (PLENTY) and Feeder Fiddler Crabs (PLENTY).

## **FRESHWATER FISH:**

**Livebearers** – Cool New Red Tiger Platies (yellow platies with red stripes!), Assorted Swordtails, Sunburst Platies, Redtail Dalmation Platies, Cobra Guppy Pairs, Bright Yellow Guppy Pairs, Iridescent Green Sailfin Mollies, Assorted M/L Lyretail Mollies, Dalmation Mollies, Black Yucatan Mollies, Koi Swordtails.

**Catfish/Loaches/Plecostomus** – L103 Clown Plecostomus, L007 Dracula Plecostomus, L018 Gold Nugget Plecostomus, L200 Green Phantom Plecostomus, L146a Rubber Plecostomus, Blue Dolphin Catfish, Glass Catfish, True Tigrinus Shovelnose Catfish, Corydoras Agassizi Catfish, Corydoras Gold Green Catfish, Golden Dojo Loaches, Angelicus Botia Loaches (awesome), , Spotted Pictus Catfish, Adolphi Corydoras Catfish, Otocinclus Dwarf Algae Eaters, Albino Longfin Bushynose Plecostomus, Upside Down Catfish, Queen Botia Loaches, Victory Botia Loaches, Botia Striata Loaches, Chinese Algae Eaters, Scissortail Wood Catfish, Hypostomus Plecostomus, True Siamensis Flying Fox Algae Eaters, Common Plecostomus, Albino Corydoras Catfish, Clown Loaches.

**Brackish** – Indian Dragon Gobies, Green Spotted Pufferfish, Figure Eight Pufferfish.

**Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios** – Neon Tetras, Cardinal Tetras, Gold Barbs, New! Zebra Barbs, Redtail Loretto Tetras (very nice), Black Neon Tetras, Red Eye Tetras, Beautiful Espei Pencilfish, Lg Male Galaxy Rasboras (danios?), White Clouds, Glolite Tetras, Marble Hatchetfish, Harlequin Rasboras, Burjor's Brilliance Danios, Red Cherry Barbs, Clown Rasboras, Clown Barbs, Black Ruby Barbs, Bloodfin Tetras, Rummynose Tetras, True Red Pencilfish, Longfin Black Skirt Tetras, Longfin Red Serpae Tetras, Common Red Serpae Tetras, Tiger Barbs, Pentazona Barbs, Male Longfin Rosey Barbs, Giant Danios, Zebra Danios, Whitefin Rosey Tetras, Orange Glo-Fish (new lower price!).

**Gouramis / Bettas** – Pink Kissing Gouramis, Red Dragonscale Male Bettas, Gold Gouramis, Blue Gouramis, Pearl Gouramis, Female Bettas, Super Color Fancy Dwarf Gouramis, Gold

Honey Gouramis, Ass't Male Bettas, Opaline Gouramis, Ctenopoma ansorgii.

**Cichlids** (Dwarf, South American, African) – Texas Cichlids, Medium Mixed Peacock Cichlids, Large Male Electric Blue Ahli Cichlids, Blue Dolphin Moori Cichlids, Exasperatus Cichlids, Apistogramma Agassizi Double Red Pairs, Red Top Trewavasae Cichlids, Electric Blue Johanii Cichlids, German Blue Rams, Friedrichsthalli Cichlids, Green Severums, Geophagus Jurupari, Pink Convict Cichlids, Black Convict Cichlids, Jack Dempsey Cichlids, Paratilapia Polleni Cichlids, Geophagus Surinamensis, Geophagus "Red Head Tapajos", Geophagus Altifrons, Firemouth Cichlids, Nicaraguense Cichlids, Festae (true red terror) Cichlids, Eretmodus "Blue Point" Goby Cichlids, Umbriferum Cichlids, Medium Green Terror Cichlids, Altispinosa Rams, Large and Medium Gold Severums, Small & Medium Assorted Oscars, Socolofi Cichlids, Kribensis.

**Angelfish / Discus** – Medium Half Black Angelfish (been a long time!), Medium Zebra Lace Veil Angelfish (incredible), M/L Jet Black Angelfish (perfect), Stendker Silver Pigeon Blood Discus, Stendker Green Turquoise Snakeskin Discus, Stendker Red Snakeskin Discus, Stendker Marlboro Red Discus, Stendker Blue Diamond Discus, Stendker Red Turquoise Discus, Stendker Green Turquoise Discus, Stendker Pigeon Blood Snakeskin Discus, Jet Black Veil Angelfish, Koi Angelfish, Zebra Veil Angelfish, Assorted Angelfish, Medium Assorted Angelfish, Wild Caught Large Altum Angelfish.

**Other** – Tank Bred Dolphin Moryrids, Dwarf Red Badis Badis, Striped Yellow-tail Barracuda, Saber Tusk Barracuda, M/L Tiretrack Eels, Boesemani Rainbowfish, Goyder River Rainbowfish, Maccullochi Rainbowfish, Turquoise Rainbowfish, Praecox Rainbowfish, Assorted Mystery Snails, Medium Silver Arowanas, Orange Bee Shrimp, Dwarf African Frogs, Redtail Barracudas, Celebes Halfbeaks, Iridescent Sharks, Japonica Shrimp, Freshwater Flounders, Silver Dollars, Asian Needlefish, Olive Nerite Snails, Polypterus palmus, Polypterus ornatipinnus, Ctenopoma ansorgii, Electric Blue Crayfish (LG), Albino African Clawed Frogs, Roseline Denisonii Sharks (Tank

Bred!), Bala Sharks, Redtail Black Sharks, Black Ghost Knives, Lungfish (huge), African Butterflyfish, *Distichodus Sexfasciatus*, South American Dragonfish, Blue Form Stiphodon Goby Pairs, Japanese Electric Blue Stiphodon Goby Pairs, Red Belt Climbing Rock Goby Pairs, Forest Halfbeaks.

**Goldfish** – Nice Red Fantails, Lg Blue Butterfly Telescope Goldfish, Japanese Red Ranchu Lionheads, Lg Super Quality Chinese Orandas, Jumbo Orandas, Medium Ryukin Goldfish Assortment, S/M Assorted Oranda Goldfish.

**Pond Fish:** - 2'-3" Domestic Koi, 5'-6" Domestic Koi, 6'-8" Red Pond Comets, 6'-8" Red and White Pond Comets, 6'-8" Shubunkins, 6'-8" A-Grade Premium Select Koi, 10'-12" Premium Select A-Grade Koi, 3'-4" Butterfly Koi, 6'-8" Butterfly Koi.

#### **LIVE AQUARIUM PLANTS AND POND PLANTS ARE NOW IN STOCK:**

Potted Marble Queen Swords, New! Sunset Wendtii Crypts, Rotala Magenta, XL Crypt Blassi (beautiful and rare!), Amazon Swords, Bacopa, Red Ludwigia, Wisteria, Parrot Feather, Dwarf Sagittaria, Anubias Nana, Hornwort, Aponogeton Ulvaceus, Hardy Water Lilies, Tropical Water Lilies, Floating Island Plants, Arrowhead, *Dichromena* Star Grass, Red Bog Hibiscus, Papyrus and more!!!

#### **SALTWATER FISH:**

**Angels / Butterflyfish** – Rusty Angelfish, Coral Beauty Angelfish, Eiblii Angelfish, Koran Angelfish, S/M Majestic Angelfish, XL Majestic Angelfish, Juvenile Annularis Angelfish, Adult Annularis Angelfish, Flame Angelfish, Kleini Butterflyfish

**Clownfish** – XL True Percula Clownfish, XL Maroon Clownfish, XL Gold Bar Maroon Clownfish, Ocellaris Clownfish, Brown Saddle Clownfish, Tomato Clownfish, Pair Snowflake Ocellaris Clownfish, Pink Skunk Clownfish.

**Gobies / Blennies / Jawfish** – African Orange Aurora Gobies, Helfrichi Firefish Gobies, Common Firefish Gobies, Rainfordi (court jester) Gobies, Hector's Gobies, Blue Spotted Watchman Gobies, Orange Spotted Blennies, Orange Spot Guttata Gobies, Randalli Gobies, Scooter Blennies, Mother Scooter Blenny, Pink

Barred Gobies, Grammistes Blenny, Diamond Sifter Gobies, Algae Blennies, Bicolor Blennies, Bullethead Reef Blennies, Red Striper Trimma Gobies, Blue Torpedo Gobies.

**Wrasses / Hogfish** – Harlequin Tuskfish, Red Diana Hogfish, Fiji Red Coris Wrasses, Brown Bird Wrasses, Sixline Wrasses, Bluesided Fairy Wrasses, Lubbock's Fairy Wrasses, Marginatus Fairy Wrasses, Juvenile Formosa Wrasses, Solorensis Fairy Wrasses.

**Tangs / Rabbitfish** – Powder Brown Tangs, Clown Tangs, Yellow Eye Kole Tangs, Naso Tangs, Sailfin Tangs, Desjardini Sailfin Tangs, Blue Regal Tangs (baby, small, medium and large), Foxface Rabbitfish, Powder Blue Tangs, Yellow Tangs.

**Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers** – Humu Triggerfish, Porcupine Pufferfish, Brown Bar Moray Eel, Undulated Moray Eel, Lg Clown Triggerfish, Niger Triggerfish, Snowflake Moray Eels, Dogface Pufferfish, Lg Yellow Belly Dogface Pufferfish.

**Lionfish/Scorpionfish** – Lg Black Volitan Lionfish, Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish.

**Other** – Four Stripe Damsel fish, Domino Damsel fish, Blue Damsel fish, Yellowtail Damsel fish, Red Honey Damsel fish, Kupang Damsel fish, Neon Velvet Damsel fish, Clown Grouper, Falco Hawkfish, Longnose Hawkfish, Bicolor Basslets, Green Wolf Eel Blennies, Marine Betta, Mother Scooter Blenny, Mandarin Dragonettes, Tank Raised Seahorses, Panther Groupers, Fridmani Orchid Dottybacks, Neon Dottybacks, Scooter Blennies, XL Pajama Cardinal fish.

#### **INVERTEBRATES:**

**Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins** – Zebra Turbo Snails, Nerite Snails, Black Nassarius Snails, Red Fromia Reef Starfish, Green Brittle Starfish, Chocolate Chip Starfish, Astrea Reef Snails, Cerith Snails, Pink Cucumbers, Brown Serpent Starfish.

**Crustaceans** – Japanese Pistol Shrimp, Sexy Shrimp, Bumble Bee Shrimp, Red Pistol Shrimp, Electric Blue Reef Hermits, Scarlet Reef Hermits, Blue Spiny Lobsters, Purple Reef Lobsters, Anemone Crabs, Blueleg Reef Hermits, Red Tip Reef Hermits, Fire Shrimp,

Common Hermit Crabs (not for reefs), Skunk Cleaner Shrimp.

**Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms** – Super Red Favia Coral, Bubble Corals, Purple & Pink Fungia Corals, Green Wall Hammer Corals, Pink Birdnest Corals, Super Orange Zoanthids, Pink People Eater Zoanthids, Rings of Fire Zoanthids, Yellow Polyps, Australian Elegance Corals, Green Trachyphyllia Corals, Branching Hammer Corals, Green Mumps Leather Corals, Tree Leather Corals, Assorted Cultured SPS Corals (Acroporas, Montiporas, Pocilliporas), Gold Spaghetti Leather Coral, Super Red Mushroom Rocks, Red Chili Coral, Pink & Green Zoanthid Rocks, Duncan's Whisker Corals, Candy Caulestrea Corals, Green Flower Mushroom Rocks, Super Green Mushroom Rocks, Torch Corals, Green Finger Leather Corals, Daisy Polyp Rocks, Branching Frogspawn Corals, Orange Echinophyllia Corals, Assorted Favia Brain Corals, Pink Cynarina Meat Coral, Cultured Acropora Solitariensis, Platygyra Worm Brain Corals, Australian Scolymia Corals, Australian AWESOME Acanthastrea Corals, Orange Eye Echnophyllia Corals, Toadstool Leather Corals, Cauliflower Leather Corals, Indonesian Mushroom Rocks, Xenia Rocks.

**Other** – Pink Coco Worms, Chaetomorpha Algae for Refugiums, Colorful M/L Bubble Anemones, Long Tentacle Anemones, 8" Purple Crocea Clams, Yellow Cucumbers, Pink Rose Bubble Anemones (large), Atlantic Feather Dusters, Sea Apple, Rock Anemones, Florida Condylactus Anemones.

This list is based on our most recent shipments of saltwater livestock. There are many other species available in the store not included in this list.