

## Perpetuation For Our Future

One problem that is continually eating away at Hawaii's economy is the overfishing that occurs daily. Scientists have concluded that Pacific Blue fin Tuna populations are down by 96% compared to unfished levels. This substantial number has caused an environment change for the entire waters of Hawaii where fisherman are crowding in search of this worth-while fish. Overfishing has damaged precious coral fields that take many years to regrow, which without, beautiful indigenous species can't live without. Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching was an avid believer of distributing all one had, in order to provide a better future for the children of Oahu. My plan to fix this overfishing problem is to build a tropical fish reservation in which these fish species can thrive as well as breed without the threat of fisherman.

The facility itself will be situated on a separate piece of land, while an elongated ditch is dug that connects the ocean to the facility. This channel will contain various depths, the beginning of the ditch will be exceptionally deep and as the channel gets nearer to the facility the depth will be cut in half. At this depth, researchers will grow various sea organisms such as seaweed or coral, in order to create a breeding ground for the tropical fish. This reservation will allow the multitude of tropical fish around Hawaii to breed (while being safe) then leaving the channel to return to the ocean.

If nothing is done within the next year to address this very serious issue the future of our children will be hindered. In 2020 if nothing is done, the fish species of Hawaii will be virtually non-existent. As their environment continues to be destroyed, the fish will move to find a better safer home. The children of the future will rarely see today's common Clownfish or Tangs because of what we do today. Also, Hawaii's biggest income being the tourist

industry will be severely cut. What tourist would want to visit Hawaii without the opportunity to snorkel seeing all of her amazing creatures? By creating my idea of a fish reservation that allows the fish to enter back into the ocean, the future of Oahu is preserved. The indigenous species will continue to thrive providing phenomenal experiences for the future children.

Much like Clarence TC Ching many other Hawaii families started as lower class or poor. However, it is what he has done in supporting institutes of education that have truly testified to his greatness. Like him, I aspire to be a lifetime role model and example for generations to come. With this facility, we will not only be doing so in the best interest of our kids, but the best interest of Hawaii. With everything we have done to ruin our home, it is time to give back.