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PEACOCK GROUPER ("roi")- Introduced to Hawaii from Moorea, French Polynesia in 1956, Roi have become common through out the Hawaiian Islands. So much so, that there are spearfishing contests to eliminate this species as they kill all our endemics and they themselves are poisonous to eat. Some individuals are very dark in color with iridescent blue spots. In larger specimens the spots fade and a series of light vertical bars may appear. They are difficult to catch and usually disappear into a crevice when approached. They grow to about 16"....

DATE OF SIGHTING: FEBRUARY 18, 2012 AIR TEMPERATURE: 82 degrees WATER TEMPERATURE: 76 degrees VIZIBILITY: 100' +

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