


Humuhumunukunukuapua'a

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While on the way to a luau in Hawaii, I learned of this fish. The state fish of Hawaii, its full name is one of the longest words in the Hawaiian language.



(Chorus)

It's a Humu humu nuku nuku apua'a
Humu humu nuku nuku apua'a
Humu humu nuku nuku apua'a
That's a long name for a fish

1. He likes to swim in the deep blue sea,
Mostly by himself, not with you or me
He can expand inside a hole so you cannot get him free
But that's a long name for a fish!

(Chorus)

2. Some animals change colors, and this fish can too
If he's feeling kinda calm he might be yellow and blue
But if he gets upset he just might change his hue
But that's a long name for a fish!

(Chorus)

3. With a name that long you'd think he'd be real big
But he's really kinda small, here's something else you might dig
His name means "A fish with a snout like a pig"
But that's a long name for a fish!

(Chorus)