

WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL
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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL

“To effectively manage fishery activities to ensure sustainability; enhance nearshore resources; develop and implement management plans for minimizing resource depletion and conflicts of use; per legislative mandate to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide for substantive involvement of the community in resource management decisions; and encourage scientific research and monitoring of the nearshore resources and environment from Upolu Point to Ka Lae.”

Draft Minutes for Thursday, January 15, 2015

West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Commission conference Room

(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest *mauka* building)

Presiding: Tina Owens

Call to Order: 6:30pm (By Tina Owens)

Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement (Read by Linda Priskett)

Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational Guidelines and posted at meeting. (Tina Owens)

- *All questions from Council members must be recognized by the Chair
- *All questions/statements will be limited to topic oriented statements. Note that a short time has been added after each agenda item to discuss that item.
- *Proxies: Each person asking someone to represent them by proxy will have to notify the administrator before the meeting as to who is going to represent them. There will be no call for proxies from the floor at the meeting.

Introductions of Visitors

- Sam Weber (PBS-New York City) – Here to do a story on solar and aquarium fish collections. Here to record for 10-15 minutes and observe what we are doing here in West Hawaii. Here to ask permission and answer any questions.
 - o The story from Mike Taibbi – women being attacked in the water sparked an interest with us on aquarium fish collection; spoke with different people to collect information from an array of resources.
 - o Chad – 3 months ago we had a meeting and agreed to reach out to local papers and people to tell a valid story, we agreed as a council.
 - o Tina – Mike Taibbi is retired from NBC and I believe he will do a good story.
 - o Dale – how will it be broadcast?
 - Sam responded - a 10-15 minute broadcast on February 8th
- Tina – asked if we don't mind being taped please speak now or place a blue paper in front of you.
 - o Everyone on the council agreed that it was okay

Approval of Agenda

- Chad made a motion, 2nd by Dale, motion carried and approved.

Approval of Minutes

- Chad will make some corrections to name spelling and will pass to Malia to make the changes to draft minutes
- Chad made a motion to approve minutes as amended and 2nd by Donna, motion carried, minutes approved with amendments.

Old Business:

- Suggestions for County Council Bill 318 for discussion. February 17th County Council Agenda in Kona council Chambers.
 - o May be rewritten and may need to be heard again; certain portions were changed, as far as the chair stated there were no changes.
 - o David Dart – this council has always stood on science, this bill fly's in the face of experts, I would like to see the council write a letter and say that this has nothing to do with science.
 - o Tina Owens – Bill Walsh will be giving a presentation on the science between the public testimony and the council's internal discussion. Should we write a letter?
 - Donna Goodale – well Bill Walsh will be giving a presentation
 - Dale Sarver – Bill's Talk will not address the actual bill at the table
 - David Dart – I think he will be giving a presentation on the status of the reef but will not give a presentation on what the bill is addressing; they did not talk about different transportation methods.
 - Tina Owens - I think that Dr. Bills presentation will help to inform those on the fence; I don't think there is any way to reach Margaret Willy (Waimea Council Women)
 - Chad Wiggins – it's all about the shipment of fish, I would be comfortable in consulting with everyone on best methods of shipping to address this for the County Council.
 - Dale – I can get numbers, I just don't know if they care
 - Chad – they may not care but I think it's a valid goal of this body; if it were about the management we would move to write a letter.
 - o Dale – I can gather as much information as I can from myself and others; it's a 7 billion dollar business.
 - o Tina – I have a suggestion – every time a council member testifies at a meeting we speak for ourselves, but is it okay if we have Dale speak for the Council.
 - Dale – I need to think about it.

- Chad – we believe in the science the State conducts and we can agree on the work that Dale can provide.
 - Dale – I will get a list together and provide to council
 - A motion made by Donna that as an official representative to share facts and list of best practices and methods of shipping aquarium fish 2nd by Linda Priskett, unanimously agreed by the council.
- Tina Owens
 - Passed out magnets with information for NOAA contact for injured sea turtles.
 - Passed out tide calendars
 - Shared with council the laminated posters (2) – will be posted where there are spear fishing and tank refill shops. John Kahiapo will post it for us as an educational advocate.
 - Chad – catching sharks in State waters is illegal, including hammerhead sharks.
 - JR – hammer heads are being eaten because the blood is close the head and not near the bone.
 - Made copies of recruitment flyers for us to pass out to recruit for the West Hawaii Fishery Council

New Business:

Tonight we will hold our annual strategic planning meeting which was postponed for important business in Dec. 2014. Although all meetings are open to the public, this is an internal discussion among members and no presentations will be given. Please bring a pad of paper and a whole slew of ideas for what our critical assignments are for 2015 and with which ones you would like to be involved.

- Tina Owens – Everyone can take piece of paper and share 4 things that you think we need to work on as a council.
- Chad – Wrote down everyone's comments and thoughts and wrote on board
- WHFC 2015 Strategic Planning (Jan 2015)
 - Fish collection issues
 - White list addendum
 - Non-resident fishing licenses
 - Water Quality Issue
 - Development on land = waste in ocean
 - MPA Network (3)
 - Advance closed areas
 - More public exposure
 - More community participants

- Protect Achilles tang
- Public awareness of the reef condition
- Work on membership (3)
- Help Miloli'i and Ho'okena
- No anchoring zones
- Develop plan/outreach
- Education material to encompass stewardship and education of MRN
- Quarterly celebration
- Bring cultural practitioners and scholars
- Summarized Issues:
 - No Take Areas – mandate
 - Support Community Marine management plans
 - Committed to Ho'okena and Miloli'i
 - Education and Outreach (integral in all projects)
 - About WHFC and Rules
 - Aquarium Fishery – Limited Entry, White list
 - Fishing License? Legal Authority? Legislature?
 - Water Quality
 - Membership
 - Participation
 - Achilles Tang Protection – in decline adult harvest & AQ Demand
 - Legislative Rulemaking Effort
- Process pick (3) subcommittees dissolved – need to do work outside of meetings or more working meetings?
- Tina – who would rather just have working meetings?
 - Everyone on council agreed; don't have too many outside meetings but have more working meetings. Too small to have subcommittees
 - More working meetings requires preparation and planning
 - Dave – I put protect Pakuikui; they are taking the breeding populations out and I think this is unfinished business for us; I feel bad for the Achilles tang.
 - Tina - We do have a mandate to follow
 - Donna – we can do education outreach, website and newspaper venue
 - Linda – I was not thinking about the broader approach of outreach but I do want to point out that also to enhance onshore resources.
 - Chad - we should be involved with sustainability and management; I don't want us to undermine what this council is all about.
 - Tina - I don't see in any shape or form that a lawsuit will come up; but if we need to switch gears....example a die off of puffer fish.
 - Chad
- Top three choices by council members:
 - No Take Areas – mandate (Chad, Linda, Donna, Dale, Tina, Dave, Malia, RJ, Dana)
 - Support Community Marine management plans
 - Committed to Ho'okena and Miloli'i
 - I would like to see Hawaiian fish available commercially.

- Kahalu'u?
 - Strategic communications
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 - About WHFC and Rules
- Aquarium Fishery – Limited Entry, White list (Chad, Linda, Donna, Dale, Tina, JR, Dana)
- Fishing License? Legal Authority? Legislature?
- Water Quality
- Membership (Chad, Linda, Donna, Tina, Dave, Malia, JR)
 - Participation
- Achilles Tang Protection – in decline adult harvest & AQ Demand
 - JR – I want it to be banned during spawning season
- Legislative – anything that has to do with the government and agency affairs. (Dale, Dave, Dana, JR)
- Anchor Mandate (establishing anchoring zone) - (Malia)

Announcements:

Next meeting sites: February 19th, 2nd floor of Building B
 Miscellaneous notifications (none)

Adjourn at 8:30pm: Dale moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30p