

**WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL
POBOX 489 KAILUA KONA HI 96745**

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.

**WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL
Draft Minutes for Thursday, March 19, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM
West Hawai'i Civic Center – Building G (Community Hale)
Presiding: Chad Wiggins**

Call to Order: 6:30PM by Chad Wiggins

Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement

- Read by Charlie Young
 - o Interpretation – I think of when this council was first formed; substantive community involvement is the most important part of this statement.

Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational Guidelines.

- o All questions from Council members¹ must be recognized by the Chair
- o All questions/statements will be limited to agenda items. Note that a short time has been added after each agenda item to discuss that item.

Roll Call – All members signed in

- JR Rosario, Linda Priskitt, Dale Sarver, Chad Wiggins, Tina Owens, Bill Walsh, Charlie Young, Pat Cunningham, David Dart and Malia Kipapa.

No Visitors

Agenda approved with additions, Chad made motion, 2nd by Tina, motion carried

- Added by Charlie Young, request to have next meeting in Ho'okena

Minutes approved with amendments (Chad made a motion, Dale 2nd, motion carried)

- Amendments – Correct guest speakers name “Byrne”
- Add: “Dr. Bill gave a presentation on information given to the Hawaii County Council.”

Business:

Update on Signs and Flyers – Tina, money was budgeted for flyers and newspaper articles.

- Tina- maybe have a membership advertisement to bring in more members;
 - o Chad – 1. Looking to just run membership ads 2. Run as much ads as possible (given the budget)
 - o Charlie – maybe do one ad and see how effective it works; how can we get someone like Daniel Akaka?

¹ 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.

- Charlie made a motion to let Tina run the large ad in the newspaper, 2nd by Dale. Motion carried.
 - Tina – will run small PSA ads if it's possible.
- David – maybe gear towards a certain group e.g. charter industry
 - Chad –
 - Tina – maybe Hawaii Fishing News
 - Charlie – if we had a short list of representatives in which we are lacking then we can see which group of users we need to recruit from.
 - Tina – our webpage has a matrix to see the different groups
 - Dale – What about someone from Sierra Club?
 - Charlie – What about casting clubs? Organized around Ulua fishing, a very large group.
 - Pat – maybe advertise at the DOBOR office, so they can see when they renew their license.
 - Bill – they won't actively give them out but they'll most likely let you post it at the site.
 - Charlie – they still administer a voluntary questionnaire for renewal applicants when they come in.
 - Linda – not sure how effective newspaper ads are, but the canoe clubs are starting again in Kawaihae; again we need to find out our target groups
 - JR – maybe information at post offices?
 - Dale – I think fishing stores are good
 - Pat – would be good to see who we are targeting
 - Chad – can we print the matrix? Chad has volunteered to make copies
 - Pat – no licensing for fishing are required here in Hawaii
 - Dale – are their skype options for meeting
 - Tina – maybe a carpooling option would be good
 - Charlie – problem in Ho'okena the distance of travel is a challenge but there is interest from community; still trying to recruit someone from Milolii.

Webpage Update – No real update

Legislative Update

- Tina – we did very well since our last meeting; HB606, 501, 188, 847 all did not make it, fell. HB483 – cooler inspection – we did get some stuff in; Linda Paul – Audubon Society, no more testimony at meeting or by email or mail. House and Senate Judiciary – process.
- Bill – Nicole Lowen will be introducing a resolution to DLNR – to create a working group.
- Dale – any rumblings from County Council?

Engagement Strategy for Supporting Co-Management

Addition requested by Charlie Young: Have next meeting in south Kona - (motion made by Chad, Tina 2nd)

- Charlie – Kupa – we can most likely hold it at the Hall at Puka'ana Church – maybe in the next few months. Need at least 3 weeks' notice; personally I would like it to be out there so our

people can come and see what we are talking about. My job is to invite and encourage them to come out. Do maybe a 10-15 ppt slides to share with them. We are looking at fishing Ko'a and when closures and openings occur.

- Dale – What should be share?
 - Charlie – maybe demonstrate and share about the history; support that council provide legislatively
 - Chad – maybe allow the community to help shape the agenda for next month
 - Charlie – try to dovetail it to what the community is trying to do too, we are much closer to where all the activities are happening; I will invite Milolii folks to the meeting.
 - Chad – if there are any work that needs to be done I can come out to help
- Tina made a motion to have the next meeting in Ho'okena, April 16th or May 21st, 2nd by Linda motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:45pm