

WEST HAWAI'I FISHERY COUNCIL
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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL WEST HAWAI'I
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 Agenda for Thursday, April 20, 2017
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Conference Room
(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)
Presiding Chair: Chad Wiggins

Call to Order: 5:30pm

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational
- Guidelines and posted at meeting.
 - o All questions from Council members must be recognized by the Chair
 - o All questions/statements will be limited to topic-oriented statements.
 - o Note that a short time has been added after each agenda item to discuss each item.
 - o 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.
- Introduction of Visitors
- Attendance for Members of the Council
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

Presentation by Dr. Demian Chapman and his team from Florida International University will present an update on the work they have been doing in West Hawai'i as part of a global survey of sharks and rays. The project, entitled Global FinPrint is a Paul G. Allen initiative that brings together an international research team and collaborators around the world to fill a critical information gap about the diminishing number of sharks and rays (elasmobranchs). The project launched in summer 2015, with a multi-institutional team conducting surveys of sharks, rays, and other types of marine life on coral reefs using baited remote underwater video surveys (BRUVs). The research will improve our understanding of how elasmobranchs influence the coral reef ecosystem and how humans impact these species and their habitats. Ultimately, the consolidation of this collaborative global research into one single analysis will aid management and conservation efforts for life on the reef.

Discussion Items:

- Funding extensions from the County Council donors
- Budget for spending County Council funds, both short and long term assumptions
- Palamanui Earth Day activities and Display Board Update (Donna Goodale)
- Brochure and Panel Design
- Next outstation meeting in Puakō, May 18th, 2017
- DLNR reef management plan update
- Ka'upulehu Review / Update

Announcements:

- Next meeting May 18, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm, Outstation meeting at Puakō.

Adjourn at 7:30pm