

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, August 18, 2016  
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Commission conference Room  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)  
Presiding: Chad Wiggins

**Call to Order:** 5:36pm by Chad Wiggins

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – read by Chad Wiggins
- 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 – Chris Peters and Sarah Rafferty
- Members – Bill Walsh (Ex Officio & DAR), Julia Rose (Ex-Officio), David Dart, Cirilo “JR” Rosario, Dale Sarver (Proxy: Donna Goodale), Chad Wiggins, Alohi Nakachi, Malia Kipapa (Proxy: Bob Hajek)
- Approval of Agenda – Dale made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dart
- Approval of Minutes –
  - o Changes
    - David Dart - Bob Hajek was proxy for David Dart
    - Bill Walsh
      - correct Carol to Carolyn (name)
      - For continuity acronym WHF was historically been known as WHFC, make this change to minutes.
  - o Motion to approve minutes with changes – David Dart; second motion by Dale Sarver – motion carried and approved.

**Ongoing Business:**

- County Council Response on funding for WHF Council

- Dale – council was expecting us to be a 501c3
- Bill – a community advisory group to DLNR
- David – go for \$10,000 then work down
- Dale – based on the three council members it sounds like they will be all be putting in some from their budget.
- JR – is this every year submission for money?
  - Dale – yes its year by year; basic budget to keep council running; we could pair basic necessities for this budget from council and go to Castle for the larger costs since goals are needed.
- Chad – Dale will be the point person to get the budget for the county council and send the numbers over to them when received.
- Update on discussions with Castle Foundation on potential funding
  - Chad – any discussion
  - Dale – Carolyn talked about the budget and after talking about budget and priorities, it makes sense and aligns on what we are doing. If they say that, they want more youth involved then that is what we need to do. Looking at clubs and representatives from schools; if we ever move forward to the remote meeting efforts may increase numbers in participating this way.
  - Chad – is it okay to go into membership? If this is okay, I would like to talk about this because I have to share and update. Linda Priskett sent me her letter of resignation, so now we are getting smaller. Any ideas of how we might be able to increase?
    - Dale – my constituents is a small number but I can try
    - Alohi – I think that we should maybe use social media to draw people in, maybe a FB account. I can do this for the council.
    - JR – Palamanui do they have any fishing program?
      - Malia – I can touch basis with Palamanui Hawaiian lifestyles program in Lawai'a, Pualani Lincoln-Maielua is the kumu for this course.
      - Chris – I can try to recruit one person
      - Sarah – I want to join the council but I manage a lab in Hilo and do not get out until 4pm.
    - Chad – mahalo Alohi, what do you think you need help with? Maybe content is something we might be able to provide.
      - Alohi – yes please, I can send out an email and get information, I can announce speakers etc.
      - David – if everyone brings one person to the next meeting that might work?
      - Chad – I think we should keep that going
      - Dale – it was advertised in the paper and people still haven't applied
      - Chad – please let us know when you need information Alohi; we did have some Puakō folks that were interested
      - Dale – when we asked Puakō folks if they can present something for us and let us know what they want and they said they were not ready and they will get back to us.
        - David – did someone reach out to follow up with

- them?
    - Chad – I spoke to them and they said they would like to host the next meeting in Puakō.
    - Dale - I would like to see an agenda first
    - Chad – I will shoot for seeing if we can get them on the October agenda.
  - Chad – I know that we were going to create a presentation for the community, where are we with this?
    - Bill – what DAR is deliberating is in relationship with DLNR to promote the initial approach to reach out into the community by creating a survey and sending it out and came out with 22 different plans from the global information. From this effort, we had a local meeting to discuss global information and rank in order how it can apply to coral bleaching in Hawaii, meeting was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Maybe in the September meeting I will have meeting notes synthesized so there is a set of recommendations. Looking ahead, myself and a number of other experts have written up a proposal; for example c-sketch really good for place-based monitoring. West Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Maui and Kauai – high priority areas that can receive assistance.
      - Dale – who was the speaker that talked about protected areas?
      - Chad & Bill – Allison Green
      - JR – California there are closed areas where you can fish out abalone.
      - Bill – stay tuned for updates; we have reports from global input just waiting for local input to get both feedback and summarizing information, this information will then handed to Bruce Anderson.
      - Chad – this event of bleaching will happen every year; reefs are dying right now, as we speak.
    - Chad – (Kaupulehu) an FRA was replaced by a Marine Reserve and there are rules that prohibit certain dive gear, 100 fathoms – hook and line and Kona crab net is permitted.
      - Chris – so if 10 year expires does it revert back into an FRA
      - Chad – I think that is a little ambiguous right now to determine; not sure if Aquarium fish collectors know about this rules pertaining to the marine reserve.
- Outstation meeting planning – will cover at our next meeting
- Outstation internet connections for meetings
  - Dale – maybe thinking about hooking into the government since they do it a lot more. Definitely over my head
  - Chad – If we had, a motivated person from other parts of the island that would like to do this it could happen.
    - Dale – I hooked up with the Wi-Fi here and it worked out fine.
    - Chad – I will bring a computer at our next meeting and we can try to get online to try it out.

### **Announcements:**

- Chad – does anyone know about who is getting the meeting room for next month?
  - Dale – I think Linda took care of this already, I'll check.
- Dale – remotely controlled buoy will be installed near Kampachi site outside of Ooma – will be a small version of a salmon cage; will be most of the time submerged. There might be times when there is a cage surfaced (round), this will be coming in the next couple of months.
  - Chris – what species are you folks growing? Any suggestion if we approach it what we need to know?
    - Dale – hasn't even been discussed, just working on getting approval on installation; pretty substantial size cage; growth rate and food racial has increased and is good – it is probably because of the currents
    - Chad – IEA crew might be here in few weeks doing surveys might be good to let them know.
    - Dale – tried to get data on water data on currents in the area but no one has had that data
    - Chris – what shape is the cage?
      - Dale – circular and 30 feet deep; I'll keep everyone informed
- Bill – does everyone want us to do a presentation on coral reef bleaching?
  - Bill – we have some reports of coral bleaching not as much as last year.
  - David – a lot of new kill?
  - Bill – not that much
  - Chad – NOAA coral reef watch you can see updates
  - Bill – by 2050 there will be massive bleaching every year
    - Chris – to be optimistic aren't we going to get cooler?
    - Bill – it has been pretty hot last year and this year
    - Chad – it's a bigger global pattern not only El Nino season
- Sarah – presented some samples of sunscreen that are reef safe
  - Chad – besides oxybenzone isn't there four other ingredients that are not safe in the sunscreen?
  - Sarah – yes, there is a list of those four ingredients
- Next meeting, September 15, 2016, at 5:30pm, Location: TBD.

**Meeting Adjourned** motion to adjourn meeting by Dale Sarver, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.