

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 Minutes for Thursday, February 16, 2017
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Conference Room
(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)
Presiding: Chad Wiggins

Call to Order: 5:30pm by Chad Wiggins

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – Julia Rose (Ex-Officio)
- 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.
- Council Member attendance: Chad Wiggins (chair), Dale Sarver, Bill Walsh (Ex-Officio), Donna Goodale, Alohi Nakachi, Malia Kipapa, Charlie Young.
- Introduction of Visitors - Julia Rose (Ex-Officio), Bruce Anderson (DAR) Coordinate the South Kohala Partnership (Kawaihae to Anaehoomalu) – DAR
- Approval of Agenda
 - o Chad – Move the funding agenda item to the top of the discussion items
 - o Malia
 - Add to the funding item – Address Tina Owens Request pertaining to the website renewal for WHFC.
 - Add an item to the planning next outstation-meeting item and discuss community outstation follow up comments.
 - o With additions and changes, motion to approve made by Dale Sarver second by Donna Goodale.

- Approval of February Minutes – motion to accept minutes by Charlie Young, second by Dale Sarver – motion made and approved.

Discussion items:

- Spending plan for funding in hand
 - o Charlie – asked about minutes and if there is a way for Malia to shorthand notes with less detail to allow her to participate in the meeting discussions
 - o Chad – county funding \$3000 from Willie – constraints for this budget needs to be spent by May and used for Youth Involvement and education in North Kohala. – Eoff and David both donated \$2500 each from their community budget.
 - Dale – options on extension of budget?
 - Charlie – do we need to spend all \$8000? Maybe we should write up a plan that shows expenditures.
 - Chad – outstation meeting costs for food estimate \$300
 - Dale – Ad in the paper for the meetings (newspaper)
 - Chad - \$2250 – Administrative fees and outstation meetings
 - Maybe get a graphic designer to design an information card for the WHFC.
 - o Funding for Website and Tina - \$250.20 down from \$498) for three more years. If you want to add SiteLock security to prevent hacking, it costs \$32.99/year.
 - o Julia – it is kind of last minute TNC is holding a 2-day training strategic communication workshop – come in with a target or idea and learns how to communicate your idea. Workshop 8:30-4:30p in Waimea, February 22-23, 2017.
 - Malia will follow up with Tina Owens to get a cost from her for maintaining the site.
 - Budget:
 - \$1200 Administrative
 - \$498 (3 year membership)
 - \$32.99 per/year Antivirus
 - Outstation meeting cost - \$150 to rent a space \$300 for food
 - Hire a graphic designer to create an informational handout for the WHFC \$600
 - Outstation and event supplies:
 - o Trifold display \$200
 - o Table \$50
 - o Pop up tent \$150
 - o Projector \$600
 - o handout printing of brochures

- Chad –can I get motion
 - Charlie – who is on the hiring of the professional to design
 - Alohi – I can come up with a mock design
 - Charlie – the visual designs and handouts is important to be done.
 - Alohi – I can work on a mock design
 - Dale – what about a video?
 - Chad – lets defer that and make a motion on what we have first
 - Dale – I make a motion to take the \$3000 budget that we estimated tonight and approve it; Donna second motion unanimous decision by the council to approve.
- Planning next outstation meeting(s)
 - Community Input from Outstation Meetings
 - Charlie – I think we need to reiterate our role as a council to the community.
 - Chad – if responding to community comment just mention our roles and responsibilities.
 - Charlie – we are separate from the State but we should support DAR
 - Malia – I will respond to emails and reiterate our roles just to respond and acknowledge receipt of the information and email.
 - Dale – can we modify the mission statement and remove manage from it? I'll ask David Tarnas to ask how it was written
 - Chad - I will just say that we look at what the mission is based upon and if there is room for modification, we can spend some time doing it.
- Developing a presentation or handout demonstrating how community works through WHFC to solve problems (e.g. community action checklist)
 - Donna – looking at step one and two of working through the state process when it comes to fishery questions and initiatives for individual communities.
 - Charlie – I think this should help to address the community on what WHFC does.
 - Donna – maybe look at modifying our mission a the next meeting
 - Chad – what do you think about working on a design that reflects the mission and outreach.
- Youth Outreach Strategy
 - Dale – maybe look into doing a video to address information about the council
 - Chad – how to keep kids off the streets?
 - Dale – let the kids share it with the other students I think it would be more interesting
 - Chad – where do we start?
 - Charlie – I will ask my daughter at Konawaena
 - Malia – I'll talk to my interns in Kahalu'u

- Charlie – Hiki no program – filming program at Konawaena; example community gardens.
- Legislative Update – Bruce Anderson
 - In addition to the Bill – marine resources management and may affect West Hawai'i – senate bill 1240 – propose a moratorium on Aquarium Fish Collecting till the State can see sustainable catches, lots of problems with the measure there was a lot of angry AQ fish collectors about 50 people that showed. There was only one person from Maui that could provide testimony and no one else could do that, she was offered to do a video conference. I left before it was voted – it was a very contentious hearing, anti-aquarium fish collecting folks did not have any room to compromise
 - Donna Goodale – has anyone talked about Fish replenishment areas?
 - Bruce Anderson – it is different on Oahu and very contentious; license issue came up, wanted to know more information on how many licenses a year? 400 licenses issued annually statewide and 150 of those 400 are commercial, they all have to report what they catch. Individual license allows you to use other gear to collect fish.
 - House Bill 438 – perspective on licensees – copy of work contract – long line issue most operate out of pier 38 in Oahu. Long liners being underpaid, adverse working conditions and miss treated. Options – come into the DAR office and get a license commercial fishing license – they want them to bring in their passport and contracts of how they are selling the fish. Fishing agency that takes the fish and sells it has a universal contract; they are requiring that they all have that contract before they sell the fish. There is an allowance for foreign citizens – legal exemption – I do not think it will affect west Hawaii but will definitely affect poke sales.
 - HB 121 – Papahānaumokuākea, 30 by 30 initiative
 - HB 588 - appropriate funding for UH to conduct research in Heeia
 - Oxybenzone measures:
 - Band all products with Oxybenzone
 - Posting of a placard at the stores with info on how oxybenzone affects the coral reef
 - Add it on the product label
 - Application to determine which sunscreen has oxybenzone
 - Mitigation banks – use the money from the fines collected after people are charged for damages, we can use that money to go towards environmental projects. An example using the super sucker to get the algae out of Kane'ohe Bay. A small bank of money to use for environmental projects with approval from the committee. Gives a lot of opportunity. Administrative fees is halved by DAR and DOCARE. Trust funds
 - Charlie – I thought HSTA or TAT – tourism industry is supposed to

provide some funding that goes to the state for enforcement; is DLNR policy trying to mitigate this through programs

- Bruce – idea was to charge commercial operators a fee for each person they bring to sites like Kealahou Bay – using a public resource so the money would go towards better taking care of these special natural sites. The County is willing to join in with this movement. I do like the idea of the user fee when commercial operators go into MLCD, residents and visitors snorkeling free but it is the boat operators charging should be charged the fee per head that they take. Looking at maybe charging boat operators \$2.50 per person.
- Charlie – I think the increase of fees for camping in Ho’okena has helped to fund positions for people to keep the campsite area clean and secured, but much more pleasant experience for campers.
- Nets – every net has a number, find out the owner by each number – labeling will take place for registered owners. I think throw nets are exempt more for gillnets. The session is crossing over right now; most of these bills will surface if you folks are interested in testifying I can provide more information.
- Bruce - If there were, any bills I would have you folks focus on it would be the SB 1240.
- Chadd – WHFC is separate from DAR and I would like to hear from everyone your thoughts on how we support the work
 - Charlie – aquarium fish collectors are all out in South side when West Hawai’i has a swell, relatively flat in the South. Not sure if we can support everything they have, I think everything is individual and case-by-case.
 - Dale - I do not think there are any other communities on this Island pushing for something like this.
 - Charlie – this is why Aha moku is in place it is supposed to help to organize these types of fishery issues.

Announcements:

- Next meeting March 16, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm, West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Room.

Adjourn at 7:30pm – motion made by Charlie and 2nd by Dale