

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 encourages scientific research And monitoring of the nearshore resources and environment from Upolu Point to Ka Lae.”*

DRAFT Agenda for Thursday, January 21, 2016  
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Commission conference Room  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- Linda Preskitt - read and interpreted mission statement
  - o Interpretation: a very heavy mandate for us to help develop rules to help preserve our natural resources for the future.

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

- \*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.

Members in Attendance:

- o Chadd Wiggins, Donna Goodale, Tina Owens, Linda Preskitt, Cirilo (JR) Rosario, Malia Kipapa, Charles Young, Dale Sarver, David Dart, Bill Walsh.

Introduction of Visitors

- o Alohi Nakachi, Mike Nakachi, Amber Datta, Julia Rose, Kekaulike Tomich, Hannah (Kihalani) Springer, Micah Stephenson, Paola Pagan.

Approval of Agenda

- o Motion to approve agenda by Dale, and second by Linda Preskitt, motion carried minutes approved

Approval of Minutes

- o Dale asked to change statement – will be gone some of the year not
- o Motion to approve by Chad Wiggins, second by Tina, motion carried and approved.

## **New Business:**

- Report on new legislative session
  - Tina Owens – yesterday session opened – looked at some that had interest to us; I tried to do this before the window closed to submit bills; bills that were deferred last year was carried on to this year, basically nothing new that I saw, there are a few bills that involves the aquarium trade. There was one for cruel treatment for aquarium fish – nothing House bill 873 deferred; House Bill 606 Evans Bill – made it to one committee then was deferred; House bill 511- passed one committee then deferred after senate bill 3 – made it through the house, cross over, heard in the senate, deferred then carried over – might be possible that it's still alive.
    - David Dart – how can we address this?
    - Donna Goodale – is there anything we can do to push the cooler search bill forward
      - Tina Owens – we might be able to get support from the new DAR administrator but will need to see if the Attorney General can revisit and review again we might have a chance.
      - Dale suggested writing a letter to Nicole Lowen to urge for a push for cooler inspections.
        - Motion made by Tina and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna – all in favor everyone agreed on this motion
      - Chad Wiggins – should we address as a council Non fishery bills – example cesspool bills
        - Linda Preskitt - How do we select good areas for marine protected areas this might be useful information to have when making decisions on this designated areas. Tracking it.
        - Dale and Tina – this might be more personal then council related. More as an individual
        - Chad Wiggins – if I share information to you (Tina) will take it.
        - Kekaulike Tomich – I think this might be a good thing for PR for you folks to take on this.
- Announcement from Ka'upulehu Marine Life Advisory Committee
  - Kihalani Springer – shared handouts and date for public hearing
    - Scheduled public hearing, February 11, 2016 at Kealahake High School Cafeteria, 6:00-7:00p (informational sharing of plan); 7:00p-9:00p public comment and testimony.
    - Tina Owens – please email the electronic copy of handout to [whfc@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:whfc@hawaii.rr.com) and we will get out to our network.
      - I would like to apologize for the headline in the papers I hope that the article will help you folks, it was a good article though.
        - Kihalani Springer – thank you for that, yes I needed to put it to the side, but I did get good feedback from people.

- Tina Owens – I didn’t like to Ban in the title, it’s a marine reserve.
  - Bill Walsh – KMLAC did provide DAR with a comprehensive report with science and culture information.
  - Chad Wiggins – KMLAC has been meeting the last three weeks, they will be making some small changes, this coming Tuesday will decide if it will be made for public review.
  - Dave Dart - I didn’t like the article title too
- Bill Walsh – make sure that in the first sentence those in support make sure they are clear when they give testimony that they say “I am in support”.
  - Kihalani Springer –yes we are making sure we share similar examples to others
- Tina Owens – I would like to make a motion that as an official action from the council that we send a letter of support from the West Hawaii Fishery Council signed by three chairs.
  - Charlie Young – I think that we should have one of the chairs read the letter at the hearing.
  - Chad Wiggins – I would like to recuse myself from the vote because I have a vested interest in this being passed.
  - Tina Owens – made a motion to move forward and Charlie Young 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Charlie Young – I would like to make a motion to have a chair read the letter from the council and if they are not able to make it appoint a member from the council to read the letter.
  - Motion made by Charlie and unanimously approved by council.
- New members
  - Tina Owens – we will vote this evening on one of the three applicants
    - Dave Dart – I liked hearing adaptive management from her.
    - Chad Wiggins - conflicted because I know she will be great I just don’t know if you know what she is getting into, but we I would like to welcome her onto the council and feel that she will be a good fit for the council.
    - Donna Goodale – personality, energy and her experience with the dive industry will be good addition to the council.
      - Commercial fisherman area is a good area to fill in the council, I think she will be a great addition
    - Dale Sarver – Ditto
    - JR Rosario – I think she will be a good addition to the council.
      - Donna Goodale – made a motion to accept her as a member, Chad Wiggins second the motion; motion carried
- Summary of Chairperson’s Duties
  - Tina Owens – I made a list of duties; I think we need to hire someone to do

these duties not a chair. I don't want to do it if I'm getting paid because I don't want people to think I'm only doing just for the pay.

- List Provided via email from Tina:
  - What is required to keep the WHFC going
  - Finding money
  - Interface with Malama Kai Foundation
  - Set up Big Island Reef Fund again to get it going
  - Make up budgets and get approval
  - Apply for grants
  - Write year-end report to grant funders
  - Buy office supplies for clerical work
  - Keep up with website announcements (next meetings, etc.)
  - Update all agendas and minutes with the website
  - Keep up with security for the website
  - Apply for meeting rooms at Civic Center two months in advance
  - Confirm acceptance of meeting room applications
  - Confirm meeting rooms and times
  - Pick up meeting room keys on morning of meeting
  - Open meeting room, unlock doors, etc.
  - Confirm meeting room is tidy and properly locked up after meeting
  - Return keys properly
  - Put announcements in newspaper two weeks in advance
  - Find meeting venues for away meetings
  - Make sure that access is available for away venues
  - Buy food
  - Send bills of monies spent to Malama Kai for reimbursement
  - If budget allows, make up educational materials or newspaper ads
  - Get contracts for printing, etc.
  - Make contracts for publication of ads
  - Interface with state officials (DAR, etc.)
- Notes: Requirements
  - Finding money – interface with Malama Kai Foundation; they take the grants and take a small administrative fee
  - Grant – Big Island Reef Fund – donation box in the dive shop; money collected and put in a fund, according the Malama Kai WHFC was named a beneficiary for that money, talked to Carol about this
  - Write a year-end report
  - Buy office supplies
  - Update website
  - Keep up with security – they tell you after you have been hacked
  - Apply and reserve room
  - Pick up room key and unlock and lock doors and
  - Find meeting venues for away meetings
  - Make sure access is available
  - Buy food for away meetings

- If budget allows – make copies
  - Charlie Young – do we have a budget for an executive director; it's been pretty good for meeting here but is there an annual venue request we can do?
    - Tina Owens – the best thing about these conference rooms – cool, no bugs, free; only set back is you can't make reservations no more than 3 months in advance. When we were at the billfish venue we paid \$100 a month.
  - Chad Wiggins - I think this task list should be changed into a scope of work and hire an outside company like pro-service, pono pacific, or alters, they will take a percentage.
  - Charlie Young – need to think about the fees being taken out for the hire.
  - Tina Owens – I think that we are looking at 20-25% being taken out from contracted services.
  - Charlie Young - I think that breaking out the scope of work as Chad stated would be a good idea and the person would probably be getting \$13 a month.
  - Tina Owens - I need to meet with Carolyn next week
    - Chad and Linda – we both live close to Waimea and we can help or meet with her.
    - Tina Owens – made a motion to defer this subject – second by Charlie Young and David Dart, motion carried by entire council.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- Budgetary Issues
  - Tina Owens – Harold K Castle Foundation looking to get funding from them
  - Dale Sarver – Silvia Earl Foundation
- Summary and discussion of tasks identified at Strategic Planning meeting.
  - Chad Wiggins –
    - Tina Owens – Mooring Buoys – Dr. Bill do you know where DOBAR is with registering non-permitted moors.
      - Bill Walsh – there are moors installed but not in rule; un-enforceable status; will be using an initiative to survey current moors – I haven't heard specifics on any movement to remove all illegal moors.
- Add on by Tina – asked for Bill Walsh give an update – motion made
  - Bill Walsh – I think we are well aware that in this past year, this has been the worse year of coral bleaching that we know of, and Honolulu is experiencing this too; I was tasked to spear head this effort so create a steering committee, UH, NOAA, Eyes of The Reef, DAR, DLNR we would like to do a reach out to the science community; scientific workshops and research, collect information then come together and see

what would be most rationale given the findings. This is like an emergency effort; it's projected that this kind of events will be more and more common. Vibrant reefs will turn into rubble fields. Administrative rule making process, clear guidelines; this is going to happen quickly;

- Job one, get ready for this initiative coming – no guarantee on anything takes really strong leadership – will affect people but we will see how this plays out.
- Linda Preskitt – this was to motivate and help to prepare the community in educating them so they know what to expect
- Bill Walsh – will need to do more than just share about this, will need to do more
- Dale Sarver – from what we read, definitely looks like marine reserves will be part of it.
- Chad Wiggins – we have talked about having DOBAR to be at the table and talk with us
  - Tina Owens – I think having a liaison between us and the council that would be better, they haven't really showed interest in the past, so much here not of interest to them. Does anyone like to volunteer to be a liaison?
    - Charlie Young – I'll volunteer for that because I already know the DOBAR person and I will let him know that we are mandated to do this and so I am following up on behalf of council. I'll contact Dan.
    - Chad Wiggins – in addition to sharing about our mandate I think you should share with him about our objectives as a council.

### **Announcements:**

- Bill Walsh – weedy and grand massive coral that are dying, when we have big surf it's just pulverizing the skeletons of the coral reefs; good news there are still some small reservoirs of coral colonies; one successful story we haven't found any of is the Acropora coral being bleached, but in other places in the world found this species to be more vulnerable. They are propagating coral in the labs; there has been studies showing that this is not directly related to El Nino but it's just the increase in warm water.
  - Linda Preskitt – so sad seeing all these cauliflower coral
  - Mike Nakachi – I see deeper cauliflower colonies still alive
  - Bill Walsh – yes some are alive; some affect is from the filtering of sunlight and water temperature; chemical activity happening with elements.
  - Linda Preskitt – may have some genetic changes
  - Mike Nakachi – I have to concur, next week we need to anticipate 50 feet waves – standing on the beach I see all these large boulders rolling and I'm wondering how did those boulders get here in the past; 1986 storm these large boulders that roll on our coral; the buy in is public service announcement that will get out to passionate people in this community.
  - Bill Walsh – good thing is that Susan Case the chair recognizes this.

- Mike Nakachi – I thought that this wouldn't happen in my lifetime but it is so how do we
- Next meeting site will be here in Building B 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30pm.

**Adjourn at 8:02 pm –** Made a motion to adjourn and Donna Goodale 2<sup>nd</sup> motion