

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.”

Minutes for Thursday, July 21, 2016
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Commission conference Room
(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)
Presiding: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:41pm – Dale – No Quorum

Members: Dale Sarver (Proxy: Chad Wiggins and Charlie Young), Donna Goodale, JR Rosario, Alohi Nakachi, Malia Kipapa, Robert Hajeck (Proxy: David Dart).

Visitors: Carolyn Stewart, Bruce Anderson (DAR), Sarah Rafferty

Guest Speaker:

- Carolyn Stewart – Malama Kai Foundation; currently using the Big Island Reef Fund to continue to support administrative cost; been in communication with Harold Castle Foundation and would like to write a proposal adding the WHFC council in the one proposal to Castle foundation.
 - Details of proposal
 - This is a great opportunity for a three year funding source from Harold Castle foundation for WHFC council; Malama Kai would be the fiscal agent; distributing the money.
 - Harold Castle Foundation does not allow us (malama kai foundation) to take any overhead administrative cost from this funding if allocated; not negotiable.
 - Dale Sarver – what do they want to see from the council?
 - Carolyn - Eric Co and the Harold Castle Foundation would like the Fishery council to “toot their own horn” more often to acknowledge the good work done by the WHFC council. They would also like to see more outreach and work with youth done with the council this would be something they would like to see more.
 - Dale what kind of work with youth would they like to see?
 - Carolyn – we can discuss more, but Chad did discuss some of this with Harold Castle folks
 - Donna –shared about the Kahalu’u Beach park – smoke banning at the bay
 - Dale – We should stick to the Youth Council idea but it would be a good partner with one organization to try to

make it work, like KS.

- Carolyn – youth council can be difficult to handle.
- Carolyn – this funding can also help to support with providing technology for the meetings in remote communities in which they can be informed as to what is happening with the WHFC council.
 - This can be a pretty sizable grant, and if the council decides on eight goals within 3 years this is the opportunity for the council to decide what they want to do with money being granted.
- Dale – I have a question about the anchor damage reduction; Jeff who works with DOBOR and so I have been trying to get him to give a presentation to the council but he needs to still get approval from DOBOR.
 - Carolyn – in 1991 found Malama Kai Foundation and mooring was initially why this foundation was formed and the process to approve moorings has increased and due to the challenge in the process, we have stepped back. We have agreed to do some fundraising to maintain current buoys; the state may want to possibly look into how they can make money off of these. Volunteers and donations donated to Malama Kai Foundation are currently helping to maintain these buoys.
- Carolyn – do you folks have a strategic plan with specific objectives/goals?
 - Dale – yes, we do have a meeting in December to go over our goals and plans and I can get it to you.
 - Carolyn – maybe recruiting new people to join would be good.
 - Dale – yes this is why we made a goal for the council to have some meetings outside of town
 - Carolyn – maybe Eric Co may have some suggestions
 - Alohi – maybe we can use social media like Facebook to keep people informed.
 - Guest – we have a page and it was made private, and you can invite people into it.
 - Alohi – you can have a private and a public page
 - Carolyn – social media is important and I think that if you can provide some funding to upkeep page it would be more likely the upkeep will be most updated with recent information.
 - Dale – what is the statewide Community objective mean?
 - Carolyn – initiating the dialogue with statewide initiatives would be advantages for council.
 - Dale – we are limited to West Hawai'i region
 - Alohi – I think that this is important like coral bleaching as an

issue can be a good thing

- Carolyn – I think that this would be a good way
- Donna – so if we wanted to send a member to Oahu for a hearing would be able to use money for this?
 - Carolyn – I need to check with Eric to make sure that it will not be considered lobbying; I will check on this with him.
 - Dale – we do have some members go to land board meetings to read letters and testimony from the council.
 - Carolyn – I feel that educating in person it is important and has some strength when someone is reading it and sitting across from them.
- Donna – I wonder if the Kohala Center would be interested
 - Alohi - I think that a club in school might be interested in doing participating?
 - Carolyn – this could be considered building capacity you do not need to give the specific partner.
- Malia – will the outreach budget be used for food for meetings outside of our normal meeting site?
 - Carolyn – I'll check on this
- Carolyn – will you folks check with Bill on this?
 - Dale – yes, Bill didn't come today but we will find out from him his thoughts
- Dale – what is the three-day facilitation for?
 - Carolyn – usually strategic planning takes a while and so this would cover the cost for a facilitator
- Carolyn – core support would be considered training for actual members
 - Dale – ballpark figure how much are we looking at for this?
 - Carolyn – they are looking at over a three year period \$100,000 and itemize from their; need to come forward with a realistic budget and looking at what you can accomplish within the three years. It is up to the council, you are selling this proposal.
 - Dale – we don't really have a hot button issue right now.
 - Alohi and Carolyn – coral bleaching is a hot item and KMLAC rules approval is a hot item too.
- Carolyn – I think Chad wanted to get proposal in by September.
 - Dale – does Castle Foundation have a deadline; what is their target date?
 - Carolyn – I will find out their target date and let you folks know.

New Business:

- Draft Letter to County Council – Request for Funding – everyone at the meeting agreed that this is a good idea to submit; Malia will email out for a vote from the WHFC council members since we don't have quorum; include in the email if you members have a problem with their name being in the closing remarks of the letter. Give members a week to get in their response.

- Dale - Do we have a letterhead?
 - Donna – we should maybe use the Letterhead used for our meetings and leave the mission in their too.
- Donna – I’ll email and send a letter through the mail to address each council member, individually – Dru Kanuha, Maile David, Karen Eoff and Margaret Wille

Ongoing Business:

- Update on Community Presentation for “out of town presentation”
- Bruce Anderson – any feedback on rules that I talked about at the last meeting I’ve been talking with our legal folks; it would be DAR that would approve rules
 - Rules – bag limit for parrotfish; night dive banning.
 - I think we need to determine whether it is going to be applied to a specific place or make it a statewide rule.
 - Ultimately, we would like to do a comprehensive management plan for the state. For the short run, trying to find some basic rules.
 - Dale – If we can see a list, we can try to give more for information on it.
 - Bruce – provisions we are looking at is the gill net and parrotfish issue; I can come back with a list and get feedback from you folks. We want to make sure that before we go into the formal process we are trying to go through a local process first.
 - Donna – do you have a timeline?
 - Bruce – no not yet but trying to look at a 6 month period no longer than a year. Maybe in the next meeting we can put out a proposal that you folks can look over.
 - Dale – West Hawai’i vs making it statewide is important to know.
 - Bruce – yes, the issue with nets not too common here on Hawai’i Island, but Oahu it’s a big thing, also Moloka’i too. Maui completely banned it and so it depends on the community and their response. I think coral bleaching is an important issue we will need to address.
 - Donna – yes coral bleaching will help to get things moving quickly; Kailua Bay is almost at 90 degrees, almost nothing growing right now.
 - Bruce – the sooner the better; I’ll talk over with my staff and try to put a package together and get some feedback from some of the others you folks represent.
 - Dale – I think it’s the reef health is important
- Alohi – I think also putting out other ideas besides fishing rules so it doesn’t seem like we are addressing only fisherman; for example banning sale of sunscreen with ox benzyl.
 - Bruce – I think that we can approve some PR ads.
 - Donna & Alohi – stores and planes would be good for

getting information out.

- Alohi – someone that works at Kahalu'u Beach Park created a video but if she puts it out on the plane, it's expensive.
- Bob Hajeck – many of the visitors do not care; if you provide an effective educational ad, need to be more proactive like plastic bag ban.
- Bruce – even working with the department of health it's hard to ban things; the argument will be compelling
- Bob Hajeck – I have been working with divers for over 25 years and you need an effective way to address the sunscreen issue.
- Donna – might be able to have kids do a video – make a public service announcement contest and have the students submit.
- Bruce – we just donated \$40,000 to help with the production of a video to help with informing communities on different issues.
- Donna – we can have the community help to judge the contest.
- Bruce – Hiki no, might be able to have them advertise the contest

Announcements:

- Bruce Anderson – Announcement – Let everyone know about the rule package for KMLAC – approved and signed by the governor
- Visitor – Sarah Rafferty – announced that a Beach clean-up at Old Airport at 9am, Sunday, 24th, 2016 is open to the public to join.
- Next meeting, August 18, 2016, at 5:30pm, Location: Liquor Comm. Conf. Rm 2nd floor in Building B.

Adjourn at 7:33pm – motion made by JR – Rosario – 2nd by Dale Sarver