

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, June 15, 2017
West Hawai'i Civic Center
Liquor Control Room (2nd floor of Building B)
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Presiding Chair: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:40pm

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement
 - o Need to relook at mission statement suggested to change by council
 - o Malia will check and get back to the council
- 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.
- Attendance:
 - o Council Members: Donna Goodale, Charlie Young, Dale Sarver, Bill Walsh (Ex-Officio), Julia Rose (Ex-Officio) and Malia Kipapa (Proxy for Alohi Nakachi & Bob Hajeck)
 - o Visitor: Bruce Anderson (DAR) and Chris Funada
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - o April minutes –
 - Bill Walsh – change on page 9 – correct senate Bill 240 and change

- it to 1240.
 - Charlie made a motion to accept with changes, Dale 2nd, motion carried and minutes approved
 - May minutes –
 - Charlie made a motion to accept, Dale 2nd, motion carried and minutes approved

Discussion:

- Discuss what happened at Puakō meeting
 - Decide on how or if we will get involved
 - Dale - sounds like those that attended have similar concerns, too bad there were not too many fishermen there.
 - Julia – I am in contact with the DOCARE folks and they have mentioned to me that they do receive a large amount of phone calls for turtle harassment.
 - Charlie – I think it was good we did the meeting at Puako so they could learn more about the fishery council. Seems like the problems with campfires, harvesting and harassment of turtles, camping and late night partying at the beaches.
 - Bill Walsh – maybe suggest to Susan if we should have a DOCARE officer at our outstation meetings, so when issues come up it would be good to have a division representative to address the community concerns.
 - Charlie – I think that it is nice to have a meeting with food and gives us an opportunity to get to know the community better. Eventually will fall on the community to get more involved.
 - Dale – so should we email them our thoughts?
 - Donna – we could provide suggestions to Puako
 - Dale – we can write a letter because I feel like they need more than seven people from the community, which is made up of 150 members.
 - Julia – they do have a Makai Watch program but right now, it is just Peter receiving phone calls on his mobile phone.
 - Bruce – Luna would be a good person to have there at Puako or a DOCARE officer
 - Charlie – we would like to draft a letter to yourself and Susan requesting for support from the State at these out-station meetings.
 - Bruce – I would suggest addressing the letter to Susan and she can make the recommendations, DOCARE, DOBOR, DAR. Susan said that she would love to come to a WHFC meeting, maybe in August; she would fly in and fly back. You will get a positive response from her.

- Dale – there is an underlying feeling that they would like to keep people away, they said that they wanted to have a no-take zone (just an idea).
- Bruce – one thing I would like to hear is, if there were any questions about rule making processes. Example: lay of gillnets, night spearing, limited fish catch – patchwork of rules may be confusing to communities.
- Dale – Do you suggest individual rules or a package of rules?
 - Bruce – I would rather do a package of rules and have some scoping meetings this summer. We did some meetings in Molokai and we had some good suggestions.
 - Dale – are these rules for a particular island or statewide?
 - Bruce – I would like to have it statewide but I am not sure if it would work, may need to be intended for specific locations. At minimum would be regional rules.
 - Donna – how soon do you think a scoping meeting would occur?
 - Bruce – this summer, in September if possible.
 - Dale – Island wide, regional or state
 - Bruce – will need to be a series of meetings to get feedback. Example of marine issues – gillnet issues – recently threatened hammerhead sharks and monk seals, killing them in net entanglement. Limiting the take of uhu would be reasonable to put out there.
 - Charlie – scoping meeting will focus on conservation from overfishing and coral bleaching – will it be a combination?
 - Bruce – yes, both, we have an opportunity and crisis which is why we need to protect the herbivores; the lay net/gillnet issue is much more of a problem – takes more uhu than any other means – commercial has a higher take than spear fisherman. Fish management problem in one package (gill net and uhu) and another package for coral bleaching issues.
 - Bruce – we hired a new planner
 - Dale – I think we should have a scoping meeting for the region.
 - Bruce – would you folks be amenable to support a scoping meeting? We would lead and help to promote/advertise the meeting, there is nowhere in the state that has a management council like West Hawai'i.
 - Dale – what would you like from us?
 - Bruce – hope we can expect 100 people at least – maybe WHFC can be a sponsor; partnership between the council and DAR to get the word out. Put together a proposal for the meeting.
 - Donna – I would say, have it as soon as possible and maybe

- hold it in August at Kealakehe High School cafeteria.
 - Bruce – smaller group meetings are just as important as large forum meetings
 - Charlie – would a scoping meeting satisfy the Chapter 91 requirements?
 - Bruce – non-controversial so receive feedback before drafting a rule.
- Charlie- maybe we can schedule it in August as our WHFC meeting and help to facilitate it, volunteering our sitting chair to lead.
 - Bruce – another option we may be able to do is have it earlier and get some preliminary feedback from attendees that attend WHFC meeting (get on agenda) then have a closed group meeting, then a larger meeting as a co-sponsor.
 - Bill – need to have a specific focus of your meeting in order to get the best attendance and feedback
 - Charlie – need to have a head for the topic (specific topic/issue).
 - Bruce – need to have specific proposals so they can come to the meeting prepared to respond to the specific proposals, need to be clear.
 - Bill – may have internal resistance from DAR.
 - Bruce – I can come up with a package of specific rules that might be helpful
- Dale – so do we have sponsor for our next out-station meeting?
 - Julia – Yes, North Kohala wanted a meeting
 - Charlie – we can sponsor a meeting at Puka’ana Church and arrange with Kaimi and Healani, September works good best for me.
 - Dale – whatever works best for the community down south.
 - Charlie – maybe September 20.
 - Bruce - I thought the Honaunau NPS place was a nice venue
 - Donna – maybe DAR could give a presentation.
 - Bruce – maybe in July we could have a presentation.
 - Charlie – I think Honaunau is a great place; the Kohala meeting I will leave it to Chad.
 - Julia – maybe July or August for the Kohala meeting?
 - Bruce – I would like to have a small private meeting with the council before any scoping meetings.
 - Donna – so you will provide a package for us?
 - Bruce – Yes, I can provide a two-page rule package for you folks.
- Progress with reef management plan
- Next outstation meeting

- Budget for County Money
 - o The County did approve an extension for County Budget
- Reading the financials into the record - what was spent and balance from budget?
 - o Suggestion was made to have a treasurer's report provided by Carolyn Stewart and printed out for meetings. Update on budget \$743 spent and Donna Goodale was reimbursed for expenditures for the WHFC board. \$5175 needs to be spent down down in its entirety by December 31, 2017.
- Kahalu'u Concerns (Dr. Bill Walsh)
 - o Bill – well there was an email from Colleen Miyose-Wallis who has stressed concern about fishing in Kahalu'u bay
 - o Donna – what can be done?
 - o Bill – will need to make it a rule – there is nothing illegal about it, someone will need to lobby for this
 - o Julia – anyone got hurt yet?
 - o Bill – only close calls so far
 - o Julia – can anyone work with them to send out an alternative cultural message?
 - o Bill – I guess these occurrences are rare but seems like a serious problem. The Kohala Center just wants to document incidents but not pursue for a rule.
 - o Malia – Will talk to Dru Kanuha and Mahealani Pai to reach out to Kahalu'u families.

Announcements:

- Next meeting July 20, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm at the West Hawai'i Civic Center, in the liquor control conference room (2nd floor of building B).

Adjourn at 7:30pm – motion made by Dale and Second by Donna meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.