

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 Agenda for Thursday, March 16, 2017
West Hawaii Civic Center Liquor Control Conference Room
(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)
Chair: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:35pm by Dale Sarver

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement (Jumped to discussion item #2 about modification of mission statement)
 - o Malia will send out an email with original mission statement for WHFC and the draft proposed mission to council members.
 - o David Tarnas – per legislative mandate may want to quote the mandate that may compel DLNR to seek the input from community/stakeholders (Act 306).
- 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.
- Introduction of Visitors
 - o David Tarnas, Julia Rose, Juval Howard, Bruce Anderson
- Attendance for Members of the Council: Dale Sarver (Chair), Healani Cahill, Donna Goodale, Bill Walsh (DAR), Malia Kipapa (Bob Hajeck & Charlie Young), Mike Nakachi (proxy for Alohi Nakachi)
- Approval of Agenda
 - o Added to Agenda by Donna Goodale - Palamanui Community College Earth Day and a display board for April 22, 2017 (added to the agenda by Donna)
- Approval of Minutes
 - o David Tarnas – make corrections to
 - Page 2 – correct spelling for council member Willy to Willie and Davies to David.
 - Page 5 – correct HB 1240 to SB 1240
 - o Dale asked the floor to make a motion to approve

- Donna Goodale made a motion to approve with the changes and corrections, Mike Nakachi second the motion, motion carried and minutes approved.

Presentation by Julia Rose – focus on South Kohala Coastal Partnership

- Conservation Action Plan – 18 months – 2 years to create with 70 different partners
 - Active members – UH, TNC, National Parks, NOA, Sea Grant, DAR, Kailapa
 - Vision
 - Conservation Targets
 - Priority Threats
 - Current projects
 - Pelekane Watershed Restoration – fenced 6000 acres and prevented 960 tons of sediment from work
 - Marine Monitoring Projects – Reef Resiliency dives has helped to advise us on state of coral reefs through surveys and monitoring
 - Puako Wastewater Monitoring
 - Water Quality and Coral Health
 - Wai’ula’ula Watershed Restoration
 - Coastal Naturalists – hike 24 miles a week and document human use, what people are doing and how much are fishing; observe and report violations – only done during the day not at night; trying to get a grant for night monitoring
 - Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise – planning tool
 - Future Priorities in South Kohala
 - In summary – Mauka to makai strategies to address threats to coastal resources and maintain partnerships.
 - Resources:
 - South Kohala Coastal Partnership
 - www.southkohalacoastalpartnership.org
 - South Kohala Coastal Partnership
 - Julia Rose

Discussion items:

- Update on WHFC Brochure – Mike Nakachi (proxy for Alohi Nakachi)
 - Mike - If everyone is okay with the layout we can go with its easy to adjust
 - Julia – if an online doc is created to make track changes as a group may be able to get everyone to make suggestions; do we want to have someone like Evelyn to look at it?
 - Mike – might be a good thing if she would like to look over it; she is good at storyboards and PR things.
 - Malia – I will create an online google doc for all the council members to make track changes.
- Draft Mission Statement:
 - To help provide substantive community input to the Department of Land and Natural Resources in developing and implementing management plans for minimizing marine

resource depletion and conflicts of use; encouraging scientific research and monitoring of the nearshore environment from Upolu Point to Ka Lae ; per legislative mandate.

- Malia will send out an email to members to get input on this
- Suggestions for next out station meeting
 - Charlie offered to have it in South Kona at Puka'ana Church
- Input for spreading out Council Funding
 - Dale – we were supposed to write letters to council members to see if they will let us extend our deadline to spend it down. I will follow up with
 - David Tarnas – for county purposes would be good to provide a copy of your budget and send it to the Malama Kai Foundation and then Malama Kai can show that it has been spent down. I think the council members should be called along with the letter. It would be good to do a conversation first because Malama Kai should write a letter as well. At least roughly, come up with a budget before asking for an extension. A contractual deal between Malama Kai foundation and the County.
 - Donna – how does the money work, can I just go into a store and buy a display board at the store? How does that work, how am I reimbursed?
 - David – you request a reimbursement with a receipt and Malama Kai can send you a check or you can have the vendor charge Malama Kai foundation. I can answer questions along with Carolyn Stewart. Just call them up and ask David and Eoff how can the money be extended if they ask for a preliminary budget then get that in.
 - Malia – I will send an email on who will be making the call and will ask the council members (Karen Eoff & Maile David) about extension of budget and get a response from them on next steps.
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- Input on Manta Meeting
 - Dale – DOBOR devising a plan for the manta's
 - Bill Walsh – Boating is responsible for the proposed rules for manta
- Palamanui Community College Earth Day and a display board for April 22, 2017 (added to the agenda by Donna)
 - Donna – do we want to do the display board for the Earth Day.
 - Dale – do we want Janet Britt (from Hawai'i Island Land Trust) to do the board for our WHFC display.
 - Mike – the board will be used as a PR statement and will have a lot of historical information and the brochure has a little less than what will go on the

- display board. It helps to have someone with a fresh eye to do it.
- Donna – will reach out the Janet to ask her to do the board for WHFC.
 - Malia – will send Carolyn’s email (from Malama Kai foundation) to Donna to request for reimbursement for display supplies.
 - Dale – can we get at projector for \$600?
 - Julia Rose – I might be able to get a projector and a screen for that amount.
 - Dale – what about the one from the Kawaihae out station meeting
 - Malia – that was my projector from work.
 - Dale – that would work.
- Next Meeting items and Discussion:
- Coral reef recovery plan update by Bill Walsh as next meeting.
 - David Tarnas - SB 1240 HD1 – chair Kaniale Ing said he would pass out at next hearing there will be no more Aquarium fish collections in perpetuity, people with current permits can be renewed year by year.
 - Bruce Anderson – the cost to establish sustainable catch limits for the hundreds of species of “aquarium fish” found in Hawaiian waters would be millions of dollars over many years. The idea was not well thought through. Noted that three committee members voted yes with reservations. Another bill on sunscreen – drafted to require DOCARE to go down to the beach and cite everyone that applies sunscreens with oxybenzone. Lots of concern about oxybenzone at the legislature this year. Labelling will not work and it is doubtful they will ban the sale of items with oxybenzone as there is over 1200 consumer products with oxybenzone as an ingredient. DAR is promoting an educational approach. Another administrative bill would allow DLNR to collect funds from projects that require mitigation and from fines and put those funds into a special fund, which can be used for various mitigation projects. Allows DLNR to collect the money up front rather than be reimbursed. It is called an “in-lieu fee” program in other states..
 - Dale – Does funding support the sea urchin project?
 - Bruce – Yes, but the funds from the sea urchin project comes from a vessel grounding incident years ago.
 - Dale – if we have a group in West Hawai’i region with a project would they be able to use the money
 - Bruce – Trustees and the Army Corps of Engineers make the decision on how these funds will be used often with input from the community.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is April 20, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm, Location West Hawaii Civic Center
– liquor control room.

Adjourn at 7:11pm: Donna made a motion to adjourn, Mike Nakachi 2nd motion meeting adjourned.