

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.”

DRAFT Minutes for Thursday, November 17, 2016
West Hawaii Civic Center in Kona, Hale
Presiding: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:37pm called to order by Dale

Attendance: Charles Young (proxy Chad Wiggins), Malia Kipapa (Bob Hajek), Dale Sarver (Chair), Donna Goodale, Bill Walsh and Alohi Nakachi.

- Introduction of Visitors (no visitors)
- Not sure if we have quorum we need to check on this.
- Approval of Minutes (Was not reviewed and approved)

Ongoing Business:

- Upcoming Outstation meeting
 - o Malia – meeting was approved by Kawaihae community per Maka’ala Kaneali’i
 - Bill – can you ask Kawaihae community what they are interested in talking about from their specific community and also check with Bruce Anderson to see if representatives from DOCARE, DOBOR and Kawaihae Harbor
 - Donna – agenda ideas – introduction to WHFC, Bill talk about coral bleaching and states recovery response plan, ideas from community on recovery actions or solutions, the issues or concerns specific to their community.
 - Dale will talk to Bruce via email and let him know that the harbor issues in Kawaihae will most likely be discussed at this meeting and we want to hear from involved parties with the concern
 - Malia – I will follow up with the food for the meeting with Healani Cahill; and I will draft a letter that we will send to Auntie Maka’ala but I will circulate to council members before I send it to Kawaihae folks.
- Bookkeeping
 - o Dale – I checked on a checkbook and Chad said that he has one; I do not know what our checkbook is about; Tina mentioned that she paid for the security function for the website and we need to reimburse her the \$85.
- Funding County Council
 - o Dale – where are we with this?
 - Malia – I’m sorry I didn’t get a chance to write the letter and follow through with emailing the three council members
 - Dale – we will look for the letter sent to council member Willie and

- then will send to you before you write a letter.
 - Charles – I think it was mainly for the reason of the 501c3 status for the funding, which is Malama Kai Foundation.
 - Bill – do you think it is a good idea to have the meeting at someone's house?
 - Alohi – maybe the canoe club?
 - Charles – Maybe Island Princess or Hamakua Plantation? I will check with Hamakua Plantation and get back to you folks.
 - Alohi – I'll check to see if HPA is available
 - Malia – I will check with Halau Kukui with Na Kalai Wa'a folks and get back.
- Funding Castle Foundation
 - Charles - I spoke to Caroline and I started to go through some of the proposal, Chad did a real good job. Caroline and I had a discussion on how to approach Eric Co. Therefore, the process is we turn it in, they send it back and we adjust and send it back in. Eric I think wants to be part of the review process so before we send the final in we need to send it to Eric so he can review and ensure that our approach and our proposal touches the objectives that castle is trying too; these are the objectives: 1.30% of coastal plans 2.Establishing day buoy anchoring (dobor) 3.More out-station meetings in the community 4.Improving the website getting more active outside of the meeting; Caroline and I have talked about having an executive director that can get paid to do this part (add this as a cost and create a job description);
 - Other things she looked at is travel – formal or informal networking with different communities statewide. Examples are E Alu Pu & Aha Kāne – coordinator to do all of this whether part time or full time.
 - We should look within the council first if anyone is interested but if not we can go out and recruit a person. New members are something we need to focus on too.
 - No timeframe right now but I think Eric would like to help, and I think castle wants to help we need to just work on justification.
- New Members
 - Dale – I tried to recruit one person but couldn't
 - Donna - I think once we get out there we might be able to recruit more people on the council
 - Malia – I tried to convince someone from Kahalu'u to join and mentioned to her about the impact of the commercial boats that are affecting the dolphin pods.
 - Charles – we got 300 signatures in support for something to be done and in today's newspaper, it mentioned that NOAA extended actions taken to address dolphin impacts, so no regulation actions taken.
 - Donna – no regulations in place right now especially for commercial boats.
 - Alohi – well commercial boats have increased 2 fold
 - Charles – they just get their license and they do not need to monitor anything after that; so no baseline data right now, DOBOR just started a monitoring initiative to put a stop to it, but no limit to administered licenses. There are many commercial boats at Kauhako – about two inflatables at Kauhako and they do not need to report their activities. This is why moorings were so important. We need to work on something to limit entry to address the impacts on the opelu ko'a.
- Internet Meetings
 - Dale – are we still looking towards this option because we will not be able to do that much out of station meetings?

- Donna – maybe this is something the coordinator we will be hiring with the grant money can coordinate this.
- Charles – looking for a multi-year grant
- Dale – we want to open to members and not a free for all at someone's house. I just do not know the technology to do skype or any kind of online meeting.
- Charles – we use to do go to meetings through Hershey's, does not beat in person meeting. We had IT folks that took care if there were drop out connection it was a technical challenge when doing this type of meeting.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is December 15, 2016, at 5:30pm, Location: Kawaihae (TBA) in upcoming meeting agenda.

Adjourn at 6:44pm Charles made a motion to adjourn and Donna 2nd motion.