

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, October 20, 2016

West Hawaii Civic Center in Kona

(2nd Floor of Building B, farthest mauka building)

Presiding: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:30pm

- Introduction of Visitors
 - o David Tarnas, Lisa Vollbrecht, Kater Hiney, Bruce Anderson(DAR)
- Council Members:
 - o Bill Walsh, Alohi Nakachi, Donna Goodale, Charlie Young (Proxy: Chad Wiggins), Malia Kipapa (Proxy: Bob Hajek), Kaimi Kaupiko, Pat Cunningham, Dale Sarver.
- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement
 - o Read by Dale
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational (Skipped)
- Guidelines and posted at meeting (Skipped)
 - 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.
- Approval of Agenda – motion to approve Donna Goodale and 2nd motion by Dale Sarver. Motion carried and agenda approved.
- Approval of Minutes
 - o Bill Walsh – last page change Ramzi to Ramsey
 - o Donna Goodale made a motion to approve the minutes with amended corrections, Charlie Young 2nd, motion carried and approved.

Ongoing Business:

- County Council funding update

- Malia – Spoke to Dru before the council meeting to address the resolution 680-16. Provided Testimony at the 10/18 meeting on behalf of the WHFC and spoke to Dru Kanuha's aide Leinani Wessel and said that she would respond to her after the WHFC 10/20 meeting.
- Charlie – came to meeting at 11am because of an accident; discretionary funds, we need to be clear as to what we are using the money – Maile David and Karen Eoff agreed to support the remaining balance from the original \$3000 from Margarette Willie, and amount needed was \$7300. The highest request was for office supply.
- Malia – she will draft a letter to the council members and respond to Leinani on behalf of the council to execute funding. Look at the \$7300 budget and work around that for help to draft the letter to the council members.
- Castle funding update
 - Charlie Young – I was asked by Chad to step in and help with this because of the conflict of interest. So please let me know what I missed.
 - Dale Sarver – I think that it is a 3-year renewal, and I don't have any connections with him.
 - Charlie Young – I spoke to Eric at Castle Foundation and he said he is open to discussion.
 - David Tarnas – I think Carolyn is expecting the council to take the lead but willing to support. She can tell the status just call her she is in town.
 - Charlie Young – I think this budget will deal a lot with the outreach and outside meetings in the community.
- Coordination with DAR on community outreach & Update on DAR position on reef management suggestions.
 - Bill Walsh – promote recovery of coral bleaching and helping to promote resiliency. Reduce sediments coming into the ocean from the land, 2nd designate protected areas. Build on these global ideas and then go locally to see which ideas would work locally. West Hawaii – top four support MPA enforce marine enforcement, create ways to protect coral reefs, and establish size bag limits for parrotfish. We are hoping that his project will be funded so the expertise and software for on the ground people can start the work. Timeline is not yet set we hope to start in 2017.
 - Dale Sarver – are you asking us to send out DAR's report on position of coral reef bleaching efforts to the members?
 - Bill Walsh – yes definitively you can send out to the members
 - Bruce Anderson – we are looking at this statewide and we have spoke to Harold K. Castle to help fund this project; fundamentally I have mentioned this at other meetings, we are looking for foundational resource management, limit the take of 2 parrot fishing, hope to ban night fishing, and further enforcement of gill nets. Hoping to join with "Tipping Points" program to help with initiation of plan. This will take some time for use to better develop this plan, we hope to start steering committee and this is a big step for DAR and will help to improve our marine resource management, looks like

NOAA would like to join us. I would like to know if the three things I've outlined sound ok. So scuba fishing is ban?

- Dale Sarver – Yes, scuba fishing is banned here in West Hawaii.
- Bruce Anderson – I would like to hear your feedback
 - Dale Sarver – this would be good to use at our outreach meetings to find out what they think about rules. Might be worth it to summarize this in a presentation and ask these questions after we talk about our role in West Hawaii.
- Bruce Anderson – your experience with scuba fishing would be valuable; we do not have specific timeframe for this, and I currently have 26 rule packages that I have to review with this effort being a high priority. I think for West HI, West Maui, Kane'ohe and Kauai are the most vulnerable to coral reef bleaching. One of my concerns are when we look at the statewide regulations no one is able to keep track. I am meeting with the Puakō community to discuss their ideas on addressing coral reef bleaching. Hopeful in the next year or two we will have a good idea on what we want to do, basic standards in place if possible. The three points I mentioned I'm hopeful we can pass this quickly. Possibly look at banning the sell of parrotfish, and only from a few fisherman going out at night so needs to be addressed. Remember all of this is statewide bans.
 - Donna Goodale – with the two uhu per person for day, will that allow for looking in coolers if passed.
- Bruce Anderson – the last 6 months we have been discussing about provisions with fish license, by signing a fish license it would allow for us to look in coolers. \$10 for a non-commercial fishing license required for all that go fishing (annual); waiver for anyone over 65. 130,000 people fish and are non-commercial annually, number gathered from surveys. This effort would help with collecting data and also will allow us to communicate with fisherman to let them know the rules, more interaction. In other states I've done a survey to evaluate my fishing experience, but it is voluntarily done, but very valuable information from a marine science perspective. I've been getting some positive feedback from legislature. We need to find sponsors to pass a bill through legislature.
 - Dale Sarver – we could write a letter in support of this.
- Bruce Anderson – fisherman have said we don't mind having non-commercial license fee as long as its not too large of an amount and if it will go towards better enforcement of marine resource management. This helps to reestablish that, fishing is a privilege in Hawaii and should be respected. We need to be responsible for the impacts we make on our marine resources.
- Pat Cunningham – why don't we have spawning closures and size limits, like other states?
 - Bruce Anderson – I think we are not there yet and in a fundamental stage right now and look at gill nets, banned in many states. West Hawaii should have look at having size limits specific to West Hawaii. Trying to move forward

- Pat Cunningham – I think quotas are important
 - Bruce Anderson – true; I do not think we have enough fish to support commercial fishing, not enough fish. Monitoring and fishing has been a big thing fisherman has been telling me is important.
- Charlie Young – what do you think about makai watch?
 - Bruce Anderson – I think it's important because it is supporting the fisheries by providing community outreach and enforcement.
- Charlie Young – for clarification – so the three things being proposed would be about the gill nets, Uhu, and night fishing, and MPA's we need to have more discussions around this.
 - Bruce Anderson – yes it is, and its statewide
- Charlie Young – can we put you down as a supporter for our proposal for funding to Castle?
 - Bruce Anderson – definitely you can use my name to support. I love coming here because you have an established forum to discuss and gather information, only known body in the state.
- Dale Sarver – I do not know when we will be getting the funding from the County.
- Alohi Nakachi – Puako folks said that they are willing to host a meeting January or February most of the homeowners are here at that time.
- Kaimi Kaupiko – Milolii can have a meeting in the village
- Malia Kipapa – invited for WHFC to have a booth at the Makahiki in Kona.
- Charlie Young – Kaimi and I can support the South Kona outstation meeting; I think that we need to be prepared for questions from the community.
- Donna Goodale – is there something we can look at?
- Malia Kipapa – I have what Bill sent me and I am going to send it to the council members.
- Kaimi Kaupiko – we need to convince them by providing good information in which they will be able to agree with these rules.
- Charlie Young – we need to take this to South; but our community doesn't take two uhu a day and people who lay net are the ones that abuse it the most.
- Kaimi Kaupiko – I think they would support it. I think springtime would be a better time for a meeting.
- Malia Kipapa – I'll ask Aunty Maka'ala if we can bring the meeting to Kawaihae as our first outstation meeting for the community.
- Charlie Young – Bill is there something particular to Kawaihae
 - Bill Walsh – I think Jojo may be concerned about boats anchoring in Kawaihae.
 - David Tarnas – in my meeting with Kailapa community about ocean resource management Maka'ala is the one that ran the meeting
 - Donna Goodale – I think going in with a plan on what will be shared, so maybe first do a presentation sharing about what the WHFC does, second talk about coral reef bleaching in the past few years and how

warmer temperatures and climate change has impacted the coral reefs, Bill do you have a presentation on this?

- Bill Walsh – Yes I do
- Donna Goodale – can you share it?
- Bill Walsh – Sure
- Donna Goodale – third share about DAR’s position and the recommendations, then lastly find out from the community what their thoughts are and if they have any fishery concerns in their community.
- Donna Goodale – we have two rooms reserved for next meeting which room should we use.
 - Dale Sarver – just use the room everyone is familiar with; West HI Civic Center site.

Announcements:

Next meeting is November 17, 2016, at 5:30pm, Location: West HI Civic Center, room TBD.

Adjourn at 7:25pm – motion to adjourn by Donna Goodale, 2nd by Charlie Young.