

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, September 15, 2016  
Keauhou Shopping Center, Kamehameha Schools Office, CR#1  
Presiding: Dale Sarver

**Call to Order:** 5:32pm by Dale Sarver

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement
  - o Read by Dale Sarver
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational (no need-no visitors)
- 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 (no visitors)
- Council Attendance;
  - o Charles Young, Alohi Nakachi, David Dart, Julia Rose, Chad Wiggins, Bob Hajek, Donna Goodale, Healani Cahill, Bill Walsh, Malia Kipapa.
- Approval of Agenda
  - o Chad Wiggins made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Young – motion carried and approved.
- Approval of Minutes
  - o Chad – page 3 of the minutes correct Lisa Green to Allison Green
  - o Chad - motion to approve as amended; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Young – motion carried and approved.

**Ongoing Business:**

- Discussion of recent actions of DLNR for managing reefs to moderate coral bleaching problem
  - o Dale – hit the newspaper already
  - o Bill – you all received the press release; game plan is the material being gathered and needs to be finalized, between DLNR and DAR to make a decision. West Hawaii, West Maui, Kane’ohe Bay, Kaua’i.

Highest priority is to designate MPA's. Importance of protecting herbivores, it will be place-based. Similar dialogue as it took to establish the FRA's. Will we have a grant proposal to have an interactive meeting, for example will need to go into the community to get their thoughts. Secondly, we will need to gather biological data. We are looking for options on how to select a certain site to restore. Biodiversity or abundance of species – looking at potential areas that stand out. DAR and Office of Planning are assisting with this process. Sea Sketch approach used around the world and have shown some good success. I can give a presentation on graphics on surveys.

- Dale - I think that this is great
- Bill – WHFC is the exact entity to get involved with this process. I can plan to do a presentation and ask Lindsey from my office to present as well
- Dale – a lot of people thinks that whatever we decide will stop coral bleaching; we need to get people out of that brain set, we need to figure out a way to help it recover
- Bob – If there is nothing to do to stop it, what are we recovering?
- Dale – I think within the coral reef system there is resilience, like the parrotfish it helps reef recover. There is only so much that we can do about that.
- Bob – you hit on it, this is my concern is that we can't stop global warming and other conditions
- Bill – we call it genetic strains, so that is why we compare sites where the coral bleaching took place where it was bleached, but did not die. There will be a change in the structure of the reef but if you do not try to help to recover it, it will be worse. Taking these extraordinary situations and see how we can figure it out.
- Charlie – I like that you are not looking at the place where there were the most dieback. How much percentage of potential MPAs apply to the 30% that the governor mentioned in means of recovery.
- Bill – yes these efforts fall within the 30%; I starting to correspond to some key players to see if this is a viable option. We have the best example in the world for our FRA's. Maybe adding out and modifying them 25-30%, this would be impressive. Managing 30% of waters but want to have a balance.
- Charlie – discussion that we do not sacrifice our fisheries just to protect the coral reef.
- Donna – could we or should we have a big meeting explaining to the community of what is going on and what the State is planning, planting the seed, open to the public.
- Charlie – how is this dialogue happening on Maui? I am

wondering if there are people from other islands doing outreach especially if this is a statewide effort.

- Dale – I think I sent a message that I talked to the IT network to do a community based meeting; council meetings are set and a third party organizes this meeting.
- Bill – we are still waiting on the sea sketch approval and results before we decide, just because we had a workshop and projected these 4 sites doesn't mean that we will establish it.
- Bob – this seems like a statewide component will not be so localized, it's going to be statewide effort and we may need to start educating our representatives so maybe a jump on that I see unfolding very quickly.
- Dale – I think there are some legs, we do have a constituency, and we need to do what we can do now.
- Bob – this is a DAR thing
- Bill – yes, it is but the good thing is that West Hawaii is a designated area.
- Donna – is there a discussion of DLNR cutting back on cesspools and sediment runoff?
- Bill – thinking that maybe the land area where designation are being proposed will also have some restrictions on land as well; like reducing some stressors, will take creative thinking. Maui is actually the most advanced in addressing runoff, architecture.
- Chad – I can already see some spacial patterns.
- Dale - I think that we need to start from the county level to get the word out; they just need to provide a place where people can go to get information.
- Bill – what's surprising and disheartening is that the planners of the Ironman event doesn't care if the sunscreen
- Chad – do not miss the boat on the human health issue of the sunscreen; within less than a minute you put it on it is in your urine, Oxi Benzine.
- Bill – maybe a letter to the organizers and the sponsors from the WHFC.
- Charlie – too short of a time
- Donna – they provide the sunscreen for the athletes; the state could ask for this to happen
- Dale – how do we get the Department of Health to do something about this, need to talk to Bruce about this?
- Bob – is this indisputable? The Oxi Benzine Company may call their lawyers.
- Chad – everyone that has looked at it has found impacts of Oxi Benzine on reefs, this is not indisputable.
- Bill – Chad do you know if there is a document that synthesizes all of its impacts?
- Chad – I'll see what I can find.

- Alohi – I read a paper that shows the impacts and I can look for it.
  - Bill – I think it is worth writing a letter and planting the seeds.
- Funding situation; next steps & Update on County Council Reps and Funding
- - Dale – I have not heard anything, anyone have any personal connection to any of the county reps.
    - Malia - I know Dru
    - Charlie – Maile is my neighbor
    - Dale – well I do know that they asked about a non-profit number, but we do not have one.
    - Charlie – do we need a non-profit?
    - Dale – no, I think they are fine with us running it through malama kai and they said it should be fine.
    - Charlie – do you know how much we asked for? I can talk to Maile again.
    - Dale – I think maybe \$7500
  - Bill – Big Island Reef Fund; donation box run under malama kai, people are getting together to bring it back again, if it does they said they would definitely contribute some of it the WHFC.
  - Dale – Caroline did bring this up to us.
  - Bill – Lindsey Kramer was in mind of helping to lead this effort
  - Dale – we need to check with Caroline too because she is our go between with Castle funding.
    - Chad – I was in that meeting to see how we can bridge the gap with Maui Nui.
    - Charlie – I did talk to Eric he was not convinced yet why we need the money just yet. We need to organize ourselves and have a plan on why we are having these meetings and what are we trying to gain from all of these meetings. If we construct our meeting agenda and how we are getting the community's input.
    - Dale – this is going to be difficult but we need to get everyone involved.
    - Charlie – should I talk to Caroline or approach Eric.
    - Chad – I think that it would be good for you to talk to Caroline
- Update on efforts for Facebook Page (Alohi Nakachi)
  - Alohi – I drafted a logo let me know if you folks have any thoughts. Adding updates of meetings and things being posted on the news related to fisheries. Let me know if you want to post anything else.
  - Dale – will there be groups?
  - Alohi – I can send things to specific groups I'm just adding things on our page.
  - Bill – I will have Lindsey to send the eyes of the reef information to

- you.
- Charlie – If we want to post something, do we just send it to you?
  - Alohi – yes please send it to me and I will post it, the shorter the better do not want to make it too long.
  - Dale – we can just send it to you and you can post it for us?
  - Julia – who is our audience?
  - Alohi – I am still looking at that and liking pages. We still have some good activity; I can see how many views and shares of information from our FB page.
- Update outside community meetings and the ppt for the community about the WHFC.
    - Dale – I will go and talk to the IT person again. If we have to, we can go to meetings, if we can go through the county that would be good.
    - Chad – I think that the initial discussion for these meetings was to look at policies, how does it look now with the statewide initiatives what happens now? How does it affect our South Kona communities and Puako.
    - Charlie – I think that it will need to be taken community after community, we have to run it in parallel I think that the community effort was to get more people to step up. I do not think we need to wait for the state.
    - Chad – Puako folks said that they could host an October meeting. I will ask them to see if they would be ready.
    - Charlie – I think just the information that Bill can provide in means of coral bleaching recovery program efforts is good content
    - Healani – Dale I would like to revisit and have you elaborate on what you said about how things have changed in means of us having community meetings
      - Dale – things have changed and so now, the states involved with this coral reef statewide effort.
      - Healani – why are they having a hard time coming up with something for the community?
      - Dale – I think that going into a community and hearing only one person wants something and the rest of the community doesn't agree on this is what I think we want to avoid.
      - Healani – I come here with interest in hearing what the council can do to help. I do have a budget for food and having food at a community meeting is good. I did budget about \$1200.
      - Chad – I think that we were supposed to go into the community and talk to them about the council and they need to be motivated to do the work as the community
      - Charlie – help to stimulate the interest for the community to do the work. I think the council can only assist in one area in helping establish rules for their areas (Puako). Kailapa is more land based. The council I think can help communities depending on what community it is and their individual needs.

- Healani – the person needs to be knowledgeable of all concerns not just their individual agenda, but everyone’s thoughts.
- Charlie – Puako and Kailapa both have their own organized groups, but having a specific regional rep at this meeting is important. Going out to communities was to solicit this interest for region reps.
- Chad – I think maybe November we can have a meeting in November
- Julia – I know that Bruce hosts fishery forums on other islands maybe we can check on this option.
  - Chad – would like to make a motion that we ask Bruce to host a fisherman forum for the community, Charlie 2<sup>nd</sup> motion and all agreed to write a letter and
  - Julia – it is a forum where fishermen are invited; Matt Ramsey.

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is October 20, 2016, at 5:30pm, Location: West HI Civic Center; Liquor Commission Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor...subject to change.

**Adjourn at** 7:37pm; Donna Goodale made a motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Wiggins.