

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, December 21, 2017
West Hawai'i Civic Center
Kohala HUB, Hawi Kohala
Community Outstation Meeting
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Presiding Chair: Chad Wiggins

Meeting for council members called to order by Chad Wiggins – 5:45 pm

- Approve meeting minutes from November 17 meeting (not available) move to January meeting

Discussion

- Decide on T-Shirt Logo & items to purchase
 - Shirts and printing
 - Colors?
 - Charlie - black and white and color the fish?
 - Shirt colors
 - Dale - Different colored shirts with a white print
 - Alohi - Red is Hawaii Island color
 - Julia – a white color would offer a lot of versatility
 - Chad – shirt colors – red, blue, black?
 - Shirt type – cotton, breathable, collar?
 - Dale – cotton
 - Donna – Men & women designs
 - Chad – will order all size shirts - adult and children and different colors
 - Logo
 - Charlie – will we be trademarking the logo?
 - Chad – up for discussion
 - Dale – I would think we would like to trademark

- Charlie – will lead on trademark effort; are we interested in getting our name on the DCCA? Will register the name as an entity in HI; registration is \$5
- Printing of Brochures
 - Alohi – depends on color and paper type for cost
 - Dale – 100-150 Brochures to print
 - Charlie – let's start at 200
 - Chad – 300
- Council agreed unanimously to print out 300 copies of the WHFC brochure with new logo and use the remaining balance on the t-shirts
- Malia – Trucker hats?
- Chad – hats and shirts

Community meeting proceeded – 6:30 pm

- Introductions
 - Council Members: Chad Wiggins (co-chair), Dale Sarver (co-chair), Alohi Nakachi, Donna Goodale, Charlie Young, Lisa Vollbrecht, Julia Rose (Ex-Officio & Proxy for Chris Funada) & Malia Kipapa
 - Signed In - Guest Attendees: Jubal Howard, Dan Mersbergh (DOBOR), Gabriel Kipapa, Mike Nakachi, Atticus Wiggins, Claire Trester, Nita Luchetta, Jojo Tanimoto, Willy Rocha, Gary E. Grosshuesch, Jeff Coakley.
- Chad – did a short introduction about the council and gave a run down on a tentative agenda
 - Pule
 - Have Dinner
 - WHFC Presentation by Donna Goodale
 - Chad will facilitate community discussion
- West Hawaii Fishery Council Presentation – Donna Goodale

Community Discussion Notes

- Jojo Tanimoto – do you folks use drones and liquid robotics in Kawaihae – what are you folks doing about that? Flying around at night.
- Willy Rocha – I know that they use to have 11-15 now I think they have only 4 (liquid robotics); they are usually out 200 fathoms in Kawaihae and maybe 100 fathom near Maunalani/Pukou area; 1000 fathom outside of Mahukona.
- Gary Grosshuesch – they collect data; water temperature and weather
- Jubal Howard – The reef fish are being overfished but not because of the commercial fisherman; is it a rumor is someone working on this to find out why the diminishment here?
 - Dale Sarver – government doesn't have the will or ability to solve it right now
 - Jeff Coakley – try and find out what traditional practices were done here in Kohala and instead of creating new rules when the old rules worked and sustained 30,000 people before.

- Gary Grosshuesch – in other states like Alaska they have much more stricter rules, may not be well accepted but may need to educate them on resource importance.
 - Dale Sarver – licenses are not made to discourage fishing
 - Charlie Young – this is what we are interested in hearing from the community; there are no record of what is being caught like my family they fish to feed their family not too sell, now people catch to sell. We are trying to anticipate.
- Gary Grosshuesch – in means of fishing diminishment, how much waste is being distributed by runoff from resorts and golf courses? Are there people doing studies on water quality while they are doing fish surveys and assessment?
- Willy Rocha – what about the sunscreen problem?
 - Alohi Nakachi – that's the problem everything is being impacted by different adverse impacts but knowing the amount each adverse impact is unknown. There are a lot of surveys being done but the degree of knowing each impact is not clear.
 - Jeff Coakley – yes I think one thing that is important is the introduction of species taape, roi has had a real adverse impact on our native species; I don't think that it's being managed well.
 - Willy Rocha – the Taape there is no market for it and they eat the babies and run large schools up to 1000 lbs.
 - Dale Sarver – no market for it?
 - Willy Rocha – maybe a \$1; too expensive to fish
 - Dale Sarver – anything you think can be done?
 - Willy Rocha - I think a bounty would help.
 - Jeff Coakley – I think before they introduce the fish it needs to be better decided on before then.
 - Charlie Young – for example management plans allow fishing for introduced fish but no catch of native fishes. So when you look for a management plan its site specific not one size fit all. The taape problem is a universal problem.
 - Willy Rocha – I think before it was introduced they didn't think it was going to take over like that.
 - Charlie Young – hard to catch, how do you catch?
 - Willy Rocha – hand line / bottom fishing
 - Donna Goodale – harvesting – fish taken for food vs fish not taken for food; yes pollution and silt will affect all the fish; non-food fish were more present than food fish because they are not harvested as much as the food fish (read this in a problem)
- Jojo Tanimoto – Pelekane Bay – historical location – community wants to see dredging in the bay or figure out a way to increase circulation of water; the fish are dying; since it's

under DAR's jurisdiction, what is the progress on this. I know DAR and NOAA had a symposium at King Kamehameha Hotel and it was on the agenda.

- Gary Grosshuesch – I have a suggestion for Pelekane Bay, we should dredge the stream because it's below the tidal zone but connect to Kawaihae bay, and it'll flush out with the tide.
- Jojo Tanimoto – there is no moor for the canoes like Makali'i, can't fit in the small boat harbor.
 - Chad Wiggins – every council member represents their community so if we have someone that sits at the table to volunteer to help move things forward than please join us on the council; would you do that?
 - Jojo Tanimoto – I guess we have to go into a different route.
- Claire Trester – the collector urchins is really dying back and as I'm swimming their spines are gone; recently noticing their decline in the bay.
 - Chad Wiggins – we can connect you with those that do research on those urchins; we need samples to test to see what's affecting it.
 - Claire Trester - I spoke to Auntie Patty Ann Solomon and she said that the collector urchin helps to filter and keep the water clean.
 - Donna Goodale – sounds like a pathogen because we have that problem in Kailua but due to runoff and sunscreen.
 - Dale Sarver – it could be there is a disease.
 - Claire Trester – who would I contact to collect it properly to have it studied
 - Julia Rose – I can connect you with Lindsey Kramer – she works for DAR she did some studies on the cliff oysters.
- Dale Sarver – for fisherman – what fish do you catch and how are they?
 - Willy Rocha – I don't fish outside the 50 fathom anymore – they made the biggest area in Upolu point, 15% of that Upolu point fishing area. There is an area that self regulates itself because of the weather. The closure in Puakou didn't show any increase of fish after closure and is now open but no fish.
 - Jubal Howard - Lapakahi closed for 4 years; Keauhou closed for 50 years as fisherman we feel that money is a driving force in keeping fisherman away. State closes these places and don't open it at all; the State don't really manage it; there is definitely a disconnect and a lot of fishing practices have not been able to pass it down. Fish and game DLNR we feel that they slap us with fines but don't show how to educate or correct the behavior; one example the other month one person got a \$2500 fine for harassing the dolphins but there is like 50 other people that do it and get away with it.
 - Gary Grosshuesch – not too much impact up here more down in Kona and Kawaihae
 - Chad Wiggins – so is most people respectful in the water
 - Willy Rocha – not too much dolphin problems only a couple boats doing it and some whale watching boats. Taape used to be only certain depth now it's all over the place and all depths

- Claire Trester – there are a lot of Roi now in Mahukona
 - Willy Rocha – not too much people want to eat the roi because of the ciguatera
 - Chad Wiggins – maybe a roi tournament in Mahukona
- Dan Mersburgh – boating facility – Kawaihae north the wall is in great disrepair but funding is not available. Waves break the dock; drainage and parking have been surveyed. Our launch ranch for Kawaihae south has all of its permits, we should be getting that going by 2018. There are some concerns about the area but maybe that can be an answer for why the north side can't be used.
 - Jojo Tanimoto – I saw something in the newspaper about dredging?
 - Dan Mersburgh - Dredging probably will happen after winter
 - Nita Luchetta - Moratorium on opakapaka fish
- Gary Grosshuesch – public information – getting the word out about preserving the resources; campaign to get folks to pay better attention; get the buzz out there try and get people to be more observant.
 - Alohi Nakachi – what is the best thing that work for you? Watch tv?
 - Gary Grosshuesch – maybe the radio, I'm working most of the time so maybe public radio might be good 93.1.
 - Charlie Young – do you folks have a print?
 - Gary Grosshuesch – Kohala Mountain News
- Jojo Tanimoto – since I did get an offer to join this group, my issue is in Oahu we got State, County all involved, I think for me I'm better using my time at the Aha Moku system, provides a larger venue. I just choose the Aha Moku.
 - Back in 2013 the organizations decided to create a system called the aha moku system; there are 9 districts now before there were only 6. This was formed so the community has a say to legislative decisions that are made. We are still waiting on an office space with DOCARE.
- Chad Wiggins – so now you folks all know about the WHFC and what we do, so if you want to come to our next meeting it's the 3rd Thursday of every month next month will be at the West HI civic center; February meeting will be in Ho'okena.
 - Gary Grosshuesch – We have dolphin schools present here in Kohala
 - Willy Rocha – yes we have quite a few pods of dolphins up here
 - Jojo Tanimoto – said that the military is driving the dolphins up to North Kohala from Kawaihae
- Gary Grosshuesch – I have a question about the moorings who maintains them?
 - Jubal Howard - I know from Puako north they wait till it is destroyed then a bunch of boats get together to purchase supplies to fix it.
 - Gary Grosshuesch – any funding for moors in the state?
 - Chad Wiggins – some moors are permitted and have gone through the process and some are not permitted; looks like DOBOR is looking into this.

- Dan Mersburgh– I know there are some work from Malama Kai foundation; there are about three different approval processes; so just DLNR and Malama Kai Foundation; DOBOR did an assessment on the moors.
- Gary Grosshuesch – the dive company's sound like there are just dropping off customers and leaving them there, a lot of boats and not too much moorings.

Added Notes from Chad Wiggins poster paper notes:

- Drones? Liquid Robotics
 - 100 fathom +
- Sewage + golf course pollution
- Harbors – better management + control
- Invasive fish
- Pelekane watershed – Hale 'O Kapuni
- Bottomfish closure outside 100 fathom
- Aha Moku – All DLNR
- Reef fish overharvest data
- Fishing license
- Traditional rules sustained 30,000 people in Kohala
- Other states have rules/licenses
- Funding enforcement
- Dead reefs
- Water quality
- Sunscreen
- Ta'ape – on menpachi grounds – Bounty – reef to 50 Fathom+
- Pelekane Bay – dredge or recirculation
- Mooring for Makali'i
- Mahukona collector urchin die-off
- Bottomfish closure
- Closed areas/open areas – placement –permanence
- Lack of trust
- 30x30 – closed vs managed
- Loss of generational management
- Chasing dolphins – Kawaihae south
- Ciguatera
- Kawaihae N. basin breakwall/ramp...Dredging?
- Kawaihae S. basin ramp
- Mahukona Ramp – not imminent
- Public information – education campaign
- Radio announcement – local paper
- Unpermitted Moorings - who maintains?

- Manta Diving – Kailua-Kona
- 1/18 planning meeting – Kailua kona civic center
- 2/15 Ho’okena Dolphin meeting 5:30-7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: Dale Sarver made a motion to adjourn, Donna Goodale 2nd 8:20pm