

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."

Agenda for Thursday, January 18, 2018
West Hawai'i Civic Center
Liquor Control Room (2nd floor of Building B)
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Presiding Chair: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:30pm by Dale Sarver

Council Members: Chad Wiggins (Co-Chair), Dale Sarver (Co-Chair), Charlie Young, Donna Goodale, Julia Rose (Ex-Officio), Malia Kipapa, Chris Funada.

Guest: Heather Howard, Bruce Anderson (DAR), Dan Mersburgh

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – read by
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational
- Guidelines and posted at meeting.
 - All questions from Council members must be recognized by the Chair
 - All questions/statements will be limited to topic-oriented statements.
 - Note that a short time has been added after each agenda item to discuss each item.
 - 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 January 18, 2018 WHFC Meeting Agenda
- Approval of November & December Minutes
 - November Minutes
 - Donna Goodale – change to page 4 please add that the study on packing and transportation of AQ fish study was done by
 - December Minutes
 - Donna Goodale – corrections to page 3 sounds like a pathogen because we do not have that problem in Kailua and the coral problem exacerbated by runoff and sunscreen.

- Motion made by Chad Wiggins to accept the minutes with the corrections, 2nd by Charlie Young, motion carried and approved.

Discussion:

- Update Status from Bruce Anderson on AQ fishing permits
 - AQ Fishing in West HI is shot down completely statewide. Fishing in West HI the fish needs to be from the White list and harvested any other way except by mesh net.
 - Handed out 12 most frequently asked questions
 - Some people want to now AQ fish in East HI; As far as the law goes the permit allows you to have fish from East HI - can still fish and transport it by car or truck to the West side of the Island.
 - West HI AQ fishing permit you need both permits one for the mesh net and one to collect AQ – West HI permit requirements.
 - On Oahu you can't use a fine mesh net
 - A group is working on an EA right now, can't really tell on the timeline, and need to go through the Chapter 333 process.
 - We talked about a programmatic EA and collect it and give to the government.
 - After review of the EA it will be submitted to Susan Case to sign off on it; no governor's review – may have appeals but decision will stand.
 - We are doing a licensee program – he wanted to get through the Supreme Court decision to go through first. This program would allow AQ fish collectors to have a license to collect instead of a permit. I think this would be a better regulatory regime.
 - I thought that by closing all AQ in West HI would draw a lot of adverse responses but surprisingly did not.
 - Timeline for this we hope to complete by next year.
 - Charlie – I envision a lot more communities in West HI leaning into a direction more on sustainability fishing areas
 - Bruce – we went to some scoping meetings in Moloka'i and Oahu and looked at how we might be able to change the rules; nearshore fishing applies more to sustainable fishing we changed the boundaries, shortened the area. Some from the Hawaiian homes community in Mo'omomi Moloka'i had concerns about these changes, at the end of the day it was more of a access issue rather than a gathering issue, according to the legislature it was so contentious that they were worried that it might even cause some kind of blood shed in the matter. Chapter 190 process can be moved forward in Moloka'i if the can settle the access issue. Maui another area being proposed. Priority would be Mo'omomi at the top, Miloli'i and a few other small communities. We have a new community based coordinator she is great, she is a lawyer and helped with the community based fishing areas, Kahana, and

- Kaupulehu.
- Charlie – there is access without management; this sounds like management with no access problem; I don't see Miloli'i or Ho'okena having this problem.
 - Bruce – will probably have to address these concerns through the management plan; whoever is writing it up need to clarify who and how to access sites. Ha'ena sounds like they are doing well with the monitoring and work.
 - Dale – I know that you did want to work with us to help with DAR and DLNR meetings.
 - Bruce – we hired TNC and a consultants to conduct a spacial analysis, they are in the process of coming up with some effective ideas on approach; I get kind of anxious with these kind of plans; I project 3-4 months from now that their results will come out. West HI Fishery Council is the only group in the state that focuses on these kinds of issues.
 - Dale – as I mentioned before yes we are willing to help we just need some direction.
 - Bruce – we hope to get the plan done by November of this year; I kind of like the hook and line option, community based approach would be good. West HI, East Maui, Kaneohe Bay, North Shore Kauai as focus areas in means of fisheries.
 - Bruce - I think that you folks should have someone on the council to track the legislative activities pertaining to fisheries in the state.
 - Dale – we don't have a connection like that for legislative updates
 - Charlie – Bill Walsh was that person for us that helped us keep track of what's happening in legislature
 - Bruce – I think that's what Bill might be able to help with that.
 - Bruce – because the harvesting of female Kona crabs are on the no take list but now the females are outgrowing the males and the male crabs are struggling to mate with them.
 - Dale – any drop dates on legislative rules, when its due
 - Bruce – I think the 28th of this month its due
 - Any ideas about who is doing the EIS for the aquarium fishery and what are the issues?
 - Covered in Bruce Andersons share out on AQ fish collection update on state status.
 - Strategic Planning for WHFC 2018
 - Chad – here are some things that came out from our community meetings – manta rays, dolphin interactions, bottom fish, mooring, outreach – can we come up with a few goals that we can stick too for 2018.
 - Charlie - We want to talk about Ho'okena Opelu project, it would be good to explore our options with what our community can do with WHFC;

Dolphin discussion with DLNR, NOAA, communities;

- Chad – David Tarnas has agreed to facilitate the meeting; a representative from NOAA agreed to be present;
 - Charlie – I'll contact DOCARE
- Dale – if have NOAA involved with what kind of rules we should have it would be good to have them at the meeting. Rules? Enforcement?
- Donna – we should see if Bruce can be sure to attend this meeting
- Julia – how about we bring the new CBSFA (Shay Kamaka'ala) to the meeting?
- Donna – CBM host forum discussion to share CBSFA update
 - Charlie – will ask to see if she can come out
- Charlie – can we find funding for someone to do record keeping; executive director for a part time position. I can check with Eric Co from Castle Foundation to see if we can get a multiple year grant; I'm thinking no more than \$15000 a year; Eric said that if its under \$25000 a year it would be covered as a discretionary funds. Upload files to pass on to another
 - Donna – I'll check with college students at Palamanui
 - Chad – I'll check with Tim Richards
 - Charlie – I'll check with Eric Co
 - Dale – we can write a letter to Chair Case for re: admin funding
- Charlie – opelu we want to use the Kilae boundary; we will seek the councils input – we will be looking at size and seasonality
- Dale – do we want to continue to do more outstation meeting?
 - Malia – I think we should have at least 2 more out station meetings
 - Charlie - I think that maybe we can check with Kaimi if they want to share about their fishing rules.
- Chris – I'm interested in fishing licenses and would like to be involved with it more. Host a forum for discussion and get information on legislation and report – Chris Funada; deliver a survey to get feedback from fisherman on there thoughts on spearfishing.
 - Chad – you can check with DAR to get more information on this.
- Charlie – ask the folks from the Kaupulehu Try Wait campaign – ask group to see if they can provide an update on how its going. Chad will ask KMLAC. Have forum to share.
- Chris – how to you write a rule?
 - Chad – we go through the administrative rule making process
 - Chris – I want to hopefully be able to write a bill
 - Dale – we usually go through the legislative process where the legislatures will propose a bill and we go to support them.
 - Chad – Its not easy, but any effort will need to be approved by the fishery council before it can move forward.
 - Charlie – you can go different ways about this, you can go as an

individual and go straight to DLNR, Legislatures, you can go any route – I found that going through this process going through a community is a good way to go.

- Chris – I was thinking maybe an out of state fishing license.
- Dan Mersburgh – I think having the report on recreational fishing and the outcomes available for review would be good to have; I'll look for it and send it out to you folks;
 - Chad – any ideas on forum from DOBAR
 - Dan - NOAA is working on dolphin tour things; a couple people working on the manta dive issue.
 - Chad – are you willing to sit on the panel in February?
 - Dan – I administrate the permits of the boat operators but we don't regulate any of the violations.

WHFC 2018 Goals:

- 'Opelu
- Community-Based Mgt.
- Budget – Exec. Director? Records?
- Dolphins: Kupa will host (February meeting) optional potluck for council
- Outreach – meetings, tournaments
- Fishing License
- Rule Update
- Manta

Updates:

- Next WHFC community meeting, Feb 15 in Ho'okena
- WHFC t-shirt & hat orders and flyers
 - Chad – everyone please pick a shirt and hat before you leave and congrats to everyone for completing our goals for 2017.

Announcements:

- Next meeting February 15, 2018 in Ho'okena at Puka'ana Church 5:30 pm.

Adjourn at 7:30pm – Donna made a motion to adjourn 7:33p and Malia 2nd motion – carried.