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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.

WEST HAWAII FISHERY COUNCIL
Agenda for Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:30-7:30PM
Puka'ana Church Hall, Ho'okena

Facilitator: David Tarnas

Call to Order: 5:30PM

Reading *and Interpretation* of WHFC Mission Statement
Introduction of WHFC members and meeting facilitator
Introduction of NOAA representatives and DLNR representatives
Introduction of visitors and guests
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

Presentations and Community Discussion - Regulations regarding interactions with marine mammals:

Presentation by Charles Young: Overview of West Hawaii Fishery Council and relevant issues.

Presentation by NOAA-Protected Species representative Dr. Jayne LeFors: Background of research on Hawaiian spinner dolphins and discussion of potential alternatives for proposed regulations to prevent disturbance to the dolphins.

Presentation by NOAA-Enforcement officer Nick Mitsunaga: Federal regulations, enforcement procedures, guidance to the public on the best way to report potential violations.

Presentation by DLNR DOCARE officer Lino Kamakau: State – Federal Joint Enforcement Agreement, role of the DOCARE Marine Enforcement Unit, guidance to the public on the best way to report potential violations.

These presentations will be followed by a community discussion facilitated by David Tarnas to clarify regulations, enforcement, and any other related questions.

Business Meeting:

Fishery policy updates

Adjourn: 7:30pm