

**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."*

Minutes for Thursday, March 15, 2018  
West Hawai'i Civic Center  
Liquor Control Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Building B)  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Presiding Chair: Dale Sarver

**Call to Order:** 5:30pm by Dale Sarver

**Member Attendee(s):** Chad Wiggins, Dale Sarver, Bill Walsh (Ex-Officio), Alohi Nakachi, Lisa Vollbrecht, Chris Funada, Donna Goodale, Malia Kipapa

**Guest:** Nicki Sanderlin, Charles Leslie, Krista Johnson, Mike Nakachi, Kaikea Nakachi, Andrea Kawabata

**Action Items**

**Lisa** – Find out how to get listed on HPR Community Calendar  
**Krista Johnson** – Ask Sherry Bracken about Community Updates and invite her to meetings

**Dale** – Research council Executive Director Compensation

**Bill Walsh** – Share 30X30 Website

**Kaikea** – Submit a list of invitees for a cultural working group

**Chad** – Invite Jamison Gove to speak at next meeting

Share draft budget for funding proposal

Connect Krista Johnson to Megan Lamson re: derelict nets

Contact Waimea County Council Rep. re: funding WHFC

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – read by Lisa
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational
- 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.
- Approval of February outstation Minutes
  - o Chad – Add Kaimi Kaupiko to the attendance

- Bill – page 2 change 2 nautical miles to 50 yards
- Donna – page 1 –change DOCARE to NOAA for Jayne LeFors
  - Chad – made a motion to accept minutes as amended – Donna second – minutes accepted
- Approval of March 15, 2018 WHFC Meeting Agenda
  - Chad - Add on planning the next two meetings
  - Donna made a motion to accept the agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nikki Sanderlin

### **Discussion:**

#### **Council Needs**

- Administrative support to type, edit, and share meeting minutes and agendas \$2,500
- Coordination to arrange meetings and maintain communications \$2,500
- Executive Director could do fundraising, reporting, and coordinate coordination/administration ~\$25,000
- Travel to Oahu or to sponsor speakers/presenters – 6 interisland trips/year \$1,800
- Newspaper and Radio Ads to announce meetings \$2,000
- Food for at least 3 outstation meetings/year \$1,000
- Reprinting shirts and hats and flyers \$2,000
- Scholarship fund for local students \$1,500

#### **Other Ideas not in budget – Video Contest, Prize donations for community events**

- Discuss thoughts from council about applying to Pew Foundation for funding
  - Dale – tried to present what WHFC wants to do and how we can get financial support and funding \$10,000 was proposed but they came back and don't think that this will be enough.
    - Kristin Johnson - What kind of projects?
      - Dale – outstation meetings and present problems and issues from community input and share with DLNR
      - Donna – what is the Aquarium fishery update? In legislation?
        - Bill – no not currently in the legislation; Stantec (contracted) is currently doing an environmental assessment.
    - Chad – We need administrative assistance with note taking; During January Strategic Planning meeting, the council agreed to host forum for community based subsistence fishing areas, 'ōpelu fishery, dolphins interactions, fishing license, and a Ka'ūpūlehu update; general support in West Hawaii community events – need to add all of this to the proposal for funding.
      - Chris – instead of a Director can we maybe look at getting a

- paid intern to replace Malia and also add in to monitor the social media platform
  - Donna – advertisement in the newspaper - factoid then a visual of a fish then add in announcement to invite to the WHFC meeting.
  - Lisa – community calendar add listing announcement for the WHFC meeting
  - Donna – how much does an executive director get paid?
    - Chad – maybe \$25,000 – Dale to research
- Dale – PEW foundation, if you go with them go with a big plan; they want to know a big issue that we can have a big impact on e.g. 30 x 30 plan
  - Chad – What is the fishing community perception of PEW since they supported the expansion of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Feedback from community partners indicates they are easy to work with – they have no local staff so they rely on local people and groups to help them with projects.
  - Chris – I haven't heard any feedback from fishing forums. I have very little background on them, heard about this group when I worked as an intern at NOAA.
  - Dale – We are poised to help them understand how we can help with changes, maybe Bruce can help to encourage this effort to support our proposal for funding from PEW.
  - Bill – You can basically use the verbiage from the 30/30 plan and get from the website and say that the WHFC wants to get involved with this process from the community level. Using those placeholders from that plan might be a good start. Adds substance to the proposal.
  - Dale – Castle foundation wants more details and numbers
- Chris – have you thought about making a video about the WHFC mission and broadcasting it; social media.
  - Chad – this was an idea to try and get the hiki no program in school; do you know of anyone that could help with this?
  - Chris – I'm sure NOAA has a lot of footage. More of a budget suggestion. Maybe give out a prize for someone that makes the best video?
  - Dale – I think the prize idea would be good
  - Chris – how broad would be advertise the submission for this activity
  - Lisa – may be a little too big for you to handle if too broad
- Anything new from DLNR about the 30/30 plan for the ocean?
  - Dale – thought about approaching DLNR for funding then I decided after maybe it might be wise to stay independent of DLNR.
- Update Castle Foundation (Charlie Young)
  - Dale – I'll get a hold of Charlie and ask him what he heard back from

castle foundation

- Any other ideas for funding?
    - o Lisa – since we are trying to teach stewardship in the community why don't we do a beach cleanup?
      - Krista Johnson – That would be good paddling out in the ocean there is a lot of trash.
      - Bill – takes a lot of logistics and planning effort
      - Alohi – maybe we can piggyback with others and meet people that may want to join the council.
      - Krista Johnson – paddlers are mindful when it comes to trash in the water
      - Alohi – maybe swapping out the bad sunscreen with more reef friendly sunscreen.
  - Chad – anything that we need to know more about 30/30 initiative
    - Bill – 2016 – with association with the International conference and the governor came up with a 30x30 plan by 2030 the state of HI would do this and this by 2030 effectively manage 30% of the nearshore water. Effectively manage was not clear so they created working groups. Created a steering committee and two workshops, latest news there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting likely in April – update the 30x30 plan writing process, special process, public outreach process, action items for the steering committee. There is nothing tangible or substantial at this point. This WHFC - council was created by legislation and it was clear as to goals and timelines, which was driven due to the aquarium fishery. What is the initiative that you're proposing to do, it's all process driven not objective driven. At least in the verbiage it states it. We need to see what happens in October.
    - Mike – it's an election year, voting year
    - Dale –there were a lot of specifics for the coral bleaching plan; is there any point in us standing up to say hear we are?
    - Bill – need to wait for October
  - Discuss next meetings
- April Meeting
- o Nikki – maybe at the next meeting discuss plans about the 30/30 wish list for example a specific area. You could have a plan for the area maybe do another outreach meeting in another area – outline specifics
  - o Alohi – we may be able to support community groups by finding out what they need and support and encourage them, for example KMLAC.
  - o Krista Johnson – but if we take an approach as to how we can help to manage our own places and so how do we help communities; how do we create a structure that can help communities to protect and manage their resources where DLNR is not helping to address issues.
  - o Mike – I've been just coming to support, but listening to Dr. Bill was talking about when this working group was very volatile, it's been over 20

years old. This council is floundering. Fishermen and practitioners need to be here to bring that voice again. I agree with Dr. Bill I remember when it was vibrant, cultural protocol and this is what is missing.

- Kristin Johnson – I agree having the cultural background is important
- Mike – we need that vibrancy again
- Krista Johnson – The Ho’okena meeting was really good to see a lot of Hawaiians on board and doing things already in their community.
- Dale – should we do more outstation meetings?
  - Krista Johnson – I don’t think people know about the council
  - Chad – we are in a holding pattern right now – it’s hard to maintain engagement when there isn’t a task at hand. I’ve contacted possible speakers for our next meetings. Dr. Jamison Gove from NOAA has access to a lot of scientific data, he has agreed to do a presentation for content.
  - Dale – how do we get the cultural aspect
  - Alohi – we can get a cultural practitioner to do a presentation; and I think we should make specific goals and what more can we accomplish and follow up with communities that we do the outstation. Do more efforts like outstation meeting.
  - Bill – I think the outstation meetings are most successful when there is important issues involved
  - Chad – outreach meetings were done to build awareness about the WHFC – to let people know it exists; I agree that the cultural aspect is important but we need solutions, not statements of problems.
- Mike – we worked on protecting sharks and rays since the rule package was created, it wasn’t till the manō was harassed here in Kona then Ambercrombie signed the bill. In December we had another animal that a manō was entangled.
  - Kaikea – legislation - HB2079 – we’ve gone to Oahu to testify on our own dime. There is a lot of things that we can do, commercial operators chumming and I have a problem with this, I have a committee both cultural practitioners and scientist that exist on my MS degree committee. Suggested to have a cultural working group in case there are future occurrences with marine life and ensure the right protocols and people are involved. KMLAC was successful because there was a community with kūpuna that was willing to help, DLNR suggested that the WHFC is the avenue to go.
  - Dale – we could be the conduit to make this happen, it would be good for them to join the council but they don’t need to but if you could suggest people I think we can support this, we can go to DAR and DLNR and let them know that we support this and see if they would be good with this suggestion.
  - Mike – we need the council to have balance and not lose the sense of place.

**Commercial operators are feeding manō at Honokōhau – potential safety, user conflict, and cultural concern.**

***What can Council do to help? Can we add manō feeding to our priorities for outreach?***

**May Meeting**

- Chad – Ocean Warrior Program – teaching kids about cycle of water what’s happening in the mountain and oceans – Kohala Middle and Waikoloa Middle Schools involved. They would like to receive information from WHFC and can present what they learn to us at our May/June meeting. We would meet the group in Kohala and share some fishery activities –education opportunity.
- Alohi – what kind of involvement would the council have?
- Chad – dual purpose, volunteer and talk to the students about the council and work with the students – education may take place in April or May with presentation in May or June. This is done through the Malama Kai Foundation.
- Alohi – it may be a hardship for them to travel to Kona
- Chad – we can have the meeting in Kohala or Waikoloa in May/June. Who else would like to help with this and other education opportunities?

**Education Subcommittee Volunteers: Malia, Donna, Dale, Lisa, Chris**

**Suggestion – reform cultural Subcommittee – Kaikea Nakachi to suggest invitees**

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting April 19, 2018 West Hawai’i Civic Center, Liquor Control Room, 5:30 pm.

**Adjourn at 7:30pm** Dale made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm and Chad 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.