

**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, May 17, 2018  
Waikoloa Village Association Offices  
68-1790 Melia Street, Waikoloa Village, HI 96738  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Presiding Chair: Chad Wiggins

**Call to Order:** 5:39 PM

Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement

- Read by Lisa Vollbrecht – engage with community to help them solve challenges they might have with coastal resources.

Council Member(s): Lisa Vollbrecht, Dale Sarver, Chad Wiggins, Malia Kipapa (Proxy: Charlie Young & Chuckie Leslie).

Guest Attendee(s): Alohi Nakachi, Mike Nakachi, Kaikea Nakachi, Dana Fazio, Kenneth Nakano, Naomi Perez, Chris Hawkins, Lindsey Kramer, Nikki-Sanderlin, Carl Go, Audrey Newman, Blanca Evangelista, Maylan Ackerman, Elizabeth Pickett.

Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational Guidelines

- 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 May 17, 2018 WHFC Meeting Agenda

- Motion made by Lisa Vollbrecht to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Sarver, motion carried agenda approved.

Approval of April Minutes

- Motion made by Lisa Vollbrecht to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Sarver, motion carried agenda approved.

#### Presentations:

- West Hawai'i Fishery Council Presentation – Malia Kipapa
- Presentations by Ocean Warriors Program Students from Waikoloa and Kohala led by Elizabeth Pickett
  - o Ocean Warriors
    - Watershed-based mauka-makai from upland forests
    - Create a sense of time – provide meaningful watershed experiences (fun)
    - Started in 2008 by Malama Kai Foundation & NOAA and started at Kohala Middle School; expanded in 2014
      - Target students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade
      - Older returning students serve as junior leaders
    - Currently
      - Focus on clean water, clean air, clean land, clean food, clean energy and community action
        - o 6 groups X 10 field trips 2017-2019
      - 2018-2020 approval of grant to build canoes forest to ocean theme
        - o Integrate STEM and hands on trade skills
        - o Promote sustainability
  - o Student Presentation
    - Student Presenters: Alexander, Alexa, Gina, Alisa, Issac, Andre
    - Water Cycle – Human impacts; make less trash
    - West Hawai'i Fishery Council – (2) field trips to the abalone farm and Kiholo enjoyed their time.

#### Q & A:

- o Mike Nakachi – are all students from Waikoloa and how much participants?
  - Elizabeth – we have about 16 students from Waikoloa and 12 older returning junior leader students from Kohala.
- o Lindsey Kramer – Would you folks support an effort to ban plastic straws?
  - Yes, we would, thumbs up!
- o Audrey – is there an action you folks have for climate change?
  - Yes, we do

#### **Business**

- Bruce Anderson – Leaving DAR to go back to the Department of Health; Bob Matsuda being considered; does WHFC want to have input in means of the replacement working with the WHFC as Bruce did?
  - o Dale – it's done. Suggest to reach out to replacement to ask if he/she will be involved; replacement Brian Neilson (acting administrator) invite him to our next meeting.
- Funding application to PEW – need input on budget, narrative, goals
  - o Dale – Charlie needs to update on this and he is not here so we need to

wait till he can update us on this. Defer till next meeting.

- Mo'omomi CBSFA – seeking support from WHFC for Moloka'i – led by Charlie Young and Malia Kipapa
  - Malia – led discussion on Mo'omomi CBSFA – Update on progress/process
    - In April Mo'omomi received approval from the land board to hold public hearing meetings at the request from the board they suggested to have the final hearing/determination meeting on Moloka'i and instead of just Maui County and Oahu, they needed to hold public hearing meetings on all the Islands, Kaua'i, Oahu, Hawai'i Island (East and West HI) and Maui County Islands (Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i). A week later the process was halted and today sits on the governor's desk. It was said that this is a political move and legislative representative for Maui County has a lot of influence in hindering this public process due to some personal/political reasons behind this, representative Lynn DeCoite has stopped this process and has a strong opinion against this CBSFA from happening in Mo'omomi. As a fishery council, although we are on Hawai'i Island and they are on Moloka'i I strongly believe that this effort is relevant being that Mo'omomi is setting a precedence for future potential CBSFA's for few of our fishing communities here in West Hawai'i. We are learning from this process so that when we do support our WH fishing communicates we will be able to address the challenges that Mo'omomi faces, and vice versa when we need Moloka'i's support we hope that they would come out and support our communities here as well. I think that the WHFC has an opportunity to show our support and make these recommendations to the state that we support this work and within the boundaries of the legislative Act 306 we have that Kuleana to impress this types of community driven efforts. If we can write a letter of support from the council we can be prepared for when the public hearing meeting comes to Kona. This letter would be a collective, with input from each and every one of our council members to show the breadth as to who we represent from our individual communities and backgrounds.
  - Dale Sarver – I would encourage everyone besides the 15 page document that one is good but I would encourage all to look at the 200 page document with much more information. I would also check if we can write a letter to the Governor to let him know about getting this off of his desk, does anyone know of any person with influence or that had influence?
  - Chad – thank you Malia for the update on the proposal for Mo'omomi so do we have a two motions? One to request for a letter to be drafted for the public hearing for Mo'omomi's hearing and two another letter for the Governor or do we need more information on how to approach the governor about this subject?

- Mike Nakachi – I was on Moloka'i for (12) days and just got back and this is a big subject on Moloka'i. Ho'olehua families a few have political control/ties and are using politics to hold up process. I was able to dive off of the coast of Mo'omomi and was able to see (20) large male parrot fish I was able to dive off the Northwest shore from Ilio Point to Kalaupapa. If you think about the other Islands Waimanalo is only about 28 miles away, waters are rough some parts of the year where no one can access the shoreline due to conditions. Uncle Mac is doing the Pono and righteous thing unfortunately there are folks that believe that it's okay for them to catch whatever size fish they want. Just at 60 minute dive there is amazing.
- Chad Wiggins – Supporting CBSFA's is a priority focus
- Dale – looked why that place? Now we know about the politics and the powerful ties folks have.
- Mike Nakachi – the show out there is a chicken skin place, just sad that it gets stuck in the politics.
- Audrey Newman – Thank you for the summary (Mike Nakachi) your spot on. This is the icebox but got caught up in the politics and I think that the WHFC showing support is important, it will bring out the merits and level of public support that can be seen. Mac Poepoe has been managing for over 30 years and it would help to acknowledge the great work Moloka'i has done; community on the other Island and following it is wonderful. I live on Moloka'i and this is a very emotional subject for me, thank you for allowing me to participate.
- Dale Sarver – I don't know why the public hearing has to go on every Island
- Mike Nakachi – a lot of people are worried but it's good, not endless and it is refreshing to see the ocean warriors it gives me hope for the future. We spoke to many families on Moloka'i on our trip there and also spoke to Kawika Crivello and he said that they are in support of the rules and PVS is also on board and following these efforts. I believe the WHFC voice will help, longest fishery council existing with volunteers; walk the walk; First Ha'ena and 2<sup>nd</sup> kaupulehu now its Mo'omomi's time.
- Audrey Newman – Bruce Anderson might have some influence on the Governor since he was just appointed to join his cabinet
  - Dale – he did express on the record while in the DAR position he is in support of Mo'omomi's CBSFA proposal at our last meeting.
- Malia Kipapa – I'll check with Susan Kim the Governors Liason, I'll ask her via email to ask about the Mo'omomi CBSFA.
  - Chad Wiggins – yes, you can ask on behalf of yourself and family and share back with the council what you hear.
- Malia Kipapa – can I make a motion that the council allow me to write a draft letter of support for Mo'omomi CBSFA in preparation for public hearing process when it happens on in Kona.
  - Chad – vote carried – All agree – Dale Sarver, Chad Wiggins, Lisa

Vollbrecht, Malia Kipapa (Proxy: Charlie Young & Chuckie Leslie); Lindsey Kramer (Proxy for Bill Walsh) said he would support it as well. Motion carried unanimously and Malia will start a draft letter of support for Mo'omomi's CBSFA.

- Lisa Vollbrecht – I have question I did notice that they are banning all recreational activity, diving surfing, swimming etc, why is that?
- Malia Kipapa – I don't believe it's the entire place only certain restricted areas and the area that they plan to designate as a nursery for spawning and propagation of fish.
- Audrey Newman – I don't want to let you know that one of the areas besides the proposed nursery area, there is an area that is all cliff and not a safe place to access because it's rough and unsafe.

- WHFC Vision Suggestions

- Results from Exercise on Vision: What is your VISION for West Hawai'i Fisheries?
  - Community-driven coastal resource management empowerment
  - Hawaiians & Hawaiian culture thriving
  - Abundant marine life being enjoyed and cared for by local communities and inspired visitors
  - Abundance of: Fish, Healthy Reef, Community Involvement
  - Happy Earth & Happy People
  - Flourishing reefs and marine resources
  - A good future for resource management....being respectful; observant; acting accordingly
  - A resource rich coastline held up by the pillars of culture, conservation, sustainability and science. A knowledgeable community that works together to promote health and sustainable life styles that mirrors Hawaiian of old. Aloha spirit outshining greed.
  - Support sustainability
  - Ensure the longevity of resources – fish, limu, opihi, wana are healthy and thriving; coral reefs are healthy and vibrant; oceans are clean and water visibility is clear; traditional Hawaiian fishing practices are alive and active; families are able to eat the fish they are 'ono for and able to go to the ocean to get it themselves and not from the store.
  - As sustainable resource understood and protected by the mass majority of the population.
  - Coral reef populations have the ability to naturally replenish themselves over time, and the reef structural complexity created by coral provides needed critical habitat, to sustain the fishery.

**Discussion:** None

**Next Steps:**

- Next WHFC community meeting, June 21, 2018 at the West Hawai'i Civic Center

**Adjourn at 7:30pm** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dale Sarver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.