

WEST HAWAI'I FISHERY COUNCIL
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**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL WEST HAWAI'I
FISHERY COUNCIL**

"To provide for substantive involvement of the community in resource management decisions; encourage scientific research and monitoring of the nearshore resources and environment from Upolu Point to Ka Lae; to work toward and advise about the resolution of conflicts of use and the enhancement of nearshore resources; and to assist in the development and implementation of management plans for minimizing resource depletion; per legislative mandate to the Department of Land and Natural Resource.""

Draft Minutes for Thursday, July 19, 2018
West Hawai'i Civic Center – Liquor Control Room
Kealakehe, Kona
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Presiding Chair: Dale Sarver

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Council Members: Dale Sarver, Donna Goodale (Proxy: Malia Kipapa), Bill Walsh (Ex-Officio), Chuck Leslie, Krista Johnson (Proxy), Lisa Vollbrecht, Julia Rose (Proxy: Chad Wiggins), Healani Cahill, Kaimi Kaupiko.

Guest Attendees: Nikki Sanderlin, Kalani Padasdao, Caitlyn Nakamura, Shaniah Spear, Ryder Chesley, Zechariah Hose-See, Kailea Golis, Kayleen Cordeiro, Nick Quinn, Elizabeth Pickett, Clarina Nakamura, Kayleigh Nakamura, Maylan Ackerman, Peter Spear, Wendy Spear.

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – Dale Sarver
- Reiteration by the Chair of the meeting protocols from WHFC Policies and Operational Guidelines
 - 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 WHFC Meeting Agenda - 1st Lisa; 2nd Lisa.
- Approval of May 17th, 2018 Meeting Minutes – 1st Lisa; 2nd Chuck

Presentation: Malama Kai Foundation: Ocean Warriors – Lead by Elizabeth Pickett
Sharing about what the Ocean Warriors have learned in the program and the collaboration with the WHFC.

Intro by Elizabeth: Funded by NOAA & Malama Kai
Hands on experiential, investigative
Watershed based within context of time – before, now, future
Focus on real-life issues, efforts and possibilities
Started in 2008; older students return as Jr. Leaders
2017-2019: 6 groups of students with 10 field trips per group
Thank you for having us!

The Ocean Warriors student group, comprised of six 7th graders from Waikoloa Middle School and two Kohala high school students, presented about their week of watershed-based learning experiences. Many of their field trips were hosted by WHFC participants/members. The following topics were presented based on their work with the partners:

1. Addressing climate change by reducing land-based pollution, reducing air pollution, and fighting waste (Malama Kai Foundation)
2. Fishpond ecology and management (Pi'i at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows, Nicky and Melissa at The Four Seasons)
3. Wildfire in Hawaii (Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization)
4. Threats to coral reef and protection of nearshore coastal waters in West Hawaii (Julia Rose from the South Kohala Coastal Partnership and Peter Hackstedde from Puako Community Association)

Business

- Community Concerns and planning for the next Community Outstation Meeting
Dale: Do we have any hosts who want us for an Outstation Meeting? Any contacts that want education outreach? If yes, contact us and we'll make contact; if no plans, we'll wait.

Dale: see if more info about Moloka'i – No?

Prepped letter to the Gov. (pass out the letter); letter doesn't take a stand, just supports getting formalized and supports the public hearing. Governor stopped the Public hearing; ask him to follow course with the hearing; take it out of the political arena and into the normal channels. I will sign and send the letter tomorrow.

Lisa: it's acceptable

Dale: any motion?

Lisa: 1st; Julie 2nd to send the letter

Elizabeth: can you summarize the Moloka'i issue for the Ocean Warriors?

Dale: gave summary of people on Moloka'i wanting to protect area with community based rules.

Dr. Bill: Community Based Subsistence Management Area

Dale: Public hearing with input, part of a long process; if need to change the rules, need to get started in the long process.

Dale: I'll sign and end the letter to the Gov. And wait for a response.

- Cultural Resources Subcommittee

Dale: any representatives here, no, not sure how to move ahead, so it will wait.

- Monetary Support

Dale: we have no funds; hoping for County Council support.

PEW – expressed some willingness; negotiations on going; propose a plan and a budget for them.

Castle Foundation – in the process of approaching them; hope to get some support for a secretary, for communication with the Governor, etc.

We would like some money for Outreach Meetings. Lots of government people don't know the issues of the public; these meetings help us to let the government know what needs are there.

Julie: what about money for an Executive Director?

Dale: some groups will not fund, others might

Julie: Chad suggested Ka'upulehu might be ready or Kailapa – Kawaihae for an Outstation Meeting.

Dale: have you been involved in the monitoring?

Julie: it starts in Sept. for coral and fish at Ka'upulehu.

Dale: heard from Chad that there were some good results with Opihi in some areas, some areas full of recruits; other areas should be full of recruits but aren't. What is the difference?

Dale: any other areas for outstation meetings?

Kaimi: said Miloli'i wants to; planning to set up similar process as Moloka'i; maybe outstation meeting but not yet.

Dale: come present to WHFC; we've been hearing about this for a long time; it's a long process; we'd like to know more

Kaimi: yes, we'll share with you folks

Dale: doesn't have to be formal

Julie: currently trying to do exchange with Kailapa community and Moloka'i; to share; not only fisheries but watershed restoration; they have a lot of experience on that island; very tentative

Dale: any other ideas?

Julie: Dr. Bill, any update on the 30 X 30?

Dr. Bill: no update

Dale: suggestion on active work rather than reactive? Was concern with coral bleaching; take DAR's ideas to the community, seems to have gone away; don't know of any plans to take action like that? Can we do it?

Julie: 30% of coast line managed by 2030, currently working on models; maybe some areas to approach about increasing management; outreach in 2019 when something to share, not right now; maybe this group can help/advise on what to do.

Dale: a lot of not in my back yard; others want it in their yard; lots of conflict; hope to get involved with that; to make it easier and calm things down; not an easy task; hope to assist

Guest/Peter Spear (perhaps): rest of the people to teach the people

Elizabeth: I'm always looking for ideas of group activities.

Niki Sanderlin: filling out an application for the council.

Dale: Let's adjourn. 1st – Lisa; 2nd – Julie; 6:25 pm.

- Next WHFC meeting, August 16, 2018 at the West Hawai'i Civic Center