

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, April 18, 2019
West Hawai'i Civic Center – Liquor Control Room
Kealakehe, Kona
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Presiding Chair: Chad Wiggins

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Members Attendance: Chris Funada, Chuck Leslie, Donna Goodale, Lisa Vollebrect, Chad Wiggins, Dale Sarver, Nikki Sanderlin (Ex-Officio), Malia Kipapa

Guest Attendance: Krista Johnson

- Reading and Interpretation of WHFC Mission Statement – read by Chris Funada
- 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 – Donna made a motion, Dale Sarver 2nd, motion passed and agenda for April meeting approved.
- Approval of March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes (no minutes were taken so did a brief summation of the meeting discussion)
 - o Notes:
 - o Minutes: March 21, 2019 Meeting (brief summary) Proxy for Minutes via Discussion
 - A presentation done talked about license permits registry – talked about what they learned and lasted for two hours, we were able to as a council to ask questions.

- Krista – talked about funding
- Lisa – Candy Elsworth talked to us about possibly looking into stepping in to be an Executive Director position for the WHFC
 - Dale – she talked about it, but not sure if she'll have time to volunteer – she has a lot of contacts and interest for this position
- Dale – Fishing License was supposed to go through DLNR and they bailed out due to suspicion and feedback
 - Krista – some of it was because of re-election period too
 - Lisa – He did talk about next steps and they were thinking about holding some scoping meetings
 - Nikki – I don't know of any scoping meetings right now, but I think they are going through the notes and wanted to push it back to review them before going out into the public.
- Chad – any further steps?
 - Dale – talked to David and he had a strong opinion and was a little disappointed with the response from bail out from the state;
 - Lisa – if they do have meetings I think that we should keep it on our radar and we should attend it.
 - Nikki – I'll let you folks know if I hear of a scoping meeting.
 - Donna – you said that you would support a fishing license? (Asked Chuckie Leslie)
 - Chuckie – I would support the license requirement it did go up by \$50; some commercial fisherman would not support it but I would.
 - Chad – so staying informed is a good thing
 - Donna – I would just like to see a ground swell of fisherman to say that they support it to get the support the fisherman need.

Discussion

- Kona Ocean Center presentation (They did not show up)
 - Kona Dog Beach – we found out that the old name is Alula some have referenced families from Kona uses this name and also another person shared its associated with the name of the current in front called Aulaula – twisted currents
 - Dale – I will reach out to Kona Ocean Center contact to find out what happened....no show!
- Kailua Bay Swim Lane – Donna Goodale

- There is an email list for users of this swim lane – Bob Smith is the person that informs group of users via email. There is a concern about Dolphin Boat operators that speed through the lane and are harassing the swimmers.
 - The buoys are community based managed by swimmers; not sure if the state recognizes it but its maintained by community swimmers; the problem there are hundreds of people use the swimmer lane, when the dolphins move into the swim lane the boats and their customers move in the swim lane and boat operators have been impeding on this swim zone.
 - Community lane users are proposing to the state to sanction these buoys and designate zones specific to swimmers and boats.
 - Maybe we can invite this group that is proposing this effort for lane/buoy sanctions to do a presentation at one of our WHFC meetings
 - Periodic research vessels may need to use lanes sometimes but they approach in idle mode
 - How does Waikiki control recreational and boating concerns?
 - They have zones designated but boats go very slow in and out of bay area.
- DOBOR may be able to help with this effort – Stephen Schmelz new DLNR/DOBOR representative.
 - Nikki - I can reach out to Stephen to invite him to a WHFC meeting if there is a presentation by Kailua Bay Swim Zone Group.
 - Donna – I would like to propose to invite this group to share with the council in maybe July if it's okay with everyone.
- Kahalu'u Bay Coral Spawning Closure – May 20-21, 2019
 - Nikki – we did this last year and we received really good support and worked out very well.
 - Donna – larvae was collected and taken to Sid's place; they attached well to rocks that had coralline algae on it; grow them out to a certain point and not sure where it goes after.
 - Lisa – Legacy Reef is trying to establish more resilient coral
 - Nikki – this effort is different the larvae that survives on the rubble then it will be sent to UH's lab; they had a couple pieces from last year but this is an opportunity for them to work on this project and return successful coral back to Kahalu'u.
 - Chad – anyone doing monitoring before and after closure?
 - Nikki – not sure
 - Dale – not sure what changed from historically when folks have tried to propagate coral they were turned down, what has changed since then
 - Nikki – technically to collect the spawn it's considered a water sample once it turns into coral you will need a special activity permit to continue coral reef work.
 - Chris – Mason from Kohonoaiki I think was working on a similar project.

- Nikki – yes that work was through the Legacy Reef program
- Donna – yes you can't just pick up coral fragments you need a permit
- Nikki – the process takes a while to happen because there is only one person that reviews request and she is on Oahu.
- Chad – what is the legacy reef mission?
 - Nikki – hopeful to use micro fragmentation to start growing process of coral and also talked about doing mini labs of this method in other places.
 - Chad – looks like they had some presentations
 - Chris – any results?
 - Nikki – I haven't seen any of their results
 - Donna – they've done presentation and showed photos of coral fragments being glued to cement balls to create a coral substrate and re-forest their reef with them.
- Other:
 - Donna – I will not be here in May and June so someone will need to pick up the key I will be out of the state.
 - Nikki – I'll pick up the key for May and June meeting and also volunteered to take notes at the next meeting.
 - Donna – email contact information for Nikki
 - Chad – up and coming new chairs will be chairing next meeting – Chris and Lisa

Business:

- Update on 2019 Objectives
 - Progress, Challenges, Next Steps
 - Discussed next steps and update on strategic goals and plans for the councils plans for the rest of the year.
 - To Do and Completed Actions:
 - Malia – will check with Kua and Sue Kim to get an update on Mo'omomi CBSFA
 - Out-station meeting group needs to figure out another outstation meeting community
 - Nikki – follow up on Ocean Warriors field trip
 - Lisa – followed up with Luna Kekoa
 - Chris Hawkins gave his non-commercial fishing license presentation in March.
 - David Tarnas and DLNR help with WHFC – due to legislative session David responded that he is busy
 - Chad – suggested to move Shark research meeting to Fall
 - Chris will maintain FB website for the WHFC page – will encourage science and community based ocean related posts on the FB page
 - Safety update from Chuckie Leslie – use air horn in Honaunau due to swimmers in boat ramp area – land and community folks are

- helping to warn swimmers about boats coming in.
- Recruitment update – Chris stated that he has been bugging people to join the council
 - Chad – Kaikea will join after his MS
- Chad - Mahalo to everyone for all your great work and looks like it's going to be a good year.
- Chris – proposition – I wanted to do a low cost safety certification dive class if you know of any non-profit or groups if anyone is interested; safety classes. Want to do a service to the community.

Next Steps:

- Next WHFC meeting May 16, 2019 at the West Hawai'i Civic Center

Adjourn at 7:30pm Chad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nikki 2nd the motion.