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NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 6, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: DLNR Board Room 132, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu.

AGENDA

- ITEM 1.** Call to order and introduction of members and staff.
- ITEM 1.a.** Selection of a new Vice Chair (from appointed members) to replace Marie Bruegmann.
- ITEM 2.** Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Natural Area Reserves System Commission Meeting.
- ITEM 3.** Recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for approval for authorization of funding for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for \$120,000 during FY 17-22 for continued enrolment in the Natural Area Partnership Program and acceptance and approval of the Kanepu'u Preserve Long Range Management Plan, TMK 4-9-02:01, island of Lana'i: Ms. Alison Cohan, TNC.
- ITEM 4. Special Use Permits.**
- ITEM 4.a.** Proposed Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve 'Alalā (*Corvus hawaiiensis*) release by the San Diego Zoo, island of Hawai'i: Nicholas Agorastos and Mr. Bryce Masuda, San Diego Zoo; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to review, approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
- ITEM 4.b.** Continued closure of 'Āhihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve, island of Maui, from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018 to complete actions proposed in the Decision Document prepared by the US Army Corps of Engineers to address options that need to be resolved prior to reopening any portions of the Reserve currently closed due to concerns about Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and the overall safety of the Reserve. Action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to review, approve, defer,

make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources: Mr. Peter Landon.

- ITEM 4.c.** Update on Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD) and the Department's desire to potentially close areas to prevent or slow the spread of ROD on Hawai'i island and the need to come up with standardized language to be incorporated into rules, as well as in all permits issued by the Department: Mr. Robert Hauff, DOFAW Protection Forester. No decision-making, this will be just for information and discussion.
- ITEM 5.** Natural Area Reserves (NAR) Rules Revision. Amendments to Title 13, Chapter 209, Hawaii Administrative Rules: Rules regulating Activities within Natural Area Reserves. The purpose of the rule amendments would be to make the NAR rules consistent with the wildlife sanctuary rules regarding prohibitions on introducing, feeding, removing, injuring, taking and killing any plant or animal. Receive recommendations from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife and approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny to the Board of Land and Land and Natural Resources and the Governor, the proposed amendments to the rules: Emma Yuen.
- ITEM 6.** Designation of two Commission members to serve on the Joint Consultation Committee between the Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee and the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.
- ITEM 7.** Updates: Native Ecosystem Protection and Management Section staff; State Legislative Session; Pahole Natural Area Reserve Management Plan; Laupāhoehoe Forest Management Plan; proposed National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) siting in Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve; International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress.
- ITEM 8.** Announcements, set next meeting date.
- ITEM 9.** Adjournment.

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