



# Ike Kai

A Curriculum on Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) Rules

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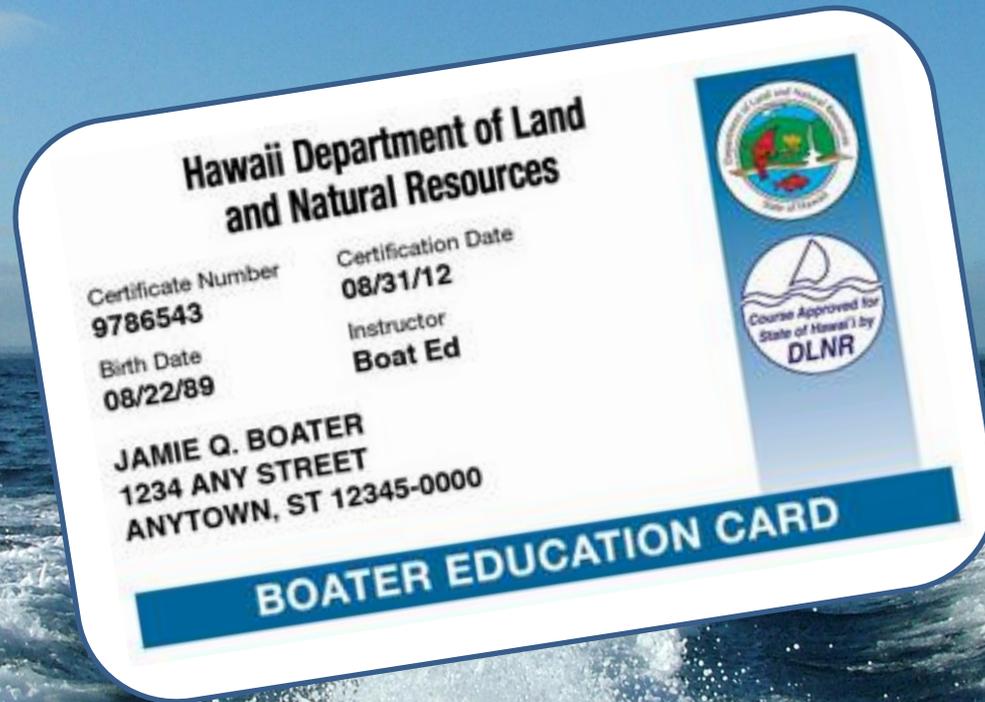
# Boating Rules



# BOATER EDUCATION

For information about mandatory boating safety visit:

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/mandatory-boating-safety-education-qa>



- Boaters must carry proof of certification at all times
- Online classroom and home study courses are available.

Photo credit: Andrew Jabs

## State Rules

All individuals who operate a motorized vessel in Hawaii's State waters must have taken a boating safety course and carry proof of certification.

# REGISTRATION



Registration sticker

Registration Number

STATE OF HAWAII CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER FOR UNDOCUMENTED VESSEL									
NUMBER				HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER					
HA 1234AB				[REDACTED]					
EXPIRATION DATE	TYPE VESSEL	YR. BLT.	YR. MOD.	LENGTH	HULL MTR.	FUEL	PRO-PULSION	USE	CO-OWNERS
12/2014		2009		25' 6"	3	1	1	5	0

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Registration certificate



Federal Documented Vessel

- Boaters may register at any DOBOR District Office
- Boaters may renew online: [vessel.ehawaii.gov](http://vessel.ehawaii.gov)

## State Rules

Some vessels in the State of Hawaii are issued "HA" numbers, which indicates their boat is registered with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The HA number should be displayed:

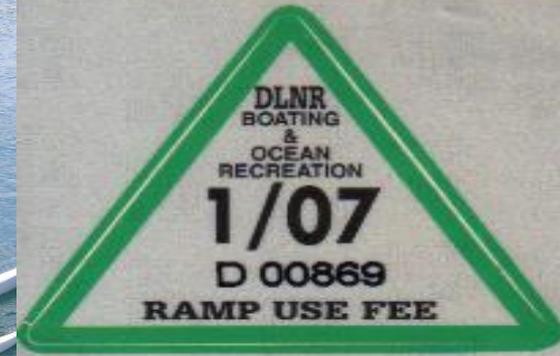
- on the forward half of the boat,
- in colors contrasting with the hull,
- in plain typeface,
- at a minimum of three inches high.

Vessels may also be Federally documented and will have a boat name, and port of call.

# USE PERMITS



Commercial Use  
Sticker



Boat Ramp  
Use Sticker

- More information on use permits available on DOBOR website

Photo credit: W Nowicki

## State Rules

There are two types of use permits:

1. Commercial use permit – for commercial operators, have limits on number of users per facility;
2. Recreational use permit – needed for certain activities at small boat harbors including mooring, staying aboard, use of a boat as a vacation site, houseboats, storing boats (live aboards only allowed in Keehi and Ala Wai).

# DAY USE MOORING BUOYS

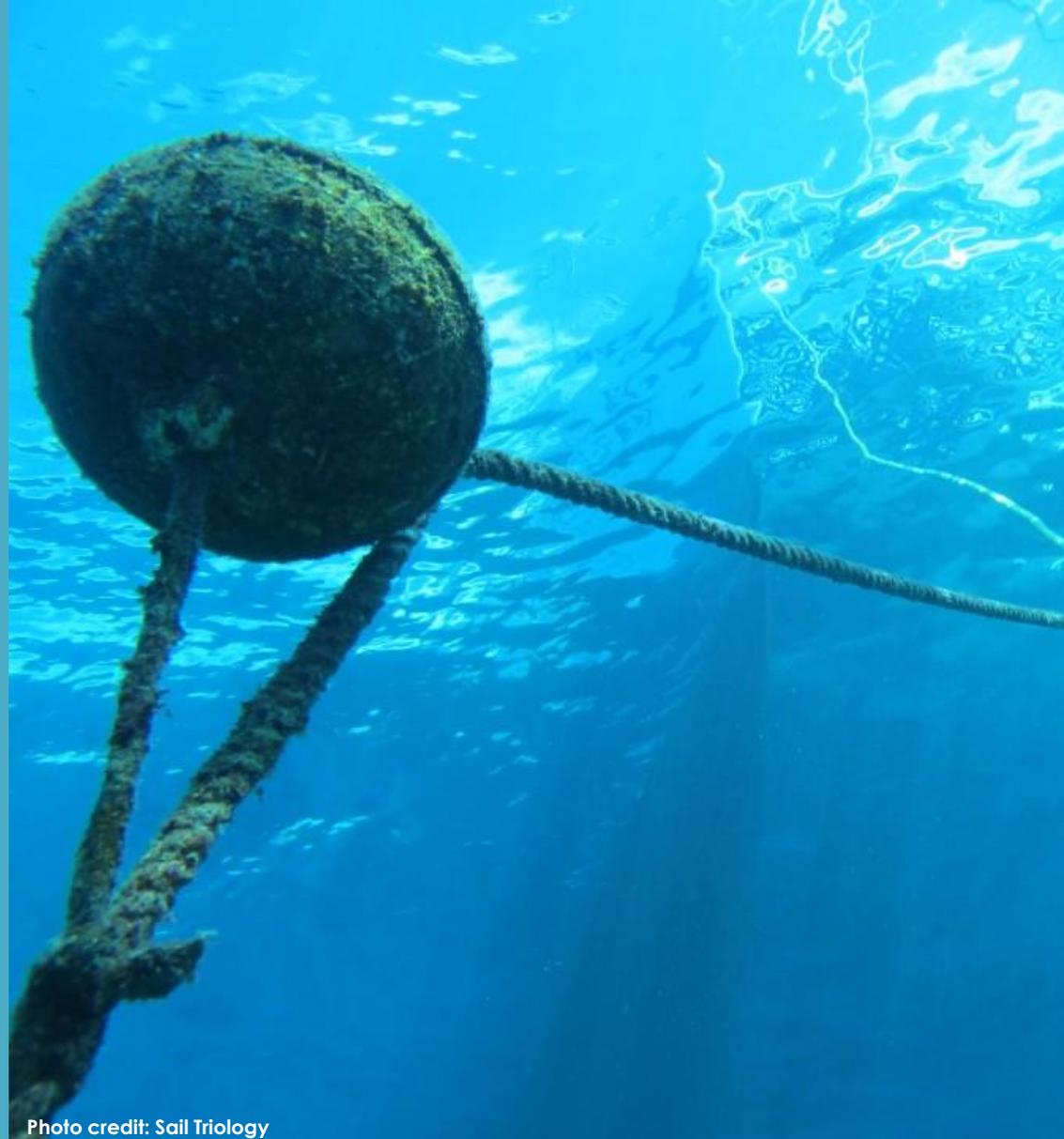
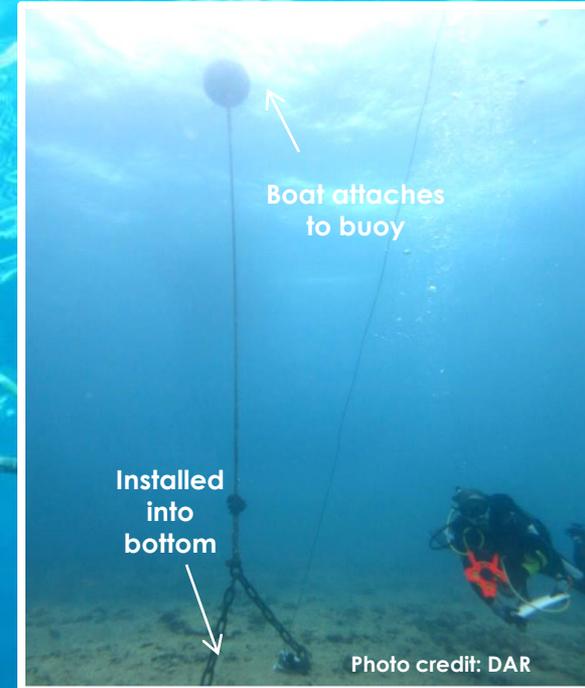


Photo credit: Sail Trilogy



- Buoy locations can be seen on the DOBOR website
- Buoys may only be used for 2.5 hours if another vessel is waiting

## State Rules

A vessel can use day use moorings for up to 2.5 hours when another vessel is waiting to use the buoy.

Overnight mooring is prohibited,

No anchoring is allowed within 100 yards of any day use mooring.

# BOATING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



# LIFE JACKETS



## Type 1 – offshore

For extended survival in rough, open water



## Type 2 - nearshore

For inland, calm water



## Type 3 – flotation aid

For water sports and boating activities

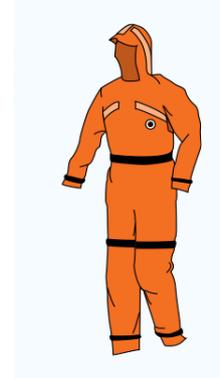


## Type 4 – throwable

Can be used anywhere, also includes cushions, buoys

## Type 5 – special use

Includes deck suits, work vests, etc.



- There are several types of life jackets. Choose yours based on your boating activity
- Children under 13 must wear a life jacket at ALL TIMES

## Federal Rules

All recreational vessels must carry one wearable life jacket for each person on board. Any boat 16 feet and longer (except canoes and kayaks) must also carry one throwable (Type 4) cushion or buoy; Children under 13 must wear life jackets while the boat is docked, launching, underway, drifting, grounded, and anchored offshore; Children are not required to wear a life jacket while they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin; Not all inflatable PFDs will be counted toward carriage requirements unless they are worn.

# Special Water Activities



# SURFING

- Tow-in surfing
- Windsurfing
- Kite surfing
- Surf lessons



# TOW-IN SURFING



- Tow-in surfing can take place only in certain areas at certain times, see DOBOR website

## State Rules

- Only thrill craft (jet ski) can be used;
- All thrill craft must be recorded with DLNR using appropriate forms;
- Tow-in surfing decals must be displayed on front half of vessel;
- Thrill craft operators and tow-in-surfers must complete the thrill craft certification course;
- Certain equipment is required, please refer to DOBOR website;
- Practice areas for tow-in surfing exist. You don't need a high surf warning but you need to be certified and have a Marine Event Permit (Marine/Ocean Waters Event or MOWE Permit).
- There are two practice areas in waters off Oahu.
- Practice is also allowed in waters off Kauai and Maui but there are no defined areas.
- Permits applications need to be turned in 30 days in advance because the USCG needs to review and sign off on all MOWE.

# WINDSURFING



- Certain areas are designated for windsurfing, see DOBOR website

Photo Credit: Lyndon Smith

## State Rules

Ingress/egress to the shoreline must be the most direct route;  
Maneuvering must adhere to same 'rules of the road' as a sailing vessel;  
May not be closer than 200 feet from a dive flag.

# KITE SURFING



Photo Credit: Pablo Soriano

- There are several 'best practices' for safe kite surfing maneuvering

## State Rules

Certain areas are closed to kite surfing activity for safety reasons (for example airport landing airspace). See DOBOR website.

# SURF LESSONS



Photo Credit: Imagesby Trista

**State Rules**

# CONTROLLED OCEAN SPORTS

- Thrill craft
- Parasailing
- Water sledding
- High speed boating



# THRILL CRAFT



- Thrill craft may also be called jet skis or Personal Water Craft (PWC)

## State Rules

Must be 15 years old to operate;

No thrill craft within Marine Life Conservation Districts (MLCDs) or Natural Area Reserves (NARs);

Must take and pass the required thrill craft operator course and carry certificate;

Thrill craft may operate in designated zones w/in Ocean Recreation Management Areas; and beyond 500 feet from shore or outer edge of the fringing reef in a non-designated ORMA, out to a distance of two miles off of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii;

Commercial thrill craft operations need a Commercial Operating Area Use permit.

(see DOBOR website for additional commercial rules)

# PARASAILING



Photo Credit: Katie Schon

## State Rules

Commercial parasailing operators must have a Commercial Operating Area Use Permit;  
Only one parasail may be in use at a time per vessel;  
Parasailing vessels may not operate within 300 feet of the shoreline;  
Parasailing may be restricted in certain areas and/or at certain times such as humpback whale season;  
Additional rules apply, see DOBOR website.

# WATER SLEDDING



Photo: Böhringer Friedrich

## State Rules

Must have a Commercial Operating Area Use permit in a designated commercial water sledding operation area;

A commercial use permit is also required for State-owned harbor or boat launching facilities;

Commercial Operating Areas Use permits are specifically assigned to each company for a set location;

May have specific restrictions in certain areas, see DOBOR website;

Any public citizen can go water sledding, tubing, and skiing non commercially sunrise to sunset. If they use a thrill craft for this type of activity however this must comply with thrill craft rules.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Skiing
- Diving



# SKIING



## State Rules

- Required to have a sober and competent boat driver and observer (or driver can employ a rear-view mirror to monitor the person being towed);
- No skiing at night (sunset to sunrise);
- Boat must have a ladder and a lifesaving device;
- No water-skiing while intoxicated;
- Use hand signals while water-skiing activities.

# DIVING

## Snorkeling



Photo: Jenny W.



## Spearfishing



Photo: David Sakoda

## Free Diving



Photo: extremesports.com



## SCUBA Diving



### State Rules

These activities require use of a dive flag.

Diver must mark position with a dive flag while diving and may not surface more than 100 ft from dive flag (except in emergency).

Divers in water (12" x 12" Red and white).

Vessels < 16' (12" x 12" Red and white).

Vessels > 16' (12" x 24" Red and white + Blue and White ALFA).

# COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT



- Commercial Operators may register at any DOBOR District Office

## State Rules

Any company or individual conducting commercial activity must contact the DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) to get a commercial activity permit; Commercial activities include surf and stand-up paddle boarding schools, kayaking companies, snorkeling and scuba diving tours and any type of commercial recreational activity happening in state waters.

# RESPECTING MARINE LIFE



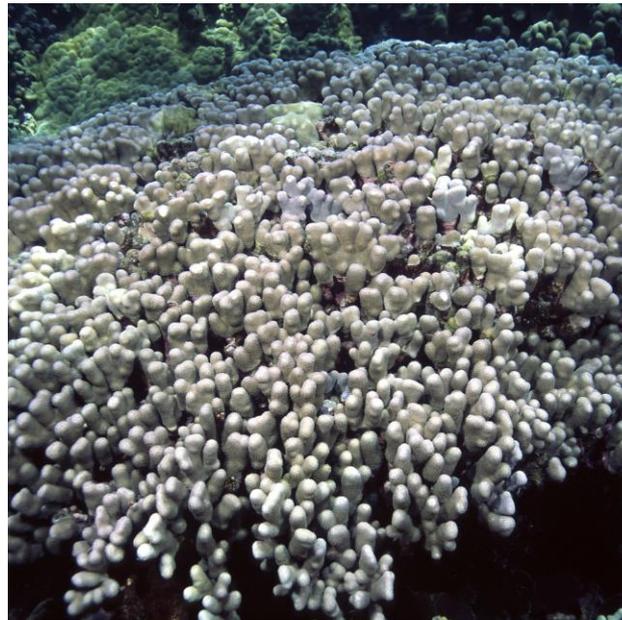
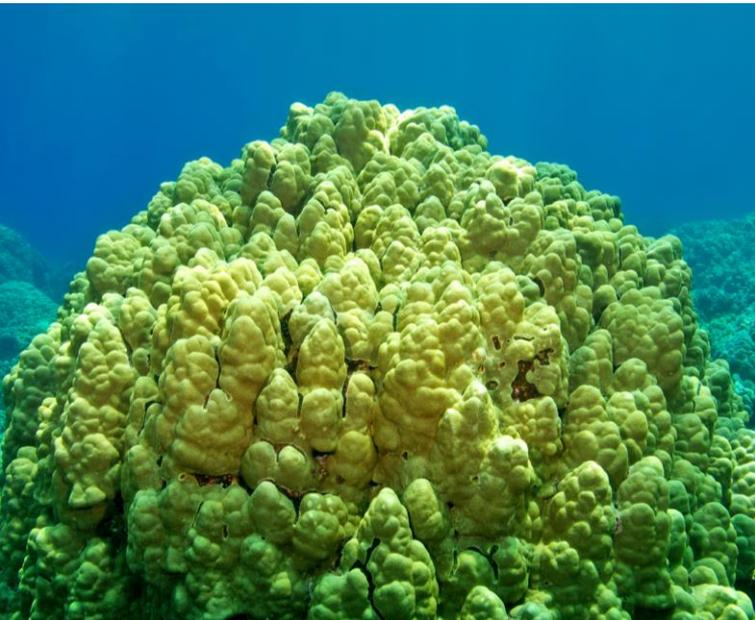
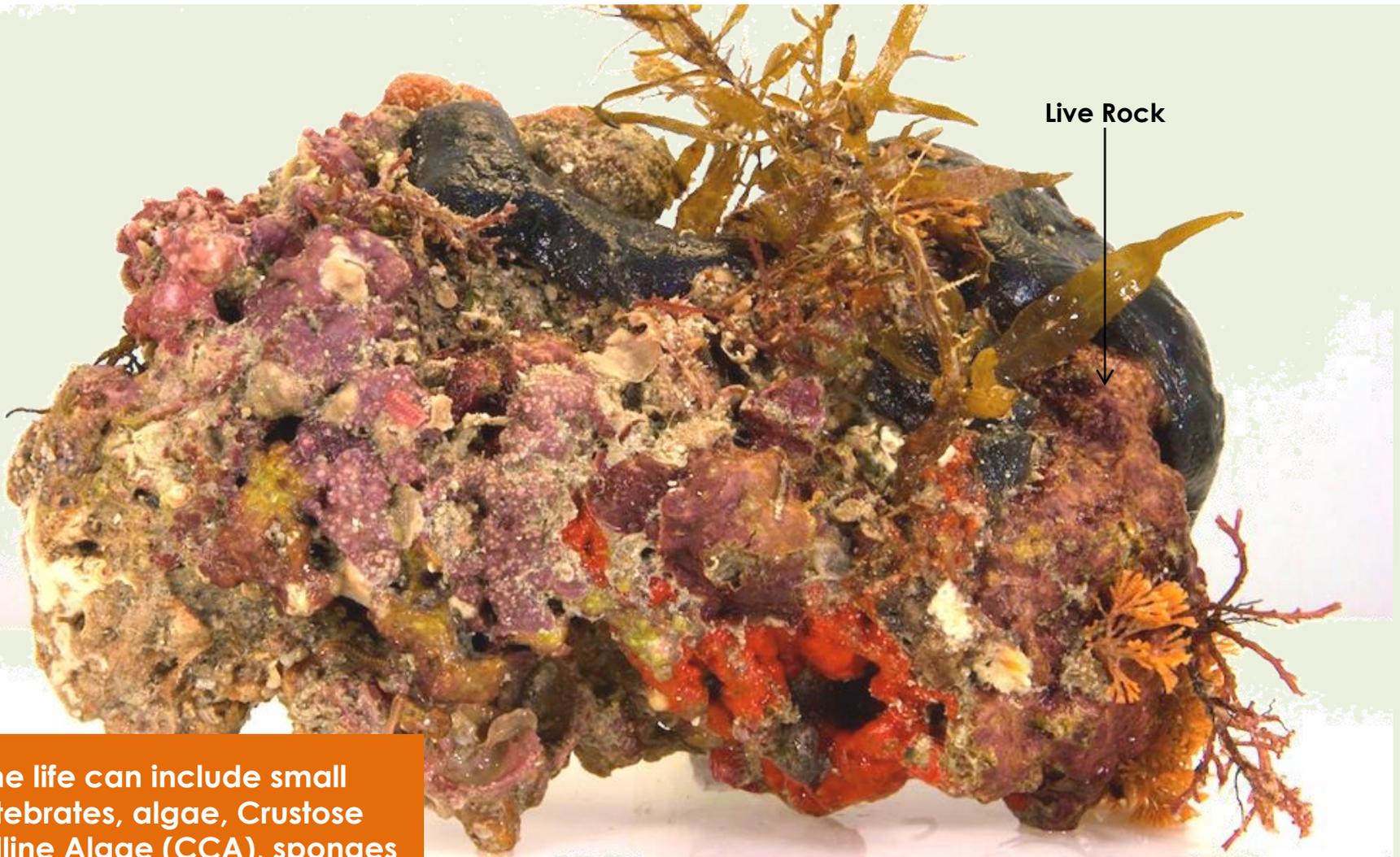


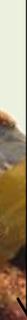
Photo credit: Keoki Stender

### State Rules

Unlawful to take, break, damage, or sell corals (dead or alive),  
Damage includes: sediments, pollutants, and vessel groundings.



Live Rock



- Marine life can include small invertebrates, algae, Crustose Coralline Algae (CCA), sponges

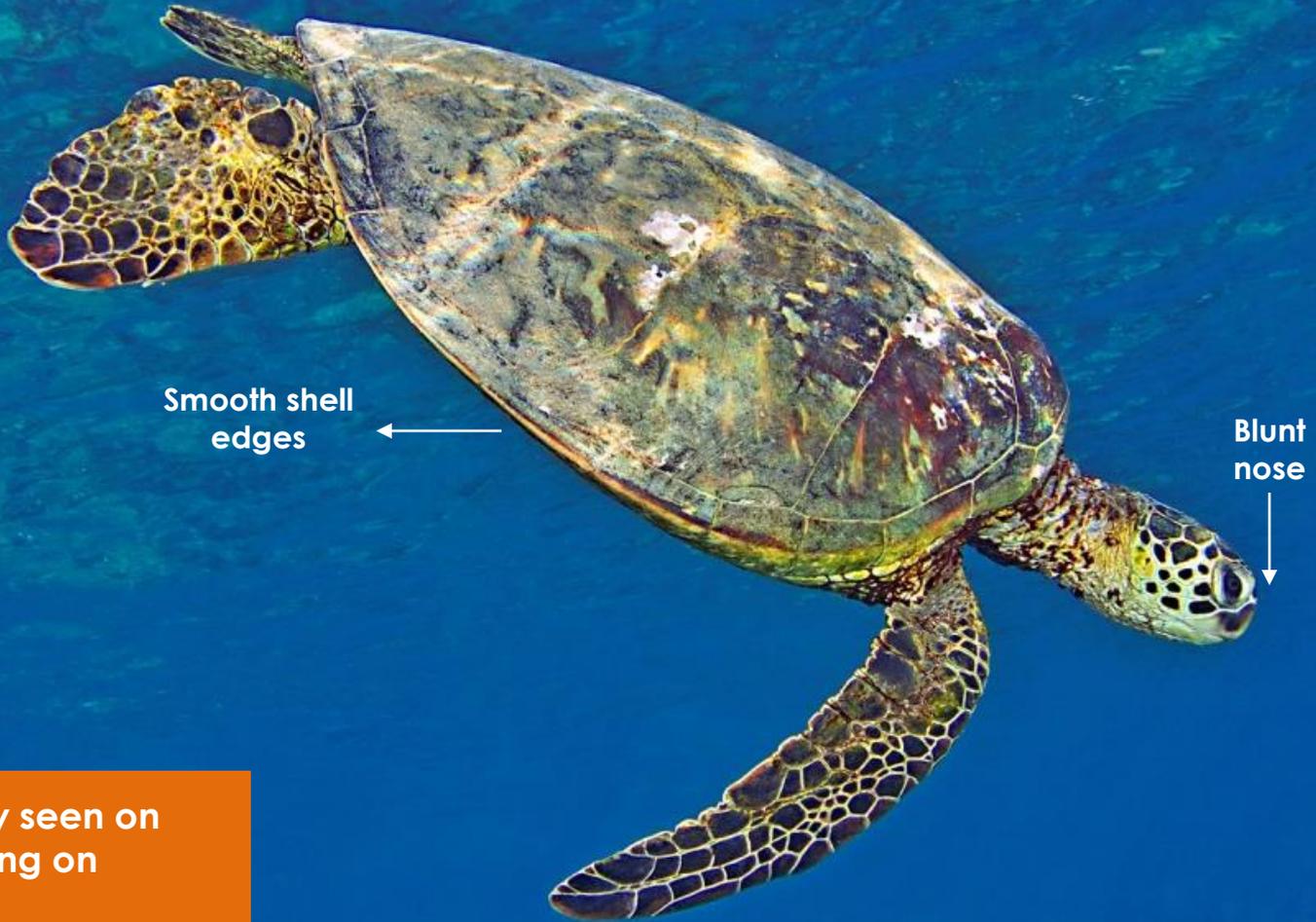
### Prohibited to take

Unlawful to take, break, damage, or sell live rocks,  
Damage includes: sediments, pollutants, and vessel groundings.

*Honu*

Green Turtle/Kame

*Chelonia mydas*



Smooth shell  
edges

Blunt  
nose

- Very commonly seen on reefs and basking on beaches
- Sometimes seen with Fibropapilloma tumors

Photo credit: Keoki Stender

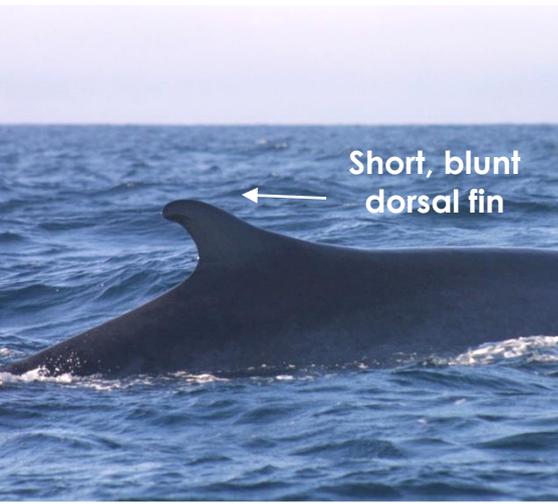
### State Rules

Federally protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) where it is listed as threatened;  
No open season in state waters.

*Koholā*

Humpback whale

*Megaptera novaeangliae*



Short, blunt  
dorsal fin



Photo credit: Keoki Stender



Large,  
distinct  
fluke fin

Photo: The Dolphin Institute  
NMFS permit #1071-1770-00

- Commonly seen in certain areas during winter months (Nov – Mar)
- Often seen at surface splashing, breaching

### State Rules

No take under State rules;  
Protected by Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA).;  
Must remain at least 100 yds away within all waters.

*'i lio-holo-i-ka-ua ua*

Hawaiian Monk Seal

*Monachus schauinslandi*



- Only seal species in Hawaii
- Rare to see resting on beaches or swimming close to shore
- Roughly 1,200 individuals remaining

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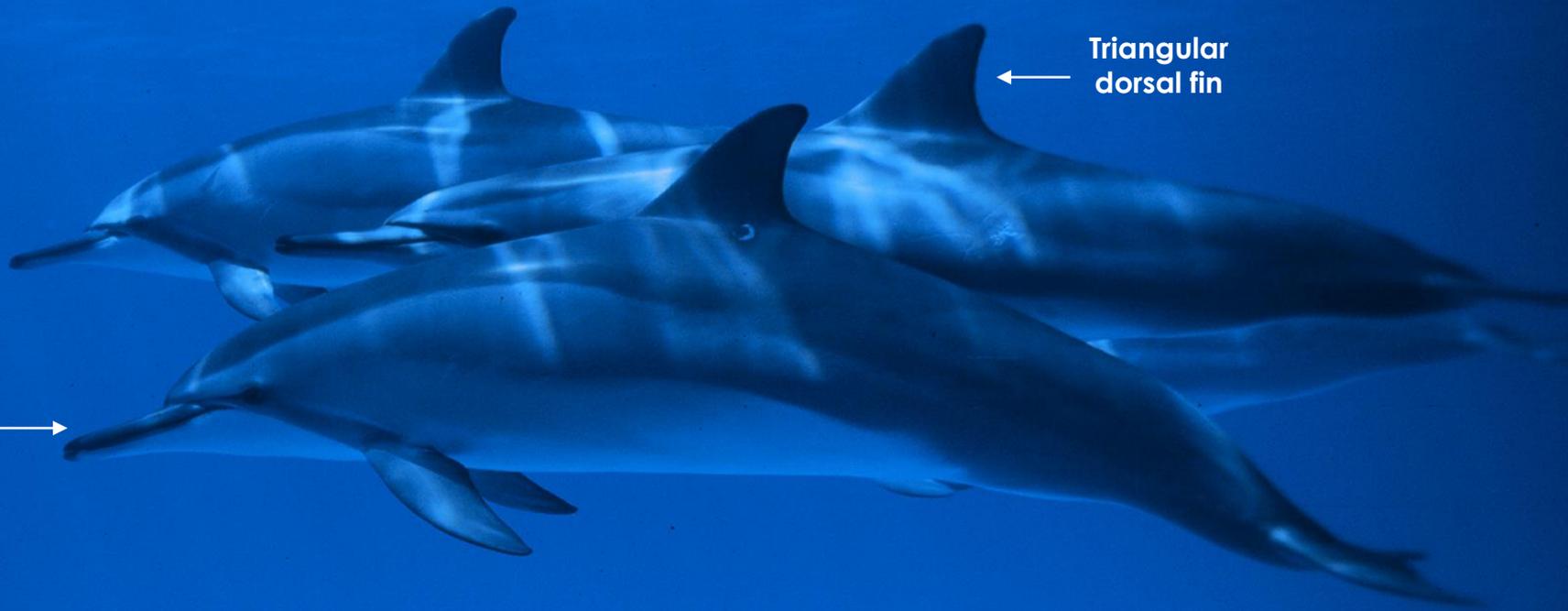
### State Rules

Illegal to molest, kill, capture, or possess at any time.  
Protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

*Nai'a*

Spinner Dolphin

*Stenella longirostris*



Long,  
narrow  
nose

Triangular  
dorsal fin



Dark and light  
grey banded  
coloring

Photo credit: James Watt

Photo credit: Keoki Stender

- Found in calm, sandy bays during the day and open water at night
- Often seen “spinning” at surface

## Prohibited

No take under state rules;  
protected by Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

*Manō lālākea*

Whitetip Reef Shark/Nemuribuka

*Triaenodon obesus*



*Manō kihikihi*

Scalloped Hammerhead Shark

*Sphyrna lewini*



*Manō*

Tiger shark/Itachizame

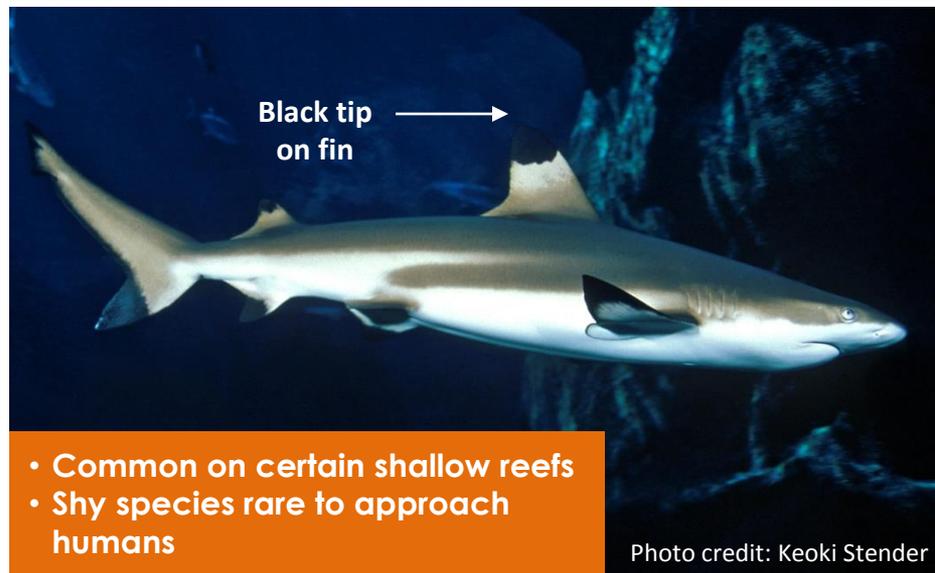
*Galeocerdo cuvier*



*Manō Paele*

Blacktip Reef Shark

*Carcharhinus melanopterus*



### State Rules

Illegal to feed in state waters, Illegal to possess, sell, or trade shark (any species) fins.

### West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area (FMA)

Illegal to take, kill, possess, sell, or offer for sale, ANY specimen of blacktip reef shark, whitetip reef shark, tiger shark.

*Hāhālua*

Manta Ray

*Manta alfredi*



Two lobes

- Common in certain coastal areas
- Feed at night on plankton
- Typical size can range from 6 – 12 ft

Photo credit: Keoki Stender

**State Rules**

Illegal to capture or kill.

Hihimanu/lupe/pe'a

Spotted Eagle Ray

*Aetobatus ocellatus*

White spots



- Can be large, up to 6ft wide
- Rare to see, usually in sandy or rubble areas

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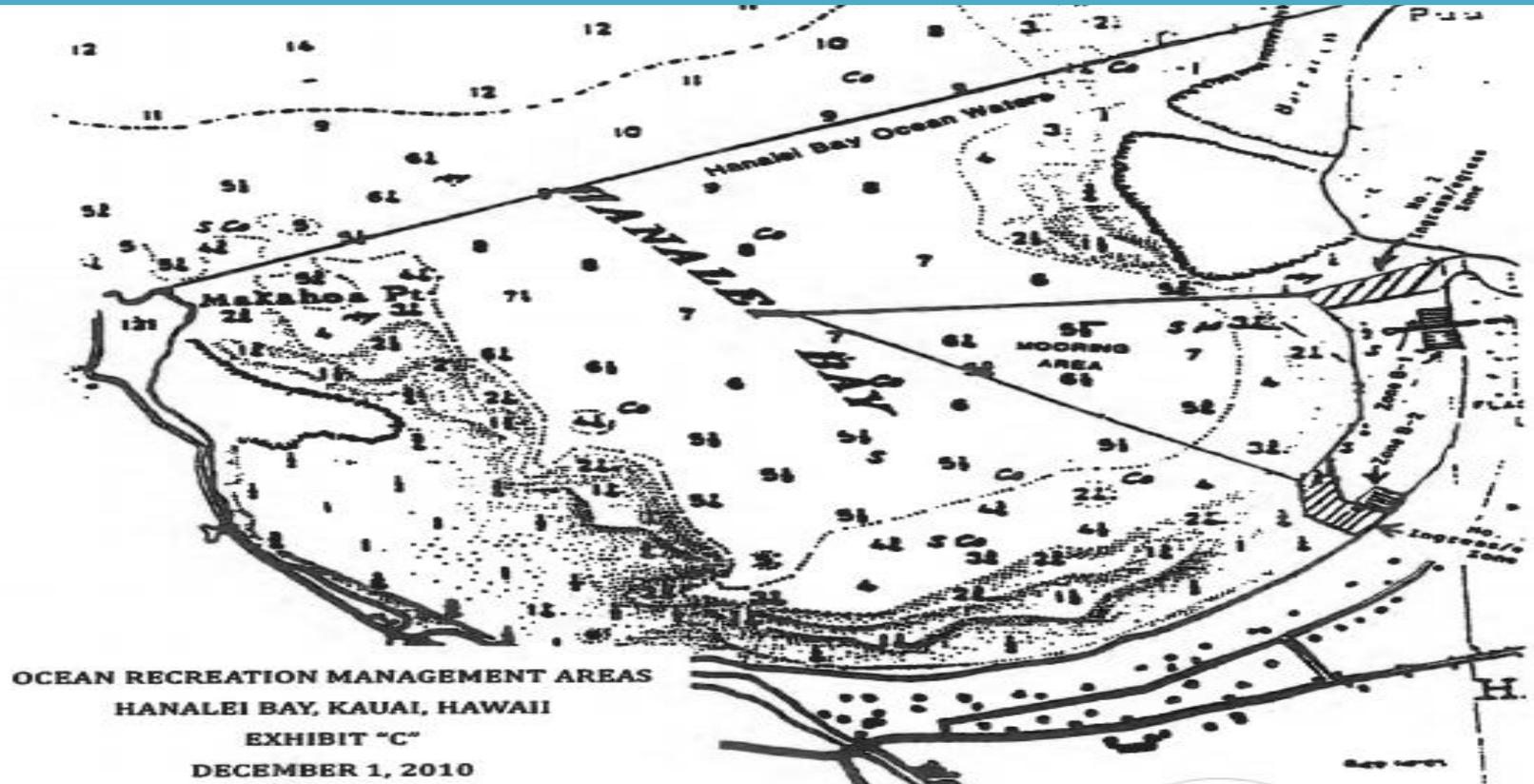
**West Hawaii Regional FMA ONLY**

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# OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREAS

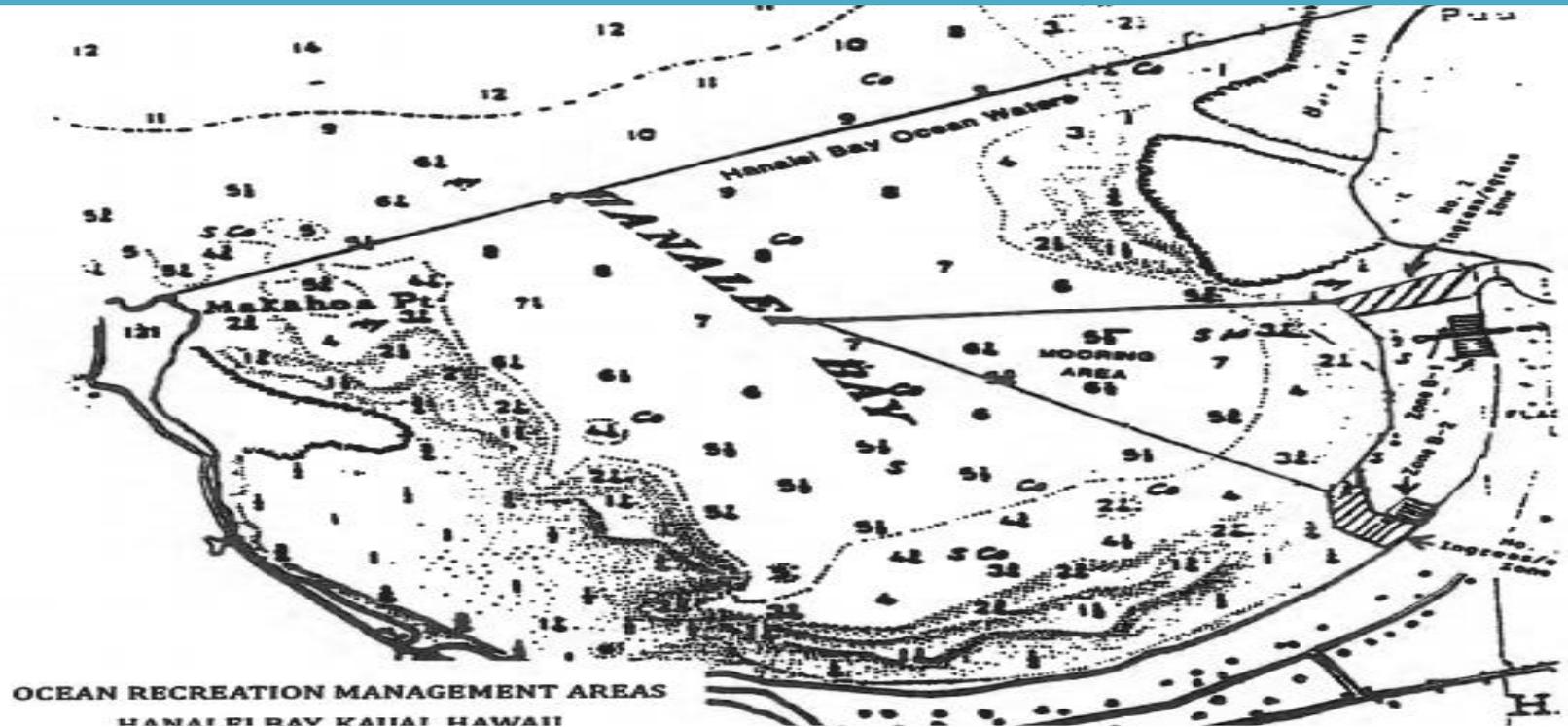
# HANAIEI BAY OCEAN WATERS



## State Rules

1. SLOW-NO WAKE WITHIN 500 FT OF SHORELINE, INGRESS/EGRESS ZONE, DESIGNATED MOORING AREA OR ON HANAIEI RIVER
2. NO MOTORBOAT 300 FT OF DIVER FLAG OR DESIGNATED SWIM AREAS (FISHING VESSEL < 30 FT IS EXEMPT)
3. NO ANCHORING OR MOORING EXCEPT DESIGNATED MOORING AREA
4. NO FISHING VESSEL > 30FT MAY FISH EXCEPT POLE AND LINE IN HANAIEI BAY OCEAN WATERS
5. NO COMMERCIAL VESSEL LOAD OR UNLOAD PASSENGERS W/OUT DOBOR PERMIT AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY (AUTHORIZED VESSELS USE INGRESS/EGRESS ZONE)
6. FIVE (5) COMMERCIAL USE PERMITS FOR SELF-PROPELLED VESSELS TO LOAD AND UNLOAD PASSENGERS AT BAY PERMITS LIMITED TO PASSENGER VESSELS CERTIFIED BY COAST GUARD TO CARRY 25 OR FEWER PASSENGERS AND EACH PERMIT SHALL AUTHORIZE CARRYING OF NO MORE THAN 30 PASSENGERS DAILY

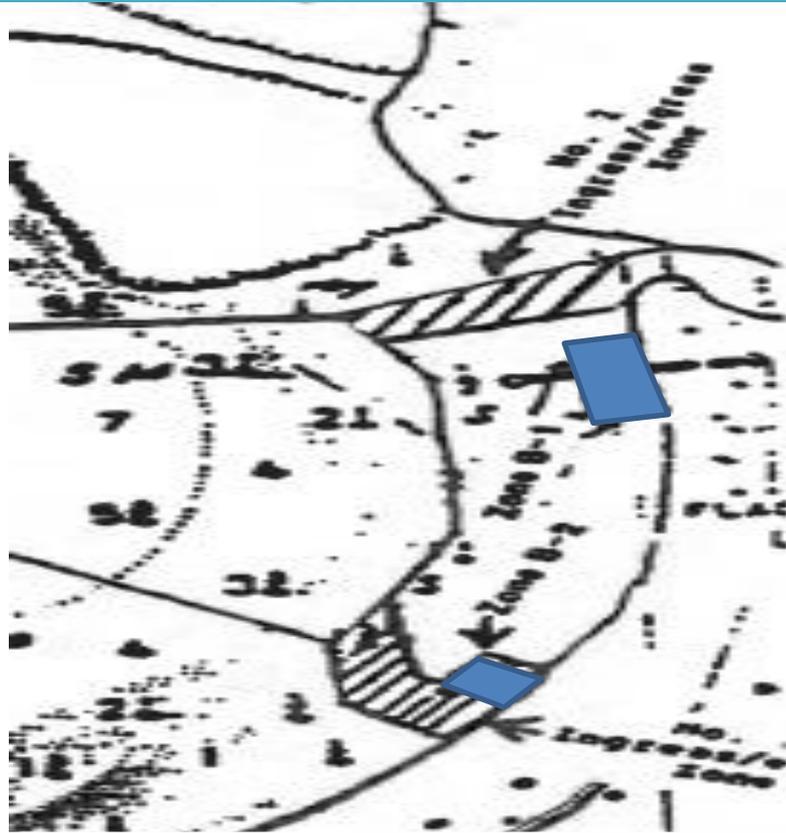
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## State Rules

7. TWO (2) COMMERCIAL USE PERMITS FOR HANAIEI LAUNCH RAMP FOR KAYAK TOURS. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF KAYAKS PER TRIP PER PERMITS SHALL NOT EXCEED 8, AND NO MORE THAN 30 PASSENGERS SHALL BE ALLOWED PER DAY  
1 KAYAK GUIDE REQUIRED FOR EACH GROUP OF 8
8. NO COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS OR TOURS MAY BE CONDUCTED W/OUT DOBOR PERMIT AND APPROVAL BY COUNTY  
DOBOR MAY ISSUE A TOTAL OF 8 PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS INSTRUCTION, INCLUDING SURFING AND SUP  
EACH PERMIT AUTHORIZES 1 INSTRUCTOR PER DAY TO CONDUCT INSTRUCTION, AND NO MORE THAN 4 STUDENTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME  
DOBOR MAY DESIGNATE SITE OF INSTRUCTION AND HOURS OF OPERATION, AND MAY CHANGE SITE WHENEVER SUCH CHANGES IS FOUND TO BE NECESSARY  
COMMERCIAL WATER SPORTS INSTRUCTION INCLUDE COMMERCIAL KAYAK TOURS, CANOE RIDES, DIVING, SNORKELING, PARASAILING, SURFING, SAILBOARDING AND OTHER WATER-RELATED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

# HANALEI BAY OCEAN WATERS



## State Rules – Swim Zones

DESIGNATED FOR BATHING AND SWIMMING

NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE OR MOOR A VESSEL, SAILBOARD, OR ANY OTHER RECREATION DEVICE WITHIN ZONE

THIS RESTRICTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO

- A) VESSELS ENGAGED IN SMALL-SCALE SURROUND NET FISHING W/OUT THE USE OF MOTORS OR FISHING AND CRABBING FROM SHORE
- B) HAWAIIAN DESIGN OUTRIGGER CANOES

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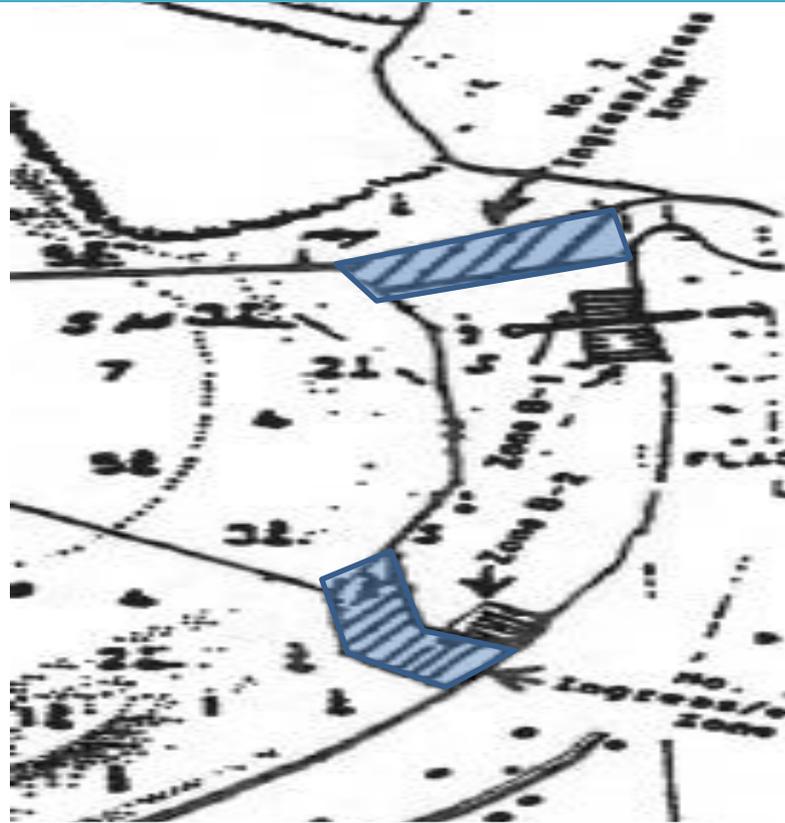


## State Rules- Mooring Zone

THE DESIGNATED MOORING AREA FOR THE MOORING OR ANCHORING OF VESSELS, RAFTS, BARGES, PLATFORMS AND OTHER WATERCRAFT IS THE AREA ENCOMPASSED BY THE BOUNDARIES

1. ALL VESSELS, RAFTS, BARGES, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER WATERCRAFT WITHIN HANAIEI BAY OCEAN WATERS SHALL BE MOORED OR ANCHORED SOLELY WITHIN DESIGNATED AREA
2. NO PERSON SHALL ANCHOR, MOOR OR STAY ABOARD A VESSEL EXCEPT THOSE EQUIPPED WITH AN APPROVED MARINE SANITATION DEVICE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION
3. NO PERMANENT MOORING SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE DESIGNATED MOORING AREA EXCEPT BY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT

# HANAIEI BAY OCEAN WATERS



## State Rules – Ingress/Egress Zones

VESSELS SHALL ACCESS THE BEACH AND SHALL BE ACCESSED FROM THE BEACH SOLELY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INGRESS/EGRESS ZONES.

ZONE NUMBER ONE BEGINS COUNTY PARK PAVILLION PARCEL AND EXTENDS SOUTHWEST ALONG SHORELINE A DISTANCE OF 300 FT, AND SEAWARD TO DESIGNATED MOORING AREA

ZONE NUMER TWO BEGINS AT THE NORTH BANK OF HANAIEI RIVER AND EXTENDS SOUTHWARD ACROSS THE HANAIEI RIVER MOUTH TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BLACK POT PARK, AND SEAWARD TO DESIGNATED MOORING AREA



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