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DLNR HOLDS MEETING TO DISCUSS DATE FOR MALA RAMP CLOSURE FOR REPAIRS

HONOLULU — The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) Maui district will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, of Mala Ramp users to provide an update on when materials for construction of ramp repairs are expected to arrive. DOBOR officials will discuss when a new date for ramp closure can be set to allow the planned repair project to start. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Inn Snug Harbor Room, 658 Wharf St. in Lahaina.

The repair project is expected to take approximately 60 days.

"We will keep this heavily used facility open ramp open to accommodate local fishers who want to launch into the waters off western Maui during the holiday season when demand for access and certain fish stocks is high," said William J. Aila, DLNR chairperson. "We have assurances from our Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, the agency that maintains and manages the facility, that it is physically possible for the ramp and existing piers to remain open and usable until the repair project start date."

Once the project begins, the facility will close completely while the \$892,000 project to replace the facility's two concrete loading docks is underway.

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