

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WEST MAUI OCEAN RECREATION
MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Prepared by

THE STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION

In response to Act 194, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012

October 2014

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WEST MAUI OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

This report complies with Act 194, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish the temporary West Maui Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committee (Committee) to advise DLNR on state waters within the area, particularly with respect to Kaanapali and requires a report to be submitted no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session.

ACTIONS

The Committee was established and the first order of business was to determine where the existing swim buoys, located at Canoe Beach, Maui, should be relocated to and whether to adjust the ingress/egress corridor currently being used by the commercial vessels utilizing the beach. The new swim buoy locations were determined and the swim buoys were relocated further out to sea in order to encompass the entire canoe regatta racing area.

Several alternate commercial thrill craft operating areas were identified and the current operator has agreed to relocate their operation. The reason for this was to help facilitate the return of fish schools so fisherman could begin to fish the area again.

Finally, commercial operators agreed to relocate their ingress/egress operating area further down the beach in order to ensure that they did not interfere with recreational activities occurring on Canoe Beach.

All recommendations of the Committee have been addressed and no further actions were requested from the Committee.