

Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council Meeting
Agenda
August 3, 2022
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Online or call-in via ZOOM
(Zoom info listed below)

or

In-person at:
The Key Project, RM 102
47-200 Waihee Rd, Kaneohe, HI 96744

1. Opening (Introductions)
2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
3. Approval of Council minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting (Action Item)
4. Discussion regarding commercial activity in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)
5. Adoption of Council resolution relating to kayak rentals around Kāneʻohe Bay (Action Item)
6. Introduction of Council resolution concerning commercial activity in Kāneʻohe Bay (Action Item)
7. Suggestions of future agenda items (Non-Action Item)
8. Scheduling of next Council meeting (Non-Action Item)
9. Adjournment (Action Item)

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**Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council Resolution
relating to kayak rentals around Kāneʻohe Bay**

July 27, 2022

WHEREAS in the early 1990's there were extensive community conversations that led to the development of the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan (KBMP); and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan is to:

- *“Preserve and protect the unique natural resources of Kaneohe Bay for the continued enjoyment of the general public;*
- *Resolve conflicting uses problems between recreational users of the Bay, the general public and commercial ocean recreation operations; and*
- *Assess the environmental and ecological impacts of activities on the Bay”; and*

WHEREAS a key component of the KBMP was a community compromise to manage commercial recreation through limits on the number, size, and capacity of operations to protect and preserve the natural resource and respect its cultural significance, which has endured for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS without the limits established in the KBMP in 1992, and now with 10 million visitors annually, Kāneʻohe Bay would certainly suffer from overuse; and

WHEREAS in recent years, additional commercial recreation operations have been noticed occurring daily in and around the Bay that have potential for significant impact on the natural resource of Kāneʻohe Bay, including kayak rentals from Heʻeia State Park, kayak rentals and other commercial activity at Heʻeia Small Boat Harbor and from Kāneʻohe Marine Corps Base Headquarters, kayak rentals along Kamehameha Hwy at Pokole beach, kayak rentals fronting Kualoa Regional Park and from Waiahole Park, and increasingly kayak rentals from private lands around Kāneʻohe Bay, as well as various commercial ocean recreation activities occurring on Sundays by Kualoa Ranch from the shoreline of “Secret Island” in Hakipuʻu including snorkeling, kayak rentals, stand-up paddleboarding and canoe rides; and

WHEREAS recent proposed legislation was designed to clarify that the commercial recreation compromise agreements that were reached to protect the Bay includes rental of kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards and other related watercraft within the specific limitations of the KBMP; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council urges DLNR to fully regulate all existing rules regarding commercial operations to clarify and strengthen community compromises agreed to in the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan to limit commercial ocean recreation on Kāneʻohe Bay in order to preserve and protect the natural resource; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council urges DLNR, working with the Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council, to consider developing additional clarifying rules to address the increasing proliferation of kayak rentals and other watercraft using Kāneʻohe Bay through a community process that places the protection of the natural resource and associated cultural significance at the forefront.