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August 29, 2024

TO: Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson

Department of Land and Natural Resources

FROM: David Sakoda, Fisheries Program Manager

Division of Aquatic Resources

SUBJECT: Request to appoint hearings officers to conduct public hearings to adopt Hawaii

Administrative Rules (HAR) chapter 13-48.5, "Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management

Area, 'Oahu".

The Division of Aquatic Resources ("DAR") requests the appointment of hearing officers to conduct chapter 91 public rulemaking hearings for the proposed adoption of HAR chapter 13-48.5, "Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, 'Oahu". The proposed rules would: 1) Describe the purpose of the chapter; 2) Provide definitions of relevant terms as used in the chapter; 3) Prescribe the duration of the Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area ("FMA")(until June 30, 2026); 4) Delineate the boundaries of the Maunalua Bay FMA; 5) Prescribe the permitted and prohibited activities within the Maunalua Bay FMA; 6) Carve out an exception allowing vessels in possession of restricted gear or species to traverse through the Maunalua Bay FMA as long as they remain in active transit; 7) Establish the administrative and criminal penalties that may be imposed for violations of the chapter; 8) Recognize the State's asset forfeiture authority as an enforcement tool for violations of the chapter and to facilitate enforcement of the chapter by providing the Department with the appropriate range of tools to deter violations; 9) Include a severability clause, which is a standard inclusion when new administrative rules are proposed. The requested appointees for the respective locations and dates are listed below:

David Sakoda, DAR Fisheries Program Manager – Online via Zoom (10/02/24) Bryan Ishida, Aquatic Biologist – Commercial Fisheries – Kalani High School Cafeteria (10/02/24)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (808) 265-0629 or via e-mail at David.Sakoda@hawaii.gov .	
✓ APPROVED □ DENIED	
	Aug 30, 2024
Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson Board of Land and Natural Resources	DATE