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Nāpali Coast is one of the places that I grew up in. My *makua kane* (father) is a fisherman and he always takes me and my family to Nāpali to go riding or camp at Miloli'i during the summer or whenever the water is nice and calm. The earliest memory I have of going to Nāpali was my birthday weekend. We were camping in Polihale and my dad brought his boat and we went riding to Nāpali Coast. We went to Miloli'i and when we beached the boat me and my dad went walking on the sand to look for seashells. At the end of the shoreline we saw a *honu* (Hawaiian sea turtle) and a *'Īlio-holo-i-ka-uaua* (Hawaiian monk seal) sleeping on the sand. We also often see Hawaiian spinner dolphins in Nāpali. They are very friendly and often like to stick around the boats when they are moving. The person I interviewed was my dad. He talks about the problems facing Nāpali and how we can solve those problems.

My dad knows Nāpali coast like his backyard. He has been going there since he was 13 years old. Compared to when my dad first went there to now he says there were some differences. For example he says that there were more sand and more fish. The walk on Miloli'i sand was longer. Whenever they went to Miloli'i they would go camping and catch fish but what he liked the most was the peace and quiet and being able to live off the land.

In the interview my father talks about the tourism problem which is that there are so many tour boats and tourists coming and going into Nāpali and they go diving and swimming and most of their sunscreen is polluting the ocean. Our reef is in danger if there are more and more tourists coming. And the reef supports a food chain that includes thousands of creatures. My dad's solution is to regulate the tourists, if you do that then less tour boats get to come and less people polluting the ocean. Nāpali reefs are also in danger due to tourists. They go diving and they affect the reef by touching, sitting, or trampling on it. Tourists often grab sea creatures from the reef such as octopus, sea cucumber, sea urchins and more. To reduce this problem in Hawai'i tour boats should educate and inform all tourists not to disturb the sea life.

Miloli'i is a beach along the Nāpali coast. Lots of tourists go there to beach there kayaks and canoes and they camp there or just stop there for a while. Sometimes when there are monk seals the tourists like to get a closer look at them and they often go too close which puts both them and the seals in danger. And when the turtles lay their eggs there they can often be disturbed by tourists. Which is why we need more signs or signals indicating that they cannot go near the turtles and seals.

Nāpali Coast is a really important spot on Kaua'i that shouldn't be harmed in any way. In conclusion Nāpali coast should be more protected from tourists and tour boats. Nāpali Coast also means a lot to me and my family. We spend so much time in the water and it's such a beautiful place that shouldn't be changed.