

RESPONSES TO OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS:

In a few cases, these have been edited to remove personal details. Also, the order of responses to each question is alphabetical, so Response 1 to one question is probably not by the person who gave Response 1 to another question.

Please share any additional comments about the management of the Ka'awaloa section.

1. Above all you need toilet facilities there. The local community offered to install composting toilets paid with donations at least 18 years ago. The State refused permission, insisting it is State responsibility. Since then the State has spent millions of our tax dollars making plan after plan, but is still telling us it will take years to install a toilet. I think the State should be banned from even talking about Kealakekua Bay until functional toilets are installed at Ka'awaloa.
2. Add a few moorings for recreational boats first come, first serve. Enforce no dolphin swimming in bay.
3. Charge fee
4. CLOSE KA'AWALOA to all --boaters/hikers/swimmers/sups--leave as raw coastal land w/ maintenance/clean-up by DLNR
5. Definitely no removal of park, basketball/volleyball grassy area. Community uses that space for gatherings, family reunions, and peaceful activities.
6. Expedite installation of toilet facilities.
7. Hiking is an International venue, by limiting or stopping it you would be sending another message that trails on the BI are not for public use. If permits where to be given annual permits should first be given to residence who could become trail volunteers and guides.
8. I currently have a permit to paddle board and truly enjoy it. But what upsets me is how the kayak people who rent chase the dolphins. I also do not like seeing big boats with motors doing the same thing. The bay is beautiful and clean and I would love to keep it that way. I could see a monthly crew of locals volunteer to help with cleaning up of water and surrounding. I would love to be part of this.
9. I have lived here for many years, often hiking the trail. There are relatively few hikers and visitors to the monument, and I dont feel there is a problem since its self managed in many ways. But if the area is exploited and tourist exhibits are installed there will be more, possibly creating a problem. The only concern I have is regarding vegetation on the trail. This can be a safety hazard for hikers and should be kept under control by the State, instead of relying on a few local residents to clear it ever so often.
10. I live in Kealakekua and would like to have some day mooring available or small craft up to 30' available, I would also like to have access to the bay to anchor or take a mooring swim around by the monument
11. I would like to see more protection of the dolphins, including making swimming with the dolphins and chasing after them in the water forbidden with a park employee overseeing the situation twenty four hours a day. Thank you
12. I would prefer to see no development at Ka'awaloa, I think it will be much harder to control the amount of people entering the water from shore and stepping on and damaging the coral
13. I'd like to see mooring for non-commercial use, if some sort of landing is not available. Right now residents must drag their watercraft behind them while snorkeling.

14. I'd recommend access to Ka'awaloa only by road. All water vessels should be prohibited to access Ka'awaloa flats.
15. If we allow visitors to go at their own pace like City of Refuge, it is good. Just remind them about sacred areas for respect. Not necessary to have guided tours, but signs to educate and pictures to foreign visitors who cannot read English. Establish a beautiful Park for relaxing and looking to the ocean. Kayaking should not interfere with swimmers area. We want to make sure that Drug Pushers are not taking advantage of the concessions for their illegal operations. It was very prevalent at the Bay when the wharf was taken over by the Kayak vendors and drug people selling their stuffs to the tourist. Most people would bring their own lunch and drinks. Concessions may cause Rubbish problems and possible illegal activities.
16. Improved shoreline access for locals who want to launch kayaks. The small beach launch at Manini Beach is very crowded with swimmers.
17. In respect to the Hawaiians, you should ban kayaks and hikers until the waterless bathroom is installed.
18. Issue limited daily permits you could apply for on the computer like they do for rafting rivers on the mainland.
19. It should be noted for the public knowledge that the large permitted boat does contribute financially, and has an EA from 1990 when original permit was authorized.
20. Ka'awaloa is among the most important and untouched arch. resources in the state. DLNR cannot or will not enforce even the mildest rules in the Bay. Reason given is lack of funding...so why to even try to develop a full-on park when the State claims it cannot even afford a full time ranger??? We have terrible traffic on the only single lane road thru Napo'opo'o, so imagine how stupid it is to support any more "activities" that will make traffic worse.. I was on the KB State Hist. Park committee years ago. All of us were concerned Napo'opo'o residents, and we did not get paid a penny. We put it out to the community and they said they did not want a park. Still don't. Making this subject come around every 10 years or so is just a way to give a big wad of cash to Belt Collins. And it is a heck of a slap in our faces, to fund a very expensive study of a park that will never get built, instead of funding a full time DLNR Ranger to protect cultural and natural resources.. Me and many residents think along this line. How about a proposal to give up the Park Plan and use the planning money for a Ranger. This should test your sincerity.
21. Ka'awaloa needs to be protected. Non-Commercial activities should take precedence over Commercial.
22. Keep K'awaloa natural, non commercial and clean.
23. Keep the area as pristine as possible. Too many Hawaiian cultural areas are over-run with tourists. Don't make it Disneyland.
24. Large commercial boats should not be allowed in Kealakekua Bay. They totally dominate the area every day during many of the daylight hours and the amount of sunscreen alone entering the bay is destructive. Since we are experiencing a near catastrophic coral bleaching along our entire coast, access to these areas should be highly restricted. The health of the reef is on the line.
25. local access to the ocean should be restored and not restricted. commercial activities should be restricted and taxed. local residential access should not, we take care of our island.

26. Minimize/Stop all development of this very special place. Serious visitors currently have access and are able to enjoy this area as is. Improving Parking and further development will only bring greater numbers of tourist groups with little respect for the Aina. Commercial enterprises priorities are profit not protection of the fragile environment.
27. My wife and I rent a home on Kealakakua Bay [...]. I have my own kayak. One of the joys is kayaking in the bay. I did not answer many of the questions because you did not have boxes that fit my opinion. In fact, your lack of certain answers indicates a bias in making decisions about the bay and the flats. The No. 1 thing that cuts down on the integrity and enjoyment of the bay is all the commercial motorized boats. Some bring in a lot of people. They turn the bay into their own personal playground. There is a lot of jumping off the vessels into the water and a lot of hooting and hollering. There is a lot of noise pollution and water pollution. I've seen oil slicks from the boats. Most people wear sun screen that washes off easily in the water, contributing to the degradation of the coral. The smell of cooking meat on barbeques is disgusting. When the spinner dolphins are in the bay the motorized boats get way too close. I had an informative conversation with a retiring park ranger earlier this year. He admitted that the motorized commercial boats in the bay are a huge problem but will never be banned because these companies, especially the ones with the bigger vessels, make a ton of money. He said the local politicians are beholden to them and will throw a fit if DNLR does the right thing and bans them. My other complaint is that you have set the kayaking rules to benefit the commercial kayaking companies. Not being able to launch your own kayak at the wharf and not having a spot for permitted kayakers is not about preserving the integrity of the bay. It's about driving business to a few commercial outfitters who have undue influence over DLNR. A designated landing spot with toilet facilities and access for snorkeling for all kayakers is a must. I should have toilet access while kayaking in the bay. I should not have to tow my kayak with a line in order to snorkel. Solo kayakers are not the problem. The real problem is that the permitted kayaking companies want the rules set up to benefit their commercial interests. Same with the commercial motorized vessels. I could care less about all the interpretive stuff. You're really trying to turn the bay and the flat into a commercial operation. And, as the retiring ranger told me, you're wasting a ton of money with the company that is helping facilitate all this.
28. Need for toilets is critical. It would be great to have more educational information available on-site about the rich history of this site.
29. No commercial activity of any kind. No motorized access. Simple rules to protect area and enforce them.
30. One year non commercial private permits issued for paddle boards and kayaks at a small fee around \$10 per year with a sticker to put on board or kayak.
31. open Napoopoo landing to parking and daytime use now. balance recreation use with enviromental and cultural concerns Remove rocks from Napoopoo beach so could once again be a nice sandy beach
32. Please listen to the people of the area.
33. Please try to keep what is natural as natural as possible, less is more.
34. Preserve this special site, but limit visitors to control volume of traffic. Make people aware of the cultural and natural significance of the site. I would like my grandchildren to experience the magic, as I have over the years.

35. Prohibit all motorized vessels in the Bay because they are destroying the coral and fish and are dangerous to swimmers
36. Removal of haole Koa maybe but leave kiawe as its been here over 150 years and provides shade. Keep as natural as possible. No concessions
37. restore to mitigate damage, self guided tours. allow private permitted kayaks canoes to land
38. The "trail" is a county road. How does the state propose to close a county road? Assume ownership first?
39. The emphasis seems on "Commercial" activities but very little for locals and their friends and families who are the best instigators for visitors.
40. The only addition would be interpretive signs but since the signs degrade so quickly and or due to vandalism destroyed, these quickly become eye sores rather than adding interest. Recommend leaving area in it's natural state as currently found.
41. There would be a great benefit if the county and state could resolve issues with the Kaawaloa trail to include parking and restrooms at the top to limit human waste that has become a large problem. There should be only one kayak concession that is allowed access to the bay for commercial kayaks and canoes/SUPs. It should be up for bid annually and all other commercial vendors outside the preserve should not be allowed access to the Bay due to the illegal and dangerous activity we witness down here as residents. You need to get a waterless toilet in a lot quicker than 1-2 years. You need to have a ranger there daily at the pier or utilize the kayak company to have people as they do now, perhaps better trained to work under the State Parks system. Mahalo for your efforts to develop a plan to caretake this precious area.
42. This was my family's home, so I would like to see the toilet facilities installed sooner than a year or two.
43. we need a 21 first century dock to access this area, third world county ideas are ruining this area. moorings are needed like at great barrier Reef and Caribbean. Boat drifting and idling there motors for hours are doing more damage than 20 moorings. marine engines discharge more un-burn fuel and more NOX gases at idle. drifting is not environmentally safe.
44. We support only non-motorized vessels both recreational and commercial. We want to keep out all pollution while preserving the area's historical and peaceful nature. Mahalo
45. We would like local residents to have easy access to the bay for kayaking and paddle boards.
46. We would like to see sub-surface mooring balls available for any private boats so that individuals would be able to use the bay without having to anchor. This needs to be available for those who do not wish to have to be part of a commercial operation.
47. When my family and I swim near the monument it is extremely uncomfortable... many boats are motoring/idling around while their paying guests snorkel. The danger and odor and pollution is out of bounds. I feel if commercial motorized vehicles enter the park waters their guests should be able to swim to the reef and the motor boat leave the bay until pick up time. The for profit companies can have a kayak/canoe guide with life jackets, etc, stay near the guests. PLEASE take this into consideration. My [young son] had a boat pass within 1 foot of him... they never saw him swimming and he was over the reef. Mahalo,
48. Would like to see it kept as is, without access from shore or vessels
49. You do not address those of us who live in Captain Cook who obtain permits from DLNR. What are we able to do, where are we able to go, etc?

50. You have a really difficult task ahead of you. The area is in desperate need of management because it's being loved to death by hordes of visitors. I'd like to see fewer visitors (less impact). But once you start managing it and developing it, you'll attract more visitors. Limiting access through permitting and actually having someone on site to check permits will help a lot. A toilet will ensure that waste is handled properly. Having the park service provide the kayaks could help raise revenue. You could also charge an entrance fee (I'd support one fee for locals and one for vacationers).
51. Zero hiring of staff. Outsource trail maintenance. Please do not restrict access to the Bay by visitors, both Island and non Islanders

Please share any additional comments about the management of Ka'awaloa Cove.

1. By decreasing kayak/SUP rentals to one concession/business from the pier only, you would eliminate all the illegal and even permitted commercial kayaks coming from the Springboard and Kahauloa area. Manini Beach staff do check to see if people have permits, perhaps the state can coordinate with them to reduce the number launched from there. Perhaps the concession group could also be trained/deputized by the State Parks and DLNR to assist in enforcement and regulation.
2. change can only be as effective as consistent enforcement of the rules and laws, which has been lacking in governance of the Bay.
3. Check permits for boats in Cove and enforce rules
4. Comment to question 10: "boating": I assumed kayak and paddle board is a boating in this question. If it was any motorized boating -I would not allow them at all in a bay.
5. Commercial traffic-Even Days Non Commercial-Odd days (Monthly Basis)
6. concern about disturbing dolphins in Bay when they are rest swimming so need expert opinions on how much traffic in bay is OK. I would ban any new motor boat traffic in Ka'awaloa Cove.
7. Continue working in this direction, as the decades go by with zero management, growth and damage needs to be controlled and minimized.
8. Eliminate ALL commercial and motorized vessels due to coral damage and disruption of fish and danger to swimmers
9. I put zero for motorized large boats and zodiacs and smaller boats. I also put zero for anything commercial. but the survey refused to let me put zero. please note this.
10. I find it being too many large commercial motorized boats coming into the cove.
11. I first visited this area prior to the commercial activities it was serene and beautiful. My last couple of visits have been loud and disturbing with the large commercial vessels, with loud music, diving off the boats, slides etc. The beautiful reef was destroyed, I feel in part from contamination from sunscreens visitors and pollution from motorized vessels!
12. I have been a boater all my life and boat owner most of my adult life. I don't like the Fair Winds or turbo'd inflatables, however, i don't think it's fair to limit the number of concessionaires.
13. I love this place my family loves this place, it needs to be protected not restricted. commercial rental use is the damaging entity not locals with there own equipment
14. I think a 15-20 ' no boat zone from vessels to shoreline would better serve snorkelers from vessels, as many are beginners and afraid to be farther than that from the boat for safety reasons.

15. I think it's important to limit access to the cove to guided tours that educate their guests and monitor them so they do not touch coral, climb onshore, etc.
16. I would rather see no motorized vehicles as I have seen destruction and ease to push in among non motor vehicles demonstrated
17. I'd like to see a reduction in commercial traffic but limiting residents would be outrageous.
18. If locals have permits to be IN the bay, we also need access TO the bay.
19. I'm all for limiting the number of boats and would love to see motorized boats prohibited. If people want to visit and can't get a boating permit they can always hike.
20. In general, most paddle boarders are just paddling. It is rare that they are snorkeling in the area. being a paddler I just love paddle and getting a workout. Snorkeling is fun, but that is not my main objective. I want to enjoy the beautiful and get a workout.
21. It functions quite well as is. If more large vessels wish to make use of the area, this could be a reason to limit number of vessels permitted.
22. I've already written my concerns and why I did not answer many of the questions. To sum it up: 1. Stop making the priority for the bay about commercial money making, which it now is through motorized vessels including the completely obnoxious Fair Winds. If you truly want to preserve the integrity of the bay they must be banned. 2. Make it possible for experienced, responsible kayakers such as myself to have a landing spot for toilet use and to enter the water to snorkel.
23. Ka`awaloa is among the most important and untouched arch. resources in the state. DLNR cannot or will not enforce even the mildest rules in the Bay. Reason given is lack of funding...so why to even try to develop a full-on park when the State claims it cannot even afford a full time ranger??? We have terrible traffic on the only single lane road thru Napo`opo`o, so imagine how stupid it is to support any more "activities" that will make traffic worse.. I was on the KB State Hist. Park committee years ago. All of us were concerned Napo`opo`o residents, and we did not get paid a penny. We put it out to the community and they said they did not want a park. Still don't. Making this subject come around every 10 years or so is just a way to give a big wad of cash to Belt Collins. And it is a heck of a slap in our faces, to fund a very expensive study of a park that will never get built, instead of funding a full time DLNR Ranger to protect cultural and natural resources.. My and many residents think along this line. How about a proposal to give up the Park Plan and use the planning money for a Ranger. This should test your sincerity.
24. Leave it alone. Do not restrict commercial access as we depend on that to earn a living. It is rare for more than 7 vessels and we all avoid danger.
25. LIMIT ALL ACCESS TO KA'AWALOA COVE. IT WILL BECOME A STINKING EYESORE
W/TRASH/FECES/ URINE
26. Limit cove commercial vessels to Tuesday Thursday Saturday.
27. Limit the number of commercial boats. No limit on permitted non commercial kayaks or paddle boards owned by residents.
28. Limit vessels to K bay. Commercial and non commercial vessels' passengers do not need to go on land at Ka'awaloa. Kayakers do not need to exit their boats. Hikers numbers should be limited at the top to continue on the trail and a parking lot off of Napoopoo Rd provided there with a toilet and trash cans. Install a toilet for hikers also at Ka'awaloa and maintain it.

29. Limiting commercial passenger boat activity would be most effective at reducing environmental impacts
30. make it easier for private non powered boats harder for commercial vessels
31. Moorings need to be installed, I have many hours in this area as a commercial captain and a pleasure boat user. I have work all over the world in areas that are sensitive environmentally and installing moorings (surface moorings that are easy to attach too) are need to protect the area. Vessels drifting with there engines idling are more damaging to the area then moorings installed . The rest of the world knows this and its time for Hawaii to understand un burned fuel and NOX gases. I have been a licensed Captain and certified marine mechanic for 35 years. Management of this area is overdue and just shutting down to save it , well, who are you saving it for? Great Barrier Reef and Caribbean islands have moorings for vessels to attach to and shut down their engines which saves the area from un-burn idle fuel discharged in the water. Every time I am in the bay there are 12-18 vessels idling trying to stay close to there snorkeling passengers for safety reasons. This area needs to be seen by everyone who wants to, and it can if set up like a marine managed area. I would be happy to consult at my own expense, this area needs a mariner who wants it to be there 100 years from now the same way it is now ton assist in vessel management. Thanks for the chance to chime in
32. No big boats like the Fairwind and limit the number of smaller motor boats.
33. No commercial activity. Especially not by motorized large boats or zodiacs.
34. No swim Zone needs to be closer 50-75 ft from shore for safely of swimmers, there is no suggestion or plans for a lifeguard so we must provide that service as boaters.
35. NO vendors at pier
36. Non commercial days excellent idea
37. On the commercial permit issue the time of day could be considered such as a afternoon versus morning permit. The problem at the monument is to many commercial bodies in the water at the same time of the day spread the use out.
38. Parking near the top of the trail for hikers. Drinking water available onshore. Large commercial boats have too much negative impact: number of people, gasoline pollution, safety. Stopping access or limiting big boats creates a better and more natural experience for residents and visitors who want to hike or kayak there.
39. Permitted Commercial vessels should not be a problem as long there is a cap. There should also be a cap on permitted recreational and no bare boat rentals allowed. Anyone in the bay should have to have cultural training and first aid CPR
40. Please keep improvements as natural as possible, "less is more" The "Fair Wind" vessels pollute the bay... they should not be permitted to allow all those folks covered with sunscreen, in the bay, kicking the coral heads, regularly!
41. Please protect the dolphins, I have seen them being chased and harassed by visitors and their population will decline with such harassment.
42. Provide a safe ingress and egress area for kayaks and paddleboards and area for temporary storage
43. Q11 - does the no boat zone include kayaks and paddle boards or does the term boat concern motorized vessels? Q 12 How would the volume of boats be managed. Is it an honor system, will there be a traffic cop, etc?

44. Reducing noise, people, pollution, and increasing education will only result in a healthier bay. In my answer for 1 for #11 it is for the Fair Wind only
45. Restricting access to ka'awaloa landings is fine but people, local and visitors should have access to the bay for non- motorized recreation activities.
46. Should have a kiosk on top of trail in 3-4 languages that explains historical significance of trail and rules
47. The bay is a resource that should be for the benefit of the people. Access to the people should not be restricted for the benefit of commercial interests.
48. The commercial boat ban should be for 3-5 days per week - or total- unless and until the reef rebounds.
49. The current prioritization of Commercial activities at Ka'awaloa Cove should not be the driving the management of the Park.
50. The only thing that needs to change from the current status is the zodiac boats must have moorings. The current situation with zodiac boats and snorkelers occupying the same swim area is an EXTREME safety hazard.
51. There are Dolphins and Turtles as well as school of fishes that use the Bay as a sanctuary. Too much motorized vehicles will destroy the peace of the marine life. It should be controlled to protect the marine animals. They need peace and quiet too.
52. There are plenty of areas on Hawaii for commercial enterprises --- Keep this area free of commercial enterprises
53. We would support prohibiting commercial vessels that are motorized.
54. While the tourism that brings people to the area is important, it may be necessary to regulate it so that those locals who frequent the area can still find a place to enjoy it. Thank you for the attention that you are paying to the wonderful site.
55. Why not just keep the commercial activities out altogether? You can come in if you are non commercial, by canoe, kayak, paddleboard, walk, no motorized boats at all. Keep it simple. This is NOT Disneyland.
56. With a no boat zone how do boats put snorkelers in/ out water?
57. You favor commercial. Let locals with permits have at least as much rights as the tour companies. Tourists currently have more access than non commercial kayakers.
58. Zodiacs/ribs are overrunning the bay - it looks and sounds like a boat harbor on any given day.

Please share any additional comments about the management of Kealakekua Bay.

1. A primary goal should be the preservation of the integrity of the reefs and sea life.
2. All folks must honor and respect the bay so rules and management should be very strict. Stop kayaking at Kahauloa Road and limit kayaking to tours from the wharf so that wildlife and the bay are respected as sacred places and are not destroyed through overuse, and pollution as is being done currently. Protect the aina.
3. At the rate the dolphins are being stalked, there will not be a need for a dolphin rest area. And why are you not doing ANYTHING about the stalker s and tour groups making a buck without paying any local taxes at Ho'okena Beach. It would be SO easy to ticket people there. Just go down at 8-9 in the morning and they show up to harass the dolphins. In commercial tours.
4. Commercial Vessels should cover the additional cost of implementation of new regulatory policies and personnel necessary for enforcement/maintenance.

5. Current permit system for Manini SUP launching by residents is good. NO commercial or rental activity.
6. DLNR should have a 24/7 management team.. the drugs & booze come out at night. 24/7 patrols by DLNR.
7. Do not ruin this natural resource by over enforcement at great expense.
8. Dolphin rest zone should be a time/ area closure (e.g. 10am-2pm), same as other zones to be established along coast. Kealakekua Bay is a marine life conservation district, yet people fish openly there, and State refuses to prosecute, even when presented with witnesses and photographic evidence. So we need not only patrols to enforce the laws, but a willingness on the part of the D.A.'s office (and NOAA OLE, with respect to violations of federal law) to prosecute violations. For many years there has been no enforcement whatsoever, as far as I can tell.
9. Dolphins are primarily harrassed by kayakers
10. Dolphins move around in the bay and a rest zone would be difficult if not impossible to enforce. How would kayakers to know the boundary line in the water?
11. Educate public on dolphin resting habits and when its pono to engage with them
12. For Question 15, it should be both weekly and on a random basis, changing the days they patrol.
13. Hawaiians should be allowed to perform their rituals on the bay. The dolphins should be given a chance to rest without having people chase them around the bay.
14. I am in support of dolphin zones but need more info.
15. I believe the residents that use the Bay should be told to help monitor the sacredness and report any undesirable activity as soon as possible. Management of the Bay is like having a uniformed official just as oversear.. They should also love to protect the aina and care about their job. Law abiding people want to use the park at their leisure and not being harass by pushy Kayak vendors who want to make a sale.
16. I don't think the right solution is to completely separate people from the dolphins, though I recognize it's difficult to prevent harassment. I swim with the dolphins regularly and have had many great experiences when people are being respectful. Multiple times they've even approached me to play. To take away that opportunity would be a shame. Just the other day though, there was a single person who was chasing them relentlessly, and claimed to have been there for several hours. She was a resident and clearly had made a habit of this. I confronted her but some people are hard to reason with. I think the solution has to be some combination of regular patrols and education for tourists.
17. I support a do not disturb the Dolphins rule. Keep a certain distance
18. I support a dolphin rest area but Boats and kayaks should be allowed to drift and observe them. No swimming should be allowed for anyone.
19. I think that when a commercial vessel with a permit observes someone violating their permit conditions and reporting it, there should be a follow up either from the state or DLNR
20. I think the permit process could work if enforced. At present, if we photograph boaters violating the terms of the permit, nothing is done.
21. I'd prefer daily patrols but at least weekly if that is all that's feasible. Perhaps this is where training concession staff at the pier at the minimum to observe and document would help. Also, please get those rest areas and running and defined enforcement rules.
22. Issue daily permits, maybe 50, available on the computer on a first come basis.

23. It is not easy to get there now, and still there are too many people I would not try to make access easier, but I would make decent parking for places to get to water with kayak and for hikers, for road safety. Otherwise they park wherever creating hazard for passing cars.
24. It would be nice if the parking lot were opened back up and kept free of the unlicensed kayak rentals that make folks feel that the parking lot is not public access.
25. Ka`awaloa is among the most important and untouched arch. resources in the state. DLNR cannot or will not enforce even the mildest rules in the Bay. Reason given is lack of funding...so why to even try to develop a full-on park when the State claims it cannot even afford a full time ranger??? We have terrible traffic on the only single lane road thru Napo`opo`o, so imagine how stupid it is to support any more "activities" that will make traffic worse.. I was on the KB State Hist. Park committee years ago. All of us were concerned Napo`opo`o residents, and we did not get paid a penny. We put it out to the community and they said they did not want a park. Still don't. Making this subject come around every 10 years or so is just a way to give a big wad of cash to Belt Collins. And it is a heck of a slap in our faces, to fund a very expensive study of a park that will never get built, instead of funding a full time DLNR Ranger to protect cultural and natural resources.. My and many residents think along this line. How about a proposal to give up the Park Plan and use the planning money for a Ranger. This should test your sincerity.
26. Lack of enforcement is the biggest problem.
27. less is better, peer enforcement thru social media.
28. Maintain unlimited daily access for recreational swimmers at Napo'opo'o Beach. Provide parking for kayakers at Napo'opo'o Landing; currently they are filling up the beach parking lot, which is needed for swimmers and those using the picnic area. Ban camping at the beach area with signs and fines (yes, we've seen campers there). Dolphins show up on a very irregular basis and tend to leave the Napo'opo Beach area when they rest. They usually go to Ka'awaloa Cove, so investigate during the dolphins rest time (@10am-2pm) to see if their rest is being disturbed there. Do not restrict recreational swimmers at Napo'opo'o Beach; this is an unnecessary and very negative impact for residents who swim there daily. This action would also increase swimmers going to Manini Beach, which is often at capacity now. Retreat groups who come to Napo'opo'o Beach to swim with dolphins need to be regulated in number by fees and permits.
29. Manage for resource protection. Enforce legal Kayak rentals only.
30. Management of the bay should be done by the native land owners at Napoopoo.
31. moorings about 20 total on surface.
32. Need to open up parking lot at Wharf. The commercial kayakers take up all parking down at Pavilion. Creates problem for residents like myself. Also, need to open up launching of kayaks for those of us who have permits.
33. Please enforce permits and dolphin swimming in bay.
34. Preserve Kealakekua Bay by prohibiting all commercial and motorized vessels.
35. Q15 - I'm not sure how the dolphins would understand the concept of a "rest zone"
36. restrict commercial allow private
37. Should be checked daily but, random times
38. Stop illegal activity and check permits fine those who don't have one
39. thank you for letting us use it

40. The current arrangement crafted by State Parks to manage the bay has worked extremely well. Any major changes to the delicate balance existing at the bay are likely to fail due to strong resistance from one of more of the stakeholders. Keeping the existing balance and charging ALL commercial vessels and users (including hikers and parking) is the best suggestion. The majority of users really don't want to see development of the area but rather keeping this natural site, well natural, i.e. the way it is. Not a great deal of park facilities or services.
41. The current rules for access to the bay are cumbersome, arbitrarily enforced, and not very effective. Emphasis needs to be protecting historical/cultural areas rather than restricting use of the water
42. The dolphin rest zone is imperative.
43. The dolphin rest zone is only required if development continues to encourage greater numbers of vessels. Swimmers are not a problem for the dolphins.
44. The dolphins are my primary concern. A dolphin rest zone really needs to be put into place all around the Big Island. Let Kealahou set the example and protect these wonderful ocean creatures.
45. The health and welfare of the dolphins who frequent the bay is of highest importance. If they feel threatened by the boats or people, they may come less often or even find another place to be active.
46. The improvements you have done have already helped so much. Thank you.
47. The local people like me are pretty attentive to how the bay is used by visitors and above giving info about the bay and what not to do. Too much policing by the state will ruin the amazing vibe of the experience of being there. Rely on the people.
48. The rental of Kayaks on Kahauloa Road put-in should be stopped completely ASAP as they are not permitted and it is ruining our neighborhood. They create parking issues, toilet issues, and tourists are walking into people's homes in the area looking to rent kayaks and use their showers and bathrooms!
49. there has been zero management for many decades, this needs to be implemented immediately, even in baby steps
50. This is the third time you've asked. To repeat: 1. If you want to preserve the integrity of the bay it starts with banning all motorized vessels, especially the big ones such as the completely obnoxious Fair Winds. 2. Provide a landing spot for non-commercial kayakers for use of a toilet and for water entry to snorkel
51. Too much "wahanui" and not enough follow through.
52. Unfortunately too many visitors are ignorant or just don't care. They need to be regulated and monitored so they do not cause damage or disturb the Dolphins.
53. We moved to this area because of the beauty and tranquility and are against anything that significantly changes the character of the area.
54. What hope is there that DLNR will patrol and enforce the rules already on the books? If the rules in place right now were enforced, we would not be having this discussion.

Please share any additional comments about the management of Nāpō'opo'o Beach.

1. a docent or park staff placed here to educate and enforce usage.
2. Allow ALL permitted kayak vendors to park customers' cars and launch kayaks from Napo'opo'o Landing. This would alleviate negative impacts at Napo'opo'o Beach and Manini area. Charge

fees to vendors to pay for an attendant to supervise commercial kayak activities. Maintain non-flush toilets at Napo'opo'o Landing. Clear boulders at Napo'opo'o Beach up to the high-tide level for safety for water entry for swimmers. Clearing more may invite crowds of beach-goers like it was before Hurricane Iniki. This would require much more parking and management, and I think it would be better to wait and put other changes in place first, before considering whether this is appropriate use.

3. allow launching of private non motorized vessels
4. Can any of the sand that was once there be brought in to create an area that is a sandy beach?
5. Clear all the boulders along the shoreline to restore the beach
6. Clearing boulders is expensive and has proven to be temporary as they are soon replaced by Mother Nature, Lono or whoever you prefer. One of these days, perhaps M N or Lono will bring back the sandy beach so many remember growing up here. Meantime, attempts by man are futile.
7. Currently, commercial operators have preferred treatment. Residents with their own kayaks and permits should be allowed the same privileges. We should not have to pay to do something that we could do with our privately owned kayaks.
8. I believe the State has a great resource here and perhaps it is time to consider the NPS coming in to help since they've been caretaking PuuHonua and Kaloko-Honokohau with sensitive cultural sites such as these. No one entity (as in specific resident down here) should be the sole voice on the cultural and historical aspects of this area.
9. I don't use this beach and don't have any opinion on it.
10. I feel the beach users need to separate from the vehicle launchers. They should have a designated area if wanting to launch their vehicles.
11. I think that non-motorized vessels should only be allowed to launch from the pier.
12. If we had a beach area, I do believe the residents should be allowed to launch non-motorized vessels as we have permits, but are required to launch from Manini Beach, which is even worse as there is NO parking over there. DLNR has made a mess of the bay. So disappointed.
13. Informational signs history and what not to do.
14. It is not safe to encourage launching of vessels from that beach
15. it is too dangerous to launch boats from beach due to short surf break
16. It would be great to see a sandy beach there again.
17. Just replace the three existing signs at the end of the road (on spinner dolphins, coral and marine life, and the history of Kealakekua Bay) and the plaque on the heiau itself.
18. Ka`awaloa is among the most important and untouched arch. resources in the state. DLNR cannot or will not enforce even the mildest rules in the Bay. Reason given is lack of funding...so why to even try to develop a full-on park when the State claims it cannot even afford a full time ranger??? We have terrible traffic on the only single lane road thru Napo`opo`o, so imagine how stupid it is to support any more "activities" that will make traffic worse.. I was on the KB State Hist. Park committee years ago. All of us were concerned Napo`opo`o residents, and we did not get paid a penny. We put it out to the community and they said they did not want a park. Still don't. Making this subject come around every 10 years or so is just a way to give a big wad of cash to Belt Collins. And it is a heck of a slap in our faces, to fund a very expensive study of a park that will never get built, instead of funding a full time DLNR Ranger to protect cultural and natural resources.. My and many residents think along this line. How about a

proposal to give up the Park Plan and use the planning money for a Ranger. This should test your sincerity.

19. Keep it simple. No commercial activities. No motorized vessels. No boats other than 1-2 man kayaks, paddleboards and canoes. Hawaiian style canoes for racing allowed as exception.
20. launching non-motorized vessels should be from the pier, which is much safer than the beach for those whom feel they are water wise.
21. Leave rocks as nature intended since Hurricane Iniki...it's too invasive to remove them, and they will return as discovered when they were removed after Hurricane Iniki.
22. Manini beach Road is a one lane road. Napoopoo beach and should be reserved for swimming, paddle boards, but not kayaks. The wharf should be used by kayak tours in a limited way and tour companies required to transport guests in vans to the wharf to limit vehicles to the area.
23. Moving the rocks might disturb the area. Just a thought.
24. Napoopoo Beach should be left as is. The "beach" does not lend itself to recreational use due to the rocky nature of the ground and if area promoted for use will simply add more activities at an area that already has more visitors than parking and will exacerbate DOCARE enforcement inadequacy and greater pressure on very limited infrastructure. Not to mention incurring into a residential area peace and quiet
25. Non motorized vessels should be allowed to launch from the beach provided they have permits and someone is at the monument to check their permits, collect an entrance fee, accept donations.
26. only in a developed area for this type of launching for liability concerns.
27. Parking is needed.
28. Prefer launching small boats (outriggers, kayaks) from landing. Concerned with surf zone at beach & no lifeguard. Safety concern.
29. Round the clock management to prevent harassment of the dolphins and destruction of the historical sites.
30. staff and/or experienced people need to be there to assist non-experienced
31. The people renting Kayaks illegally are letting tourists go out during high surf with no experience. It's just a matter of time before there is loss of life because it is allowed and they are not shut down
32. The sand beach was washed away by hurricane Iniki. Let nature take its course.
33. This is a beautiful historical beach worthy of restoration but improving it will require more parking areas
34. We don't want to make it convenient for visitors or locals to use the beach. This is a historical bay, not a recreation destination.
35. We need another access point for the Bay besides Manini Beach
36. When our children were young, they loved to play at Napo`opo`o Beach, the sand was a safe place to get into the ocean and body surf. It has been lost in our community for many years now and would be wonderful to restore the beach, although it must be safe for families and be protected from those who abuse the park and the local community members.

Please share any additional comments about the management and use of the Nāpō'opo'o Section.

1. Allow only for drop-off off of passengers, kayaks and beach gear

2. Any new parking or park facilities will result in additional visitors which will put further pressure on already insufficient infrastructure. Expanding the park in any way will detract from the area and create greater congestion in this fundamentally residential area.
3. Don't close anything, everyone has the right to enjoy the area, you just need to have human support, like restrooms!!!!
4. dont want a parking facilities on Parcel 1.
5. Further development would eventually lead to restricted hours of access as typically seen in other state parks (8am to 7am???) Early morning (6am) access to for swimming is something that should not be eliminated from this very special place.
6. I don't really use this area.
7. I have no problems with tourist coming by my house . I have fruits from my yard to sell sometimes and I don't believe any roads should be closed to the tourist in Kealakekua Bay. It is also where vacation rentals are found. I am at ... Road and most tourist traffic does not bother me. They can park and also pick the plumerias I planted in the Lava fields. Some people are selfish around here , and always complaining about tourist. I want them to see as much as possible so do not close the beach road.
8. If Napo'opo'o Beach Road is closed, please allow County residents who live within 20-30 miles to have parking permits and access.
9. If Parcel 1 is developed as a parking facility, no parking by non residents should be allowed on village streets...other than a handicapped parking zone to be determined.
10. If there is going to be parking fees, there should be a yearly pass available for Hawaii residents like for Hawaii National Park. Also, I wouldn't mind paying a yearly fee for personal kayak use on bay or any Hawaii waters if it came with sticker to like car registration.
11. If you close Napoopoo Beach Rd to only local traffic how are you planning to enforce this and also realize it is a main route for those using the transfer station.
12. Ka`awaloa is among the most important and untouched arch. resources in the state. DLNR cannot or will not enforce even the mildest rules in the Bay. Reason given is lack of funding...so why to even try to develop a full-on park when the State claims it cannot even afford a full time ranger??? We have terrible traffic on the only single lane road thru Napo`opo`o, so imagine how stupid it is to support any more "activities" that will make traffic worse.. I was on the KB State Hist. Park committee years ago. All of us were concerned Napo`opo`o residents, and we did not get paid a penny. We put it out to the community and they said they did not want a park. Still don't. Making this subject come around every 10 years or so is just a way to give a big wad of cash to Belt Collins. And it is a heck of a slap in our faces, to fund a very expensive study of a park that will never get built, instead of funding a full time DLNR Ranger to protect cultural and natural resources.. My and many residents think along this line. How about a proposal to give up the Park Plan and use the planning money for a Ranger. This should test your sincerity.
13. Keep Napoopoo as it is. No more parking spaces.
14. Keep the area largely the way it is, but improve parking and some visitor services.
15. Leave the ability to drive to Napoopoo Beach Road end so elders and handicap can see the incredible view but limit parking to very short term
16. Leave tourist cars at Gasper Lot 1 and have more foot traffic in Napoopoo village.

17. Many visitors go to Napo`opo`o to see the captain Cook Monument, they gather to see the beauty and view the bay. Local residents swim from the beach as it is now and enjoy snorkeling in the ocean. There is a few locals that tailgate party at the end of the road there with loud music and other forms of recreation that is not tourist oriented.
18. Minimal commercial activity, protect cultural and historic values, allow swimming from Napoopoo Beach.
19. Not sure on the basketball/volleyball court as I have not spent enough time in the area to see if it is frequently used by the youth in the area. If used it should be left or moved. If not used or used for unintended uses then remove.
20. Patrol and enforcement for illegal kayak rentals and parking that blocks roads.
21. Recommend using Wharf area as open space (grass), picnic tables, etc. so people can enjoy the beauty and have access to water.
22. The community enjoys the area. It is self limiting by nature.
23. The park is utilized by area residents for good activities like volleyball every Friday, etc. Clean up the area, the pavilion could become a hale as you've mentioned, bathrooms and showers could be removed to the Ka'u side of the hale. Parking should be moved up to the Gaspar Mill site. If you plan to close Napoopoo Road to local traffic you'll need to remember we have the transfer station open three days a week and how are you planning to enforce this? Not only that, you also have people coming down to reach Puuhonua road to go to Honaunau.
24. The solution is to find the funding and implement the plan.
25. There are ways to improve the area without making too many drastic measures. We need more parking, a concession stand would be nice and we should all be allowed to launch from wharf with permits.
26. There should be a drop off area if Napo'opo'o road has no parking. Not sure of the use park currently gets with picnicking kama'āina

Please share any additional comments about the management and use of the Nāpō'opo'o Landing.

1. A person to enforce prohibition of unlicensed kayak rentals.
2. a Pavillion
3. A small venue with a limited number of kayaks launched, like at Ho'okena. Limited parking. Full time staff (DLNR) managing and regulating wharf and water activity. Close wharf water activities during high surf advisories to prevent drownings and injuries.
4. Absolutely no staff or outside people to help with kayaking. That's been a recipe for harassment and intimidation.
5. All Commercial Kayak vendors should have to put-in at the Napo`opo`o landing (not at the nearby neighborhood water-fronts areas) A fee should be enforced to pay for staff to assist or direct and oversee all vessel launching and parking.
6. Any changes to the existing arrangement of kayak tours will be disastrous. A concessionaire is not the answer and will only add to the congestion and bad feelings.
7. Composting toilets should be used as opposed to portables. Same as Koloko Honokohau Nat. Historical Park. DLNR can store stuff above where parking is. Park workers can drop off supplies and walk to landing. Drop off and Emergency access only.
8. Concern is if high surf staff can stop launching of kayaks so no one gets hurt
9. Disabled parking at the landing.

10. I fully support some development to better support the level of visitation we already have in this area. Right now these activities spill over to Manini Beach and the nearby neighborhood.
11. I think the concession for kayaks should be run by one company and the bid is up every year. These people should be trained to help the DLNR with enforcement, too. I think the three current companies who have done the permitting with the state to have the access to the pier should be the first ones to be considered to have the permits. I also think they should stop all commercial rentals on Kahauloa Rd and Manini Beach Rd.
12. I'd support a variety of things there, but I'd like to see it done well (ie well managed, limit the number of boats to the monument).
13. It is extremely important to disallow all unauthorized commercial activity at the Wharf!!
14. I've seen many scrapes & bruises to visitors trying to get in/out of un-escorted rented kayaks on/off the dock. I think that's most important for safety. Same at Ka'awaloa.
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16. Landing needs an official presence to control illegal activities.
17. No commercialization. Absolutely no food concessions.
18. No staffing. No concessions. No structures. It should be used for the launching of non-commercial vessels only.
19. Only prearranged kayak tours from businesses on the highway and guests arrive in vans, so maintenance of restrooms is needed. Limited paid Public parking for walking visitors. That will also lessen the current vehicle impact at Napoopoo Beach.
20. Open the wharf to the public! It is criminal to only allow the 3 kayak companies access to that PUBLIC land. Also Belt Collins has been paid far too much money over the years for all these studies that have gone NO WHERE. Stop the waste of tax payer dollars.
21. People should have drop off pick up access
22. -I do not support the storage of any commercial kayaks or enterprise at the Landing. Previously when kayaks were able to be launched at the landing it was a defacto "concession" for locals who harassed both residents and visitors for tips. Who are the "persons" you suggest to assist and direct? For safety sake, I think it important to have assistance, especially for those who do not understand the safety issues or have adequate respect for the ocean.
23. the gate opening and closing needs to be consistent and monitored.
24. The wharf has been an extremely contentious space [for many years], accelerated by the arrival of commercial kayaks and the drug usage/dealing, theft, terroristic threatening...all that ensued.

Closing it only pushed that bad aspect to our end of the Bay off of Kahauloa Rd, which is why we'd like to see only one commercial, permitted vendor for ALL commercial kayaks at the pier and the rest ended. Toilets at the pier are a good idea, there just needs to be awareness of what to do with them should we have a tsunami so they don't end up polluting the neighborhood. Whoever is managing the pier should NOT be related to anyone in the area, preferably someone who can stay impartial and actually enforce the rules and regulations.

25. There appears to be no budget for staffing a park here. Once the pier was taken back for permitted commercial use with a locked gate, this village improved for the better significantly.
26. This landing in the early 1900s was the most important pier on this island. It should be restored to the way it was as part of historical preservation.