MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2011 NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM
COMMISSION (NARSC) SITE VISIT TO WAIHE`E COASTAL DUNES AND
WETLANDS REFUGE, WAIHE`E, MAUI

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: DRAFT Subject to approval
Dr. Dale Bonar, Chair
Ms. Rebecca Alaka`i
Ms. Marie Bruegmann
Ms. Marnie Meyer, for Director, Office of Planning
Dr. Sheila Conant for President, University of Hawai`i

STAFF:
Ms. Betsy Gagné, DOFAW
Mr. Randy Kennedy, DOFAW
Ms. Emma Yuen, DOFAW
Dr. Fern Duvall, DOFAW, Maui

ITEM 1. Call to order. Chair Bonar called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ITEM 2. Short hike: Prior to the hike, Chair Bonar gave a quick introduction to the history of the area prior to acquisition as a protected area. Members had the opportunity to observe the greatly restored coastal dunes, which are a unique feature of the region; where it is now possible to be completely surrounded by these natural, towering dunes and not see any modern development (save historic buildings on the premises). It was also a great opportunity to compare the area with the dunes at Ka`ena NAR on O`ahu.

ITEM 3. Adjourn. Chair Bonar adjourned the site visit by 10:30 to allow time to pick up lunch and travel to afternoon NARSC meeting venue.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Harrison Gagné, Executive Secretary,
Natural Area Reserves System Commission