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