**NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES – SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

DATE: June 18, 2024

TIME: 11:00am

PLACE: DLNR DOFAW Conference Room 325, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu and via Zoom

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Commissioners Present

Drake, Don

Hart, Pat

Kishimoto, Christopher

Clark, Michelle

Yeung, Norine

Saito, Jeffrey

Penniman, Jay

Kobayashi, Mary-Lou

Abbott, Thorne

Kawelo, Hi‘ilei

Kanaka’ole, Ryan

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF.

Staff Emma Yuen and Chair Jay Penniman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Meeting timestamp: (5.06)

Staff Present

Emma Yuen

Peter Landon

Scott Fretz

Danica Swenson

Cindy Young

Russell Sparks

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2022 NARS COMMISSION MEETING.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2022 NARS Commission meeting.

Commission approved the minutes of August 18, 2022. Abbott made motion, Hart seconded, Kanaka’ole and Kishimoto abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Timestamp: (17.06)

ITEM 3. REQUEST APPROVAL OF TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND GUIDANCE IN

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR

TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY FISHING PRACTICE IN ‘ĀHIHI-KĪNA‘U

NATURAL AREA RESERVE

Executive session called at 12:24pm (timestamp 1:29:06).

Executive session ended and meeting resumed at 12:49pm (timestamp 1:54:06).

MOTION: Recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to: 1) Approve the inclusion of the terms, conditions, and guidance listed above to accompany each permit, should any such permit be approved, and 2) Approve recommended cumulative annual take limits to be authorized by special use permits for traditional and customary practice (Exhibit D, as amended), as applied to all permits combined, should any such permits be approved. Additionally, cumulative take levels can be reviewed and staff should be encouraged to work with applicants and community to make adjustments and revisions.

Kawelo made motion, Clark seconded, motion carried with nine voting yes (Kawelo, Clark, Hart, Abbott, Kishimoto, Drake, Kobayashi, Kanaka’ole, Yueng), and two voting no (Penniman, Saito), 12:59pm (timestamp 2:04:06).

Member Yeung left the meeting.

ITEM 4. REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION OF FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY FISHING PRACTICE IN ‘ĀHIHIKĪNA‘U NATURAL AREA RESERVE, APPLICANT L. VEDDER.

MOTION: Recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to: 1) Approve the subject application(s) for special use permit(s) to engage in traditional and customary practice, including take of marine life, 2) Approve the inclusion of terms, conditions, and guidance, as appropriate, including take limits identified in Exhibit C, to accompany the permit.

Kawelo made motion, Hart seconded, motion carried with nine voting yes (Penniman (with reservations), Kawelo, Clark, Hart, Abbott, Kishimoto, Drake, Kobayashi, Kanaka’ole), and one voting no (Saito), and member Yeung excused. 1:20pm (timestamp 2:25:06).

ITEM 5. REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION OF FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY FISHING PRACTICE IN ‘ĀHIHIKĪNA‘U NATURAL AREA RESERVE, APPLICANT M. LUUWAI.

MOTION: Recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to: 1) Approve the subject application(s) for special use permit(s) to engage in traditional and customary practice, including take of marine life, 2) Approve the inclusion of terms, conditions, and guidance, as appropriate, including take limits identified in Exhibit C, to accompany the permit.

Kawelo made motion, Hart seconded, motion carried with nine voting yes (Penniman (with reservations), Kawelo, Clark, Hart, Abbott, Kishimoto, Drake, Kobayashi, Kanaka’ole), and one voting no (Saito), and member Yeung excused. 1:34pm (timestamp 2:39:06).

ITEM 6. REQUEST TO AMEND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE BRANCH MANAGERS OR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR “COLLECTION OF PLANT AND WILDLIFE SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY, GREENHOUSE, OR HERBARIUM SAMPLING, PROPAGATION, OR OTHER CONSERVATIONPURPOSES” FOR HAWAII ADMINSTRATIVE RULES CHAPTER 13-209, RULES REGULATING NATURAL AREA RESERVES.

MOTION: Recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to delegate authority to the Branch Managers or the Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to issue permits for the “collection of plant and wildlife samples for laboratory, greenhouse, or herbarium sampling, propagation, or other conservation purposes” for Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 13-209, Rules regulating Natural Area Reserves.

Kawelo made motion, Hart seconded, motion carried with ten voting yes (Penniman, Kawelo, Clark, Hart, Abbott, Kishimoto, Drake, Kobayashi, Kanaka’ole, Saito), and member Yeung excused. 1:40pm (timestamp 2:45:06).

ITEM 7. Adjournment. 1:43pm Timestamp: (2:48:06).