

Kapāpala Canoe Forest Working group

Attendees: Aileen Yeh, Bill Rosehill, Jeron Mauhili, Michael O-Shaughnessy, Norman Ho, Walter Vierra, Gary Puniwai, Robert Puakea, Hovey Lambert, John Replogle, Irene Sprecher, David Smith, Nick Koch, Colleen Cole, Don Yokoyama, Steve Bergfeld, Katie Kamelamela

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Meeting notes:

Draft Final Kapapala Canoe Forest management plan

1. ACTION ITEM: Irene to email or mail the Draft Final Kapapala Canoe Forest management plan to all working group members. The educational plan completed by the Three Mountain Alliance will be attached as appendix in the management plan.

2. The draft final management plan includes a suggestion for the continuation of the working group or further evolution into an advisory committee/council.

Next Steps

3. Conduct an informational community event/meeting in Pāhala to introduce the management plan, discuss the project, share the process so far, and collect input for the community. This ensures that there is an opportunity to participate. Not necessarily a public meeting but a meeting with the Kā'ū community.

- Location, Date and Time: **Pāhala Community Center, October 15, 2016 CONFIRMED from 10am to 1pm.** John Raplogo made the arrangements and we can access the center from 8am to 3pm

- Scope: Informational in nature with opportunity to collect comments and input from the community.

- Getting information out about the event: PBS Pāhala station, Ka'ū calendar, KAPA radio stations (ask Skyler to do an announcements), and flyers (Nohea to help?). Can post flyers and announcements: OceanView has a community board at the community center; lunch shops and local businesses in Oceanview and Pāhala.

- At the event: We would like to have large maps and pictures of the project area included in presentations and as posterboards around the room (posterboards may or may not be necessary). People should be available to take specific comments, input and recommendations from the community. Could have a poster with everyone's interests or organizations that is participating in the working group. Print out big maps from the management plan. Have a list to sign-up for a community members to visit the forest.

- Presentations: (1) The representative from the paddlers' organizations should talk about what happened over the season, including what koa canoes raced, and HCRA to include a video from last year's finals. (2) DOFAW representation to provide history about the designated area, and how logs have been allocated in the past. (3) Forest Solutions and/or TMA representatives to discuss the planning process, the plan, and general recommendations within the plan.

- Attendance: Representation from this working group to participate. **ACTION ITEM:**

All confirm if they will be able to participate in the community meeting.

- Organizers: Darlyene to provide help and support with the event and can introduce the group at the event. John to help coordinate securing the meeting space and assist with organizing food at the event. HCRA may be able to provide financial support for the food at the event.

- Other: There will likely be questions about maile collecting and hunting with the forest area.

4. Process to finalizing management plan and moving forward with project

- a. Community meeting (Oct)
- b. Environmental Assessment (EA) with possible Finding Of No Significant Impact (5 mo.)
- c. Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for approval (1 mo.)
- d. Inventory of the forest (2 mo.)
- e. Timetable – 6 months to 1 year to get all approvals in place

5. Site visit for community and carvers: Carvers to actually see potential canoe log trees. Community to see what we are (include a list at community event)

6. Forest inventory: Determine number of canoe logs and get idea of the rest of the forest. Pair up carvers and inventory folks to inform future surveys

7. Forest Service grant: Ended June 30, 2016

- a. Potential other sources for community grants that could fund a coordinator for the working group
 - i. OHA – community grants
 - ii. Nohea (TMA) as possible point of contact – familiar with group and site
- b. Posting of grant reports for the working group to see – dropbox suggested as an option for sharing.

8. Bylaws: Bylaws were generated to provide some structure for conducting meetings and could be used to create a 501c3 (not for profit) now or in the future. Alternatively, the project/working group could fit within HCRA, Puakea Foundation, or TMA as host/fiscal sponsor nonprofit. Bylaws could be converted into guidelines for the group - this was developed out of the last meeting with the ending of the grant.

- a. Potentially organize around interest groups. If you wanted to create an organization would need to develop articles of incorporation. Need to decide if it will be a member group or non-member groups (with initial founding members), etc.
- b. Agreement of moving toward guidelines (rather than bylaws)
- c. List of stakeholder groups / fixed number of voting seats

9. Log allocation protocol: The history of the log allocation was first come first serve on the list. Roger Imoto put stop to extracting logs because there were complaints about groups that already had canoes getting more (not fair). Also complaints about logs getting sold and not

actually turning into canoes. 15 people on existing lists. **ACTION ITEM:** Don Yokoyama to double check on the actual number. Some on the list may not be able

- a. HCRA as tracking logs for racing canoe (larger ones). Threshold at financial or size (30ft and over can be tracked by HCRA, but depending) for tracking
- b. Opelu canoes? Opelu canoes for use are tied to a place, keeping a long-term tracking of them will be more difficult.
- c. Long distance canoe – make sure there are at least 1 koa canoe
- d. Incorporate into tracking protocol into the application. Have the recipient submit a report when completed
- e. Logs go to organizations not individuals and are for traditional and customary cultural practices, but not for re-sell.

10. Scoring Criteria for allocation

- Existing Canoe & Location: Clubs that do not have canoes come first in line. Do not currently have a canoe in your use (possibly the heavily weighted). Need to allow for some allocation to Big Island (all clubs already have, but all koa will be coming Big Island).
- Financial: Financially cannot make it then keep place in line until financially can make it and move to the next person on the list. Financial plan in application; but can hold the spot on the list if not able to come up with the money when it is ready. Easier to come up with money once they know it is available
- People Benefitted: Number of members/communities/people benefited by the canoe as a scoring criteria. Ownership - Criteria is own by organization/non-profit – possibly higher ranking for organizations that connect with larger community about sharing the culture, especially the connection between the ocean and forests (ecological piece and cultural piece).
- Cultural Protocol: There is an oli for requesting (a resource) and the response (granting permission). Traditional / Cultural Protocol for allocation outside of the Big Island?
- Education: Educational plan for club and community about the cultural and ecological connection to the use of the log.
- Involvement of the Recipient: Some clubs are mostly about paddling and competition. Other clubs are all about culture, paddling being but one aspect of the culture. Consideration for the role of culture in the activities of the club and perpetuation of the cultural values.
- Readiness: Is the group applying actually able to carry out the process, does it have the organizational structure and strength to do so?
- Transition to a Canoe: Carvers – are they going to involve education of the clubs – bonus for involving the club itself in the carving of canoe. A carver lined up to carve the log and plan in place with timeline. 5 or 6 carvers on BI, 3 on Maui, 9 on Oahu, 3 on Kauai. Plan for care of the log after it leaves the forest. Takes a long time to carve the logs (2 to 5 years then 3 years to carve).
- Stewardship Activities: Stewardship activities already been done in Kapapala or other areas. Stewardship plan, amount of contribution, and timeline to complete, involvement of full club or community in restoration or management work

11. Harvesting: Clubs expected to hire logger/expert to harvest canoe logs? Concurrent with other harvesting work. Professional harvester and harvest operations / experience of the harvesters (certified, professional loggers). Can use equipment to help with harvest tree. Tell applicants that they need to use a professional logger to harvest the trees.

12. Working group involved the carving of a log? Walk through the application process and checking out a log. Beta test of the application with a canoe club? ACTION ITEM: Walter to help facilitate and/or Katie connect with other types of koa canoe users.

Next meeting November 5th at DOFAW Hilo Office