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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

DATE: Friday, May 29th, 2026
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: In-person – DLNR Board Room, #132, Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813 & Online Via
Zoom Meeting ID: 863 8241 6596

ZOOM LINK:

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jack.f.reef.researcher@hawaii.gov.

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AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introductions of Hawai'i Invasive Species Council Members
3. Introduction of Helmuth Rogg as the new Invasive Species Council Facilitator
4. Approval of minutes from November 26, 2025 Hawai'i Invasive Species Council meeting
5. Resolution to Adopt the Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Month Proclamation by Governor Dr. Green declaring "...that the silent invasion of Hawaii by invasive species is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people and hereby proclaim May 2026 as the Hawaii Invasive Species Awareness Month in Hawaii and ask all citizens of the Aloha State join in recognizing the importance of preventing and controlling harmful invasive species, to help restore our natural resources, strengthen our economy, and preserve the Hawaiian way of life."
6. Discussion on Act 236, Session Laws Hawaii (2025)'s Impact on HISC Funding by Helmuth Rogg Invasive Species Biologist, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources. *No decision-making on this item.*
7. Discussion on HISC's Annual Grant Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2027: Funding Levels, Soliciting Project Proposals through the Request for Proposals

Process, Potential Funding Priorities, by Helmuth Rogg Invasive Species Biologist, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources. *No decision-making on this item.*

8. Update on the Current Approval Process for Import and Release of Biological Control Agents in Hawaii (to be used on invasive pests and plants) currently pending permit and petition approval by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.
9. Presentation of 2026 Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Month (HISAM) Award Recipients. More information on each recipient can be found at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/hisc/hisam2026/>
 - a. **Wendell Vincent & the Hawai'i Island HDOT Crew - Greatest Hit**
 - b. **Alex Redeker / Biosecurity Solutions Hawai'i - Outstanding Business Leader**
 - c. **Kimeona Kane - Community Hero**
 - d. **Taylor Engle - O'ahu MVP**
 - e. **Pūlama Lāna'i - Conservation, Maui Nui MVP**
 - f. **Ron Aronson - Hawai'i Island MVP**
 - g. **Serina Marchi & Seascapes Nursery Kaua'i - Kaua'i MVP**
10. Public Comment to any other issue not listed in the agenda.
11. Adjournment

The Council may go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a) (4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

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