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Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources

Holomua

Marine 30x30

Effective management of Hawai'i's nearshore waters
for healthy reefs, fish, and communities



Photo: Bert Weeks

‘ŌLELO NO‘EAU #203

‘A’ole pau ka ‘ike i ka hālau ho‘okahi.
All knowledge is not taught in the same school.

Sustainable Herbivore Management Plan and Scoping Sessions

After 16 initial scoping sessions held throughout 2020 and 2021 with fishers, stakeholders, and community members to gather feedback and comments on herbivorous fishes and invertebrates, the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) released a [Sustainable Herbivore Management Plan](#) that includes our Division's herbivore management strategy and next steps.

To collect additional public input, DAR held a series of three virtual scoping sessions in December 2021 to discuss updates to the Sustainable Herbivore Management Plan, including amendments to existing regulations and new proposed regulations. During the sessions, DAR shared information about the degradation of our nearshore coastal areas and reefs, and emphasized the importance of abundant herbivore populations for fisheries management.

You can find the notes from these sessions on our [website](#), as well as a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document. The team also sent out an online feedback/survey form to encourage comments on the Sustainable Herbivore Management Plan. The website now includes a [summarized report](#) of the comments DAR received.

The next steps in the process are to evaluate the comments we received during the scoping sessions and develop a rule-package to bring to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for consideration. Our website will be updated as new information becomes available.

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Statewide Holoholo Fisher “Talk Story” Session

To increase communication and encourage dialogue between DAR and the fishing community, DAR hosted our most recent Holoholo Fisher “Talk Story” Session on January 27, 2022. This meeting focused on the 2022 Legislative session to update fishers and other concerned citizens on proposed legislation related to fisheries resources. Updates on the status of new laws passed in 2021 were also provided.

In a Zoom meeting with 149 attendees, fishers shared their questions and concerns about the proposed bills as well as past and future fishing regulations. DAR will continue to host regular talk story sessions to encourage dialogue with fishers across the state.

The Holoholo Fisher “Talk Story” sessions are hosted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) and were first initiated in 2021 as an effort to increase outreach, education, and dialogue between DAR and the fishing community. These meetings focus on a wide range of fishing related topics ranging from fisheries management, opportunities, threats, issues, science, and technology. DAR continues to hold these talk story sessions regularly to encourage dialogue between State managers and the fishing community to discuss fishing related topics. These meetings are held either statewide or island-based depending on the purpose and objectives of the meeting.

Holoholo

It was a traditional custom for lawai’a (Hawaiian fishers) to avoid using the word fishing to plan fishing trips, so as not to scare the fish away. Instead, they would say “holoholo,” a generic term for play but commonly used in reference to fishing. The recurring talk story sessions announced above are named the “Holoholo Fisher Talk Story Sessions” to honor the traditional and customary nature of the harvesting practice.

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Marine Managed Areas (MMA) Updates

DAR is continuously working and planning with communities to design MMAs across the state, such as Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Areas (CBSFA). CBSFAs are a collaborative effort between the community and state government to create a management plan for their area that incorporates traditional and customary native Hawaiian fishing practices and knowledge.

- **Miloli’i CBSFA** – On February 25, the proposed Miloli’i CBSFA Rules Package was approved by the BLNR to begin the Chapter 91 Administrative rule making process. [Learn more about the Miloli’i CBSFA here.](#)
- **Kīpahulu CBSFA** – DAR staff is working to set up a site visit with the Kīpahulu Coordinator to evaluate and discuss next steps for the proposed Kīpahulu CBSFA. [Learn more about the Kīpahulu CBSFA here.](#)
- **Hā’ena CBSFA** – Hā’ena CBSFA’s 5-Year review is postponed due to COVID-19, and DAR and the community is anticipating to report their progress in August of this year. [Learn more about the Hā’ena CBSFA here.](#)

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Marine Managed Areas (MMA) Updates (cont.)

- **Maunalua** – A hui of Maunalua Bay stakeholders, led by fishermen, have been meeting for over four years to find a path for improved fisheries data collection, enforcement, and introduction of adaptive management in the Bay. The outcome, a proposed Fisheries Management Area (FMA) to be led by an Advisory Panel of stakeholders, is at a critical juncture in its development. The organizers are looking for people's views and insights to help better improve the draft FMA. A public discussion session will be held online on March 9th at 6pm. To receive a link to the meeting, please email info@malamamaunalua.org with the subject line "**MB FMA**".

To learn more about marine managed areas, check our [DAR's Marine Managed Areas](#) page!

COMIC STRIP - How to Harvest Limu

Join Pono and Pohō as they learn how to properly harvest limu, with guidance and mana'o from Auntie! This mini comic was made by science illustrator Avery Williams.

How to Harvest Limu



Pono and Pohō want to harvest limu (seaweed) but they have never done it before. But don't worry, Auntie has some tips!



When harvesting we want to make sure we leave the "holdfast", which function like roots, stabilizing the limu to the substrate. An easy way to make sure you leave the holdfast is to use your fingernails, 'opihi knife, or scissors to cut the limu stalk leaving behind the "holdfast" to regrow.

Wrong: X



Don't pull the limu with the roots out

Right: ✓



Use your fingernails to "trim" the limu

Right: ✓



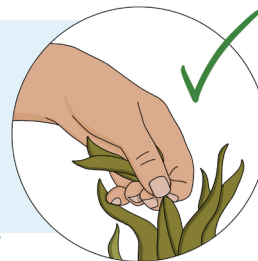
Or use scissors/'opihi knife to "trim" the limu

And the last thought is to take only what you need. You can observe the area to notice if there are other more abundant species that you could use for your limu poke. Another important value is to know the resources in the area and the season, so you can harvest at the appropriate time.



Right:

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