



Holomua

Marine Initiative

Draft Maui Navigation Team Management Recommendations

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The following **DRAFT** management recommendations were created by the Maui Navigation Team as part of the Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources' Holomua Marine Initiative.

The Navigation Team is a community-nominated hui of Maui residents made up of fishers and other ocean users whose role is to develop management recommendations **for the nearshore waters of Maui** based on their experience and intimate knowledge of the ocean and nearshore resources. These management recommendations **are only for Maui**, and were shared with the Maui community through a series of Information Exchanges in September 2024 and another round in the summer of 2025. Next, based on the comments received during these Information Exchanges, the Navigation Team is further revising the proposal to reflect the priorities and needs of the Maui community.

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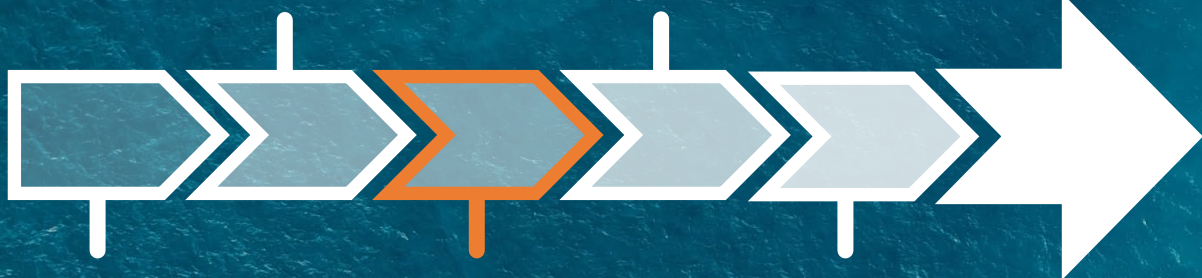
The Holomua Marine Initiative is a community-driven, island based approach that ensures local knowledge is guiding marine resource management planning at every step in the process. An overview of the Holomua timeline and where we are now on Maui is shown below.

Navigation Team Planning:

A community nominated team drafts management goals, solutions, and actions

Scoping and Rule-Making:

DAR conducts public scoping and hosts hearings for the Navigation Team's revised proposal (Chapter 91 process)



Talk Story Sessions:

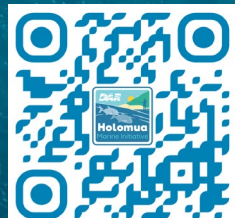
Local communities engage in conversations to exchange knowledge, ideas, and offer guidance

Information Exchanges:

The Navigation Team presents their proposal to the community for feedback and revision

Implementation

of Navigation Team's island-wide management plan












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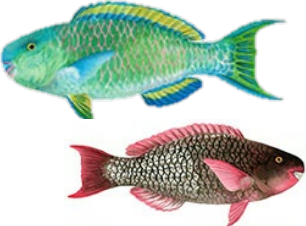


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Proposed Regulations

CATEGORY/SPECIES	CURRENT RULES	PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
Aggregate Bag Limit (With Exclusions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No aggregate bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 15 finfish Commercial exemption for jacks, kala nenuue & uku Nehu baitfish license exemption Excludes introduced species, Deep 7, pelagics, & live baitfish Additional exclusions: āholehole, ‘āweoweo, menpachi, nabeta, halalū/akule, ‘ōpelu, red weke, nehu & ‘oama
Kala (all horned species), Umaumalei, and Kala ‘ōpelu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For kala: 14" minimum; Bag limit of 4; Commercial permit exemption with State ACL of 15,000 lbs For umaumalei: No current regulations For kala ‘ōpelu: 16" minimum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-commercial bag limit of 2 No commercial harvest May – July Proposal to create a Maui island-specific commercial ACL for horned species (<i>N. unicornis</i>, <i>N. brevirostris</i>, & <i>N. annulatus</i>)
Kole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5" Minimum No bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove current State minimum size of 5" (no size limit) Bag limit if aggregate limit not adopted
Manini 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6" Minimum No bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower current minimum size to 5" Bag limit if aggregate bag limit not adopted
Palani & Pualu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limit of 2
Mū 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limit of 2
‘Ama‘ama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11" Minimum No bag limit Closed season Dec – Mar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limit of 6 Extend closed season Nov - April
‘Opihi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ¼" Minimum No bag limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag limit 100 (tentatively proposed) No commercial sale island-wide



Proposed Regulations (continued)

CATEGORY/SPECIES	CURRENT RULES	PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
Moi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum size 11" • Bag limit of 15 • Closed June-August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend Closed Season May - September
Nenuē 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-commercial bag limit of 5 • Maui island-specific commercial ACL
Nehu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag limit 1 gallon for home consumption • Bait license required for commercial use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-commercial 1 quart limit
Uhu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum size 14" for large species • Minimum size 10" for small species • Bag limit of 2 • No take of blue uhu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO TAKE of uhu at night • Evaluate Maui uhu data every 5 years to determine if the blue uhu no-take rule should be kept, changed or removed
Pū - Triton (<i>Charonia tritonis</i>) & Conch (<i>Cassis cornuta</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No take of live pū
Ula (all spiny lobster under genus <i>Panulirus</i>) & Ula pāpapa (<i>Scyllarides squammosus</i> and <i>S. haanii</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 ¼" minimum for ula • 2 ¾" for ula pāpapa • No bag limit • Closed May – Aug 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag limit of 5
Bait Licenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 types: Bait License & Nehu bait license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same "aku boat" requirements as nehu license for 'iao and piha • Commercial take of 'iao, piha, and nehu exempt from all bag limits • Introduced or invasive baitfish species (marquesan sardine, "tabai," threadfin shad, and gold-spot herring) already exempt from aggregate bag limit

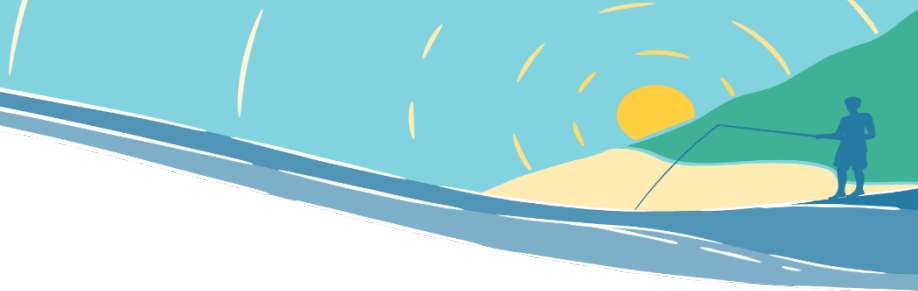


Potential Gear Restrictions

<i>GEAR</i>	<i>CURRENT RULES</i>	<i>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS</i>
Throw Nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum size 2" stretched mesh • Possession of undersized throw nets <i>in or near</i> water unlawful • Sale of undersized throw nets unlawful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban sale and possession of illegal throw nets
Lobster Nets	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-cost permit for lobster nets
Surround Nets	General net provisions apply with exceptions for akule and using surround nets with SCUBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted to use only with CML and can only catch introduced species, halalū/akule, red weke, kala, nenuē & 'ō'io

Non-regulatory Recommendations

<i>MANAGEMENT TARGET</i>	<i>PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTION</i>
Perpetuate Traditional and Ecological Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education and promote use of Hawaiian Moon Calendar to respect spawning seasons
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and support legal position for Maui dedicated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting prosecution efforts for fishing violations ○ Improving education for the Judicial System to ensure proper consequences for offenders ○ Supporting administrative enforcement actions
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase communication efforts between DOCARE and public to increase awareness around violations (e.g. Publish violations on social media) • Implement mandatory education for violators and require them to have a permit after • Scale up fishing education and lawai'a camps • Create translated educational materials & QR codes on signage that link to translations • Create a Maui specific regulation booklet



Place-Based Planning Recommendations

<i>MANAGEMENT TARGET</i>	<i>PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTION</i>
Improved Area Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate Maui island as a Fisheries Management Area (FMA) to increase penalties for violations
Support Community-driven Efforts to Manage Nearshore Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support communities at various stages of developing and proposing place-based regulations and management actions
Designate Area for Enhanced Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New designation for a Habitat Restoration Area (HRA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olowalu landing to Makena Lighthouse (Hanomanioa) No take of ALL uhu species within the HRA Evaluate Maui uhu data specific to the HRA every 5 years to assess effectiveness and inform adaptive management decisions as outlined in the management plan Track, monitor and evaluate nenue and kala populations every 5 years Focus management actions to include building partnerships that will address terrestrial impacts





Restoration & Monitoring Management Recommendations

MANAGEMENT TARGET	PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTION
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to end injection wells• Support re-purposing wastewater (R-1) for irrigation & other purposes• Align and support ongoing terrestrial restoration work to reduce sedimentation and land-based sources of pollution
Freshwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support restoring stream flow for nearshore resources
Habitat Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support implementation of fish habitat enhancement projects (e.g. Ko'a, loko i'a) in deep and shallow areas• Collaborate with fishers on the design and installation of artificial fish habitat structures• Support limu and coral restoration efforts in response to disturbances (e.g. Mass bleaching, vessel groundings)
Strengthen Monitoring & Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work in partnership with communities to develop a monitoring plan• Strengthen monitoring of non-native & invasive species to improve prevention & response efforts
Review & Adaptation of Monitoring Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the effectiveness of management actions every 3-5 years

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