

Pūpūkea Makai Watch
Sunset Beach Recreation Center

Wednesday September 30, 2015

Meeting Notes

'Ike Kai

Commercial-use Permit- Do operators need to have their permit with them? Do Snorkel and Scuba tours that use Sharks cove need to have a permit too?

Surf Lessons – A recommendation was made that schools should have their own lifeguards. They bring their customers but county lifeguards need to go out and rescue them.

Do rental companies need to have equipment labeled and numbered? Do commercial schools need to label and number equipment?

Dive Flags – question about operators who drop a flag in the middle of Sharks Cove and leave it out for the whole day as a way to comply with the dive flag regulations

Thrill Craft – Are there any regulations for Jet Ski operators who rent jet skis? What are those regulations?

Kohola- are there any actual citations? Carleton explain marine mammal cases, and shared some examples.

Is there ever going to be a process for taking turtles?

Would like more information on Dolphins in the bay.

Comment on communities groups trying to create closures like at Lanikai (Lanikai community members were present and were able to clarify misinformation)

DOCARE OIR

How can lifeguards help DOCARE with their funding situation? Need to sit down and have discussion about overlap and best use of limited resources.

Comment was made about Monk Seal volunteers harassing fishermen. A lifeguard witnessed a monk seal swim ashore near some fishers. The fishers observed and just continued fishing, but when the volunteer showed up and roped the area off, people started to show up. And then the volunteer was yelling at the fishers which caused the monk seal to move around. The volunteer is the one causing changes in the monk seal behavior not us fishers.

Are there any regulations with SUP?

What about the by-catch in the nets in Waimea? Can there be laws that the by-catch attracts sharks and poses a threat to safety?

Comment about whether or not lifeguard reports are actually followed-up by DOCARE. Carleton from DOCARE responded that yes they are followed-up on. Another suggestion was to have a meeting with DOCARE and Lifeguards and the communication protocol between the two agencies.

Surf Coaching Groups- Are these types of activities monitored or permitted? What should lifeguards do when they see these types of activities? Are there any regulations?

Example Scenarios

Comment whether a list existed with permitted commercial operations within the Pupukea MLCD

As far as netting what are the regulations with by-catch?

Is there any way to stop all fishing in the bay? Would need to go into a Chapter 91 rule making process. A comment was made fishing is a traditional practice for some fishers, there are lots of families who still fish in pono ways, we cannot punish all those 'ohana for the mistakes of a few.

Comments

Good info on net size and the no fish zone. Need to bring to Ko'olaupoko!

I learned about bag limits with certain species. Good presentation

I learned about the specifics about the tidepools and that reporting gets followup on, and that our cameras may be confiscated for court. Also about lay net rules. Would be nice for an example of legal nets vs. illegal nets (bring sample) and description of laynet practice for those that do not know.

Learned about importance of blue uhu, not taking of sand, Pupukea MLCD zones, and 2poles with 2 hooks.

Revised rules with sand and coral, and the importance of blue uhu. 24 hour enforcement is a necessity

I learned about the conservation zones and was satisfied with the whole presentation

Presentation was informative!! Rules and Regs was awesome. Maybe more hands on for certain parts of training, props to see and feel.

I learned about illegal sand take. Maybe we should have someone from our Lifeguard administration to be in on these talks.

Wela and Pomai learned that education is the best defense!