

Hawaii Island Makai Watch Briefing

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Meeting Notes:

Kai Kuleana – Network of Hawaii Island communities that meets monthly to discuss issues, concerns, and lessons learned of their community-based management efforts.

What does the program in Milolii consist of now? – The program is not an official Makai Watch. However, they do provide youth activities such as the Lawai`a camps.

Kaialapa Community Association- This program believes that there is a fishing ko`a in front of their area, and will call DOCARE to chase away boats who are in the area. Currently there are no regulations prohibiting boats in the area. There is also no regulations regarding fishing ko`a other than “unspoken rules” that have been respected.

How often are communities engaged? – Minimum of 2x/year. Trainings are conducted 1x/year. The trainings consist of the rules and regulations of both DAR and DOBOR, as well as how to report to DOCARE. There is also a site meeting in the community held 1x/year to allow officers and volunteers the opportunity to communicate face-to-face.

Puako is a great community, however, they frequently try to use DOCARE as personal police officers to try and keep locals from using the ocean. Their concern is that people are there and using the water in front of their residence.

How can Makai Watch Improve?

Community meeting w/ DOCARE (7) – Introduce community and DOCARE; Have MW meetings in conjunction with regular community meetings to educate community members who would otherwise not go to MW meeting.

Education (6) – Hawaiian Gathering Rights, Micronesian education

Training for DOCARE officers (4)

Involve Community (4)

Communication (3)

Advertising/publication/social media (2)

Expand Program (2)

Screening Participants (2)

Make program more of a “neighborhood watch” not an “informant/snitch” program

Increase number of contacts

Need more information of how a DOCARE officer is to be involved

Signage for community/visitors acknowledge MW area with contact info

How can Makai Watch assist DOCARE?

Accurate and Actionable Reporting (7)

Training and Education of rules and regulations (6) - Documentation of incident (details/photograph)

Willing to testify in court (4)

Eyes and Ears (2)

Filtering complaints

Statistics on types of issues

Prevent violations from happening by educating fishermen ahead of time instead of waiting for violations to occur; ID fishers who frequent the areas.

Use written referral to document information; always hear “we called DOCARE” but never did

Keep community accountable, be careful of motives of participants

Include DOCARE on MW/community association email list

Many reports from community members are made to keep people from using the shoreline. DOCARE encourages people to lawfully enjoy our resources

What does a “successful” Makai Watch look like?

DOCARE, MW volunteers, and the community cooperating, working together thru communication and education to successfully enforce rules/laws (8)

A community that has an understanding of DOCARE and being able to educate others of violations. How to teach what is pono

Volunteers and DOCARE being on the same page and having an understanding of what to expect of each other

Community that is empowered to assist with resource management.

Eyes and ears with accurate information

Minimize complaints, increase compliance, increase resources (ie fish becomes plentiful, coral growing)

Committed volunteers

A perfect liaison system between the community and enforcement

MW involved with majority of the community and not just interested individuals

Properly trained community who provides great reports for DOCARE

How would you measure/evaluate Makai Watch programs?

Actionable reports (3)

Quarterly Reports (2)

Referrals to DOCARE (2)

Decrease in “non-violations” (2)

Decrease in violations because of education and cooperation from fishers

Coordination with DOCARE

Increase compliance, increased public knowledge of DAR/DOBOR rules

of complaints/education contacts

of contacts for education and outreach, # volunteers hours;

of partnerships/relationships

of volunteer testify in court

of volunteers

Violation/conviction rate

Violation/non violation ratio;

of reports made that end with fines/guilty parties

Any suggestions how to improve communication with the community?

DOCARE and community meeting (5)

More education to community

MW presence in the community

Have DOCARE on email distribution list. We have to deal with community everyday so its good to be in the loop

Talk to the main users of the resources and enlist local community leaders as much as possible to draw connections to traditional knowledge

Blog - post articles and receive feedback via comments

DOCARE attend community events

For big island need more MW, but logistically this is a challenge