

**CBSFA and MW Briefing for Kauai DOCARE**

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**DOCARE Kauai: (Morning Session)**

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**CBSFA**

Now with CBSFA official, will post CBSFA meetings be with officers or administration?

Need to reach out pass branch chiefs

Emails sometimes slip pass, officers would prefer no emails

The only person going to meetings was Bully? Officers don't know what's happening? All rules are already in place. If get a call no can cite, because officers no more the certified copy of the rules.

Officers request help to do their job. Rather than info on how the program happens, officers would like info on how helps DOCARE and how DOCARE is involved. Like cut thru the butter and know how to enforce.

East-West District, understaffed, need man power and personnel, need to start hiring more officers

**Makai Watch**

Photography – do volunteers know if they take pictures they may have to submit device?

Volunteers are going to call all the time – need to make sure they are trained on what's legal and illegal

Another expectation to manage is “**DOCARE don't work for volunteers**”

Will officers be given the names of volunteers?

Boundaries – how can officers conclude that a volunteer observation of violations are actually occurring within the boundary (1 mile) when they are observed from the shoreline and there is no boundary marker or clear demarcation – possible to provide a warning if not comfortable – GPS unit needed and equipment for surveillance and to help collect evidence

Create a table from DOCARE perspective of how enforceable DAR rules are.

Push boat proposal off of chief's desk – NOAA offer to fund, but not moving past chief

**Ha`ena Community**

Preserving fishing in Ha`ena

Try to help...community can go to senators and ask them to fund DOCARE

## **DOCARE Kauai: (Afternoon Session)**

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### **CBSFA**

Designate who will be accountable and responsible for communication in program. Officers have a problem commenting with no feedback, or receiving surveys the day before.

Officers should be able to sit down and discuss comments before meetings or when comments are due, and not last minute.

CBSFA program is a semi done deal before coming to officers, need a point of contact/someone to be accountable for getting info to officers.

Where was input from in designation of Ha`ena? *Legislators provided the input for Haena*

Administrators are not aware of changes happening on the ground.

No one wants to cite someone and lose. Officers do not like loopholes when trying to prosecute. Need language to make laws enforceable.

Administration is not going to court, if officers cannot make solid case, officers not going cite.

Can property owners within CBSFA allow officers on the property? This would make the response easier.

### **Makai Watch**

Are volunteers trained? Will they testify in court?

Make sure filtered reports goes to more than just branch chief

Is there a reporting form?? Where can the `Ike Kai curriculum be found?? *On the Makai Watch website*

### **Ha`ena Community**

Science and Outreach

Try to get funds for DOCARE

Parking Spots

## **Kauai DOCARE Officer Comments**

What we need is better communication from coordinators to officers. Getting information is key to help us protect resources.

DOCARE needs more man power, more officers, we are stretched thin.

More funding for officers to work O.T.

Email all officers with any information

Think Makai Watch is a good program, but needs constant monitoring

Education and understanding of our natural resources is the most important element for further generations.

Think DOCARE needs to refocus duties and responsibilities

DOCARE needs leadership and updating on what's needed in our communities

No need more money or officers, just do the job. Focus on resource enforcement- not other things.

Biggest issue with DOCARE is manpower shortage. I feel Makai Watch is an asset to the Department. Additional eyes/ears in the field are helpful since officers are stretched thin.

Assist any community to advocate for additional enforcement officers

We can make all the rules and regulations for good cause, but without adequate enforcement, it would be almost impossible to do our job and would disservice our community and people.

Need to have the necessary elements to enforce HRS

Manpower- we need to make available positions for more CREO II / III positions

Communication- field officers are the heart, not just administration. Officers need to be well-educated/informed. Keep us in the loop

Equipment- give us the necessary equipment field officers need to make a solid case (GPS, Vessels, etc)

Grant monies that will cover OT cost for violations when Makai Watch reports after hour violations (OT funds for DOCARE officers)

Background checks for all Makai Watch volunteers. Training, Training, Training!