

DOCARE Oahu Branch

Makai Watch Briefing for Supervisors

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Notes:

Question about number of participants trained in the `Ike Kai curriculum?

- DAR curriculum = 123
- DOBOR curriculum = 125

How many Makai Watch programs consist of locals?

- Ha`ena, CFEU, Kaupulehu (mostly locals)
- Hanalei, Pupukea, Maunalua, Puako (local coordinator but diverse community)

Maunalua has a diverse and inter-generational fishing community. There are the old time fishermen who have passed their knowledge and fishing areas to their `ohana. There are also very good divers and fishers who are not from Maunalua, but have found the fishing Ko`a. These fishers are able to re-find the Ko`a using GPS, but lack the education and understanding of managing, resting, and feeding the ko`a. This is an identified issue by the communities and DOCARE officers of the area.

Is there a way to reach target audiences...mainly pacific islanders?

- Possible funding to reach Micronesian and Homeless communities through NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant
- Kaupulehu MW coordinator worked with Micronesian churches to provide outreach on marine education as well as DLNR rules and regulations.

When would DOBOR maps be updated?

- We would need to find funding and partner with DOBOR. We currently have GIS students who could assist with updating DOBOR maps.

How soon would the Mauka component be implemented?

- As of now we have a DOFAW volunteer coordinator, Kekai Mar, who attended the MW training and is very interested in creating something for the Mauka managed areas.

Oahu Branch believes education is a critical key to compliance and very supporting of Education and Outreach. Would like to update and provide key messages and materials for schools and community.

Is there a way to help with Marketing DOCARE? DOCARE created stickers like "Fish Pono". Possibilities to create T-shirts and hats? DOCARE slogan?

Is there a way to rebuild the volunteer program for officers?

- Followed up with Admin; program funding was cut during the furlough time period and never reinstated. We would need to find funding for these positions, uniform, equipment, and ammunition.

Is there a way to revive the Student Hires for volunteers?

- These students would be college level; enrolled fulltime, and would provide capacity as the DOCARE dispatch. There would be two time periods (7a-3p) and (3p-11p).