

## **Ha'ena CBSFA Training**

Saturday October 22, 2016

The Ha'ena CBSFA Training was conducted on Saturday October 22, 2016 at the Ha'ena Lo'i, Kauai. Of the participants, 71% were fishers including pole, spear, throw net, hand gathering, and two participants who fished "all" methods. The training was supported by the Kauai DOCARE Chief, and included two Conservation International participants, as well as a participant from (DOBOR/DOFAW)

Pre Test Score: **92%**

Post Test Score: **94%\***

\*The most common mix up with post test was whether throw nets were regulated within the CBSFA. Although throw nets are not prohibited, nets still need to comply with the statewide regulation of 2" mesh size.

**100%** of participants rated themselves with a "good" understanding of DOCARE

### **Makai Watch Overview**

Requirements also include Safety Protocols – Safety is important

20 Hours – community is conducting observation and outreach (ie Uncle Kelii observing Micronesian fishers with lay net, educated, and asked if would not fish in the area with illegal gear and methods)

Areas of Improvement – No Reporting – this is important for Ha'ena to show the effectiveness of the CBSFA in the 5 year review. Would like ability to link biological monitoring results with possible enforcement infractions and illegal poaching when applicable.

### **DAR 'Ike Kai**

Question about measuring slipper lobster – see <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/files/2014/05/ch89.pdf>

DAR sign for Opihi Area

What about an opihi picker who shucks a couple on the spot and then picks some, and then shucks a couple more?

### **DOBOR 'Ike Kai**

Fishing Advisory Council for Communities?

Haena Concerns-

- 1) Jet Skis
- 2) Commercial Scuba @ Makua
- 3) Anchoring outside Makua

Recommendation to bring updated North Shore Kauai ORMA Map

### **DOCARE OIR**

Testifying is not a requirement of a MW volunteer, although would increase strength in prosecution and support for DOCARE in court

Comment that cell phone reception is not available in some places within the CBSFA – would be helpful to include no reception areas in the volunteer manual and trainings

Review of Communication Protocol when reporting

- 1) Program Coordinator
- 2) State Coordinator
- 3) DOCARE

### **Example Scenarios**

Community was able to identify violations relating to the CBSFA, as well as potential additional violations for statewide and general DLNR regulation

### **Additional Comments**

1. The Hā`ena community's understanding of the "*ma kai*" area in our ahupua`a includes the sand dunes and other coastal areas inland of the high-water mark.
  - It seems that the overall programmatic understanding of what "*ma kai*" is, as well as how it is implemented in other communities, starts at the high-water mark and extends seaward. This is probably a vestigial element of the program which originally came about as MW was born within DAR, before it was moved to DOCARE. Such an interpretation is actually not reflective of Hawaiian thought. Now that MW is no longer bound by DAR limitation, I suggest that MW as a program expand its interpretation of "*ma kai*" to be more closely aligned with the usage of that term in the context of the Hawaiian language.
  - This is the reason I suggested that future MW trainings remain focused on DAR and DOBOR rules, but also include key elements of OCCL and Parks rules, and perhaps key County ordinances as well. We see OCCL and Parks rules violations all the time, and it would be great if we're all on the same page that MW volunteers can engage with all of it.
2. Hā`ena's MW Coordinator has not only taken on the coordination of MW volunteers, and liaising with DOCARE; but also has taken on the coordination of creating/adopting administrative rules needed for ensuring the health of our area, and liaising with DLNR staff in various Divisions as a means to get this done.
  - As you heard in our meeting there is some question as to whether or not the Hā`ena community will continue on with this interpretation of the role after me, but I contend that if we are going to get to where we need to be in regards to the health of our area, then we need to have the MW Coordinator play that larger role (as long as it is in the capabilities of the Coordinator).
  - I would hope that, within the context of the over-arching program, communities have the flexibility to either implement a narrow interpretation of the coordinator role or a broader interpretation without sacrificing a compliance determination. In other words MW Coordinators could either "opt in" or "opt out" of playing that larger role.

Participant Feedback:

**How can we improve Makai Watch?**

- Get more community members interested and educated about MW
- Be inclusive (communications, etc, notices) to keep community involved
- Regular meetings/updates
- By pushing forward with our agenda
- Getting more communities involved
- Get more officers and on-site training
- Know the names and areas of reef
- Familiarize self with CBSFA rules and regulations
- Paid full-time position

**How can DOCARE assist Makai Watch?**

- Keep MW informed –whats working, rule changes, etc.
- Know the Haena MW coordinator
- Assign officer to post up in trouble spots until otherwise called away to respond to a violation
- Have officers attend MW meeting with Branch Chief
- Keeping us updated on rules, getting us more officers, and getting a team to patrol water
- Funding for a MW coordinator
- Continue to support us

**What does a successful Makai Watch look like?**

- The community members are making a difference in MW goals
- The Kai is healthy and beach users understand their use of the resources and the limits because resources have limits. Mw Ha'ena needs a strategic plan
- Clear roles/responsibilities for all involved
- Good relationship with DOCARE Branch chief and officers
- Active community support and participation
- Community education
- Community, MW, DOCARE all working together to protect resources for future generations

### **How would you measure/evaluate Makai Watch programs**

Funding/funding opportunity

Having a strategic plan for ha'enas MW future

The community involved with MW are on the same page, understanding MW goals and how its activities feed up the food chain (state)

# Reports with accurate informatoin

Associated response rate/time by DOCARE

### **Any suggestions how to improve communication with DOCARE?**

First Ha'ena MW needs a coordinator. Coordinator needs to be the POC for the Ha'ena community and then share infor to/from D?OCARE and the Ha'ena community. The coordinator is the key to effective communication with DOCARE

Quarterly meetins

Have officers come by and talk story with us when they pass by

Make a new station on north shore

Build relationship with all entities