



## Puakō Makai Watch Training

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Hokuloa Church

Meeting Notes:

Makai Watch Overview-

DAR Ike Kai

- Clarification on turtle distance not a law, just recommendation
- Wailea Rule Clarification- why was the rule written like that
- Comment- Need better signage in the area

DOBOR Ike Kai (\*see attached email response from DOBOR Education Specialist)

- ORMA how far for a jet ski?
- Jet ski general rules clarification
- Commercial-use permit clarification

Gear Demonstration

- Review types of nets
- Clarification how to ID legal thrownet fishers vs poachers
- Question about fishing license
  - Ability to enforce
  - Ability to monitor fishing effort and populations

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- Volunteers are afraid of retaliation, not willing to leave name
- Clarification by DOCARE that protocol does not release the name to suspected violators
  - Further clarification if volunteers email supervisors and managers, their name and email will be known by more than DOCARE

Example Scenarios

- Question who to contact to set up a barrier for turtles?
- Clarification on touching turtles
- DOCARE provides realistic expectations of what they will cite for

How do communities get to write rules? –

- Long community process within the community, once the community is in agreement, they can begin the process with the DLNR.

### **How can we improve Makai Watch?**

Increase community buy-in, engage fishing community, create community events

Reasonable response time from DOCARE when violators are present

More understanding/training, more volunteers, meet more often and with officers

Help recruit more volunteers, more workshops like this one

More education and training like this, educate to remove fear (false expectations appearing real)

More violations in puako

Frequent education updates

Involve more volunteers

Allow more interaction with offenders/contacts or encourage or train for interaction

More volunteers, find coordinator, more training

### **How can DOCARE assist Makai Watch?**

Need more buy-in/feedback from DOCARE, DOCARE report success to community

Keeping up the good work training, outreach to community to keep reporting, good relationship

By enforcing, issuing citations, patrolling and enforcing daily violations in long time violation areas like paniau beach, enforce warning signs that are present there

Listing responses and knowing phone numbers

Provide feedback on cases

Continue to interact and educate on prosecutable offenses, time and manpower resources priorities

Please enforce obvious offenses-smoking alcohol, loose dogs, camping

Report the results of incident reports, keep the helpful attitude working with community

What they did today/explain how limited they are, another meeting with DOCARE officers talk story, splash day is a great idea

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

An active, well coordinated effort that involves the whole community and bridges the gap between DOCAER, community and fishermen

You won't see DOCARE and DLNR because of training

Well staffed regular action/interactions

Good coverage along coast no pukas, better reporting, less violations over time

One that can be educational, know what problems we have, be involved

A group that has good relationships with users, DOCARE, PD and community

Non confrontational contact

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

Participation knowledge

Less offenses, harassment of ocean life, more knowledge ocean visitors, attendance measurements (booth, meetings)

# incident reports, feedback from community

Reporting and knowledge

Reporting (monthly and share with community), education, change in violation frequency

Any suggestion how to improve communication with DOCARE?

Report back to community when DOCARE responds

Make sure everyone has the correct phone #s

Hope the public will respect all they do and understand their limits

Keep these meeting going, get to know each other, understand where each group is coming from

Notification mailings

Community meeting 2x/year

Continue with regular meetings and communications

Educate just do it

\*\*\*\*\*Email Response From DOBOR Education Specialist\*\*\*\*\*

Pauko lies in the West Hawaii Ocean Recreation Management Area. Because of this, any thrill craft launched into these waters is required to 1) transit to the designated riding area off Kailua-Kona if staying within the ORMA or 2) transit taking the most direct route offshore with safety considerations to a point 3000 feet outside of the ORMA where they can operate freely.

It can be argued that the boundary of the ORMA is even farther offshore than 3000 feet from nearest land. Here's how... we can draw a line between the westernmost land masses near Holana Bay in the north (west of Hawi) and Mahaiula Bay (just north of the Kailua-Kona Airport) to identify the boundary for the inland sea. We can use that boundary as the STARTING point for measuring the 3000 feet going seaward to reach the outer limit of the ORMA. That's a lot of water between the ramp over the inland waters and seaward a full 10 football fields. We don't really want people recreating on a JetSki that far from shore. They're not required to carry EPIRBS or VHF radios and that makes everybody nervous, them being in the channel, so 3000 feet from shore is safer and keeps the jet skis away from the condo cliff dwellers that complain about the noise from these watercraft. Yes... I used to hear lots of complaints from those residents but not much lately