

GMAC meeting minutes – 6-28-22

Members present

Stan Rudias
Nancy Timko
Bob Masuda
John Terry
Jason Sanborn
Nicolai Barca

Item 2 – pig contraceptive (hog stop)

(Jason Omick)

1. DLNR does not plan to use the product
 - a. No trials no scientific evidence that backs claims of product
2. Was approved to be used in Hawaii
 - a. Private landowners may use
3. Questions should go to HDOA
4. Contacted Auburn university
 - a. No proof of claims of product
5. DLNR looked at
 - a. Active ingredient
 - b. How works – pig attractant
 - c. Target = male pigs
 - d. Talked to USDA APHIS
 - i. No published papers on the efficacy
 - ii. It may be more beneficial because it targets males
 - e. Minimum risk pesticide
 - f. It may affect other animals that are eating the product

Public Questions

1. (Vince Garcia) How can the state authorize landowners to use it on pigs? Worried pigs won't stay on private lands.
2. (John Terry) Effects on human consumption?
3. (Bob Masuda) Asked folks here to sign the paper and say they do not support
4. (Stan board member) HDOA needs to answer
5. (Jason Sanborn) Representing the people of each island and advising the state
6. (Roy) hog stop is used as a pest control; hogs are not pests; concerned because they eat the product
7. (Bob Masuda) put name, address, and phone number on paper and will pass on information to HDOA about the use of this product in Hawaii
8. Mongoose brought in, cattle egret brought in, bulbo brought in → state has brought these animals.
9. (Alfred) pigs are what feed the people;

10. (multiple) oppose hog stop – on the recorder
 11. (Bob Masuda) suggest people who represent the hunter's association send to Jason and pass information on; the purpose of the meeting is for GMAC to represent hunters;
 12. (public) request to have a meeting with HDOA
 13. (Bob Masuda) wants to facilitate getting messages to the right place
 14. Send emails to Jason
 15. (Eddie) only two hunting areas open on the south side of O'ahu; want more areas open for hunting
 16. Concerns that pigs will consume and move to public lands
 17. Problems communicating information to the public and understanding both sides
- Public testimony closed; can still submit written testimony (Stan)

Discussion

1. (Jason Sanborn) GMAC was formed to give hunters a voice. Each island has a local board, and this is at the state level; environmentalists have their own agenda; advice hunters have a unified voice.
2. (John Terry) bill 1802 on governor's desk; recommend public email governor to support; Jason will listen to concerns about hog stop; access – contact with Roy
3. (Jason Sanborn) BI has a local board; suggests that the public can participate on the board (Jason Omick – correction county); said that the state does not think pigs are worth anything
4. (Nicolai) DLNR has no interest in using the product; it supports hunters, has a document about connecting landowners with hunters
5. (Jason Sanborn) Nicolai's document – connect hunters and landowners; when landowners have problems with pigs, use that list
6. (public) KSB and military grounds
7. (Stan) not the end of the discussion; asking the public to find out who is using and what is safe and what is not
8. (public) need access to mountains to hunt pigs
9. (Stan) need to move on

Item 5 – report for each island

1. (Nancy) sept 16-18 Becoming Outdoors Woman workshop
2. (John Terry) –
3. (Jason Sanborn) want to know why seats are not filled yet
4. (Nicolai) Thomas Kaiakapu retired; new watershed fences; story map distributed; bring campsites for hunters; presentation to hunters and anglers; deboning of deer at ____ GMA; Unit F adaptive management bill use open seven days per week
5. (Stan) Lanai 50-year lease (?), 5-year increments; Shane DeMattos announced deer season starting in February

Item 3 – bovine TB

1. (Jason Omick) packets for everyone on the issue, FAQs; 9 deer sampled, all negative; no positive tests in deer; need to talk about controversial issues before putting them on the agenda; meetings will be online and in person in the future
2. (Jason Sanborn) wants to know the hold up on available commission seats
3. (Jason Omick) waiting for a response from the boards and commissions office, got applications
4. (Nancy) her commission ends in 2024
5. (Stan) his commission up in 2022? Signed for five more years
6. (Jason Omick) listed when other commission members are expiring
7. (Jason) Discussion on buying tags on the website; Lanai DOCARE checking in on OuterSpatial before the hunt to see everyone there; use of adaptive management; distribution on Hawaii Island
8. (Nancy) wants fixed date for these meeting
9. (Jason Omick) continue building program
10. (Bob Masuda) concerned about COVID at this meeting; we were not prepared for the crowd at the meeting; had suggestions on board member behavior

The meeting adjourned just before 7 pm.