

GMAC meeting minutes – 02/27/2024

Members present

Michael Johnson -Present

Nancy Timko- Present

Jason Sanborn-Present

Nicolai Barca-Present

Gonzalo Garcia- Not Present

Nelson Rapanot – Not Present

David Smith-Present

- ITEM 1. 01:02-Item 1—Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors; all commission members and visitors gave an introduction.
- ITEM 2. 06:00-Review background information and responsibilities. PowerPoint review of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife’s Mission. Review of 183D 4.5 Game Management Advisory Commission. Review of Ethics training and location of information for commission members. Review of DOFAW structure. Review of DOFAW’s website and hunting webpage. Discussion of Legislative bills and site navigation. Review of Game Program Grant Funding (WFSR) and hunting license revenue. Notice of the Game Management Advisory Commission legislative report due each year. Review of Adaptive Management Authority and Statute. Nicolai Barca comments on misleading web links to DLNR’s hunting regulations. Member of the public Lori Buchanan requested that the Chair take public testimony at the beginning of the meeting. Lori Buchanan proposed future agenda items. DLNR public notice dated Nov. 6th, 2023 Request for Proposals – DOFAW-AXIS-3. Why have there not been any public meetings? Jason Omick discussed the project and offered to follow up with Lori regarding where notices are posted.
- ITEM 3. 45.08 -Presentation/discussion on wildlife management methods and Improving the Hunting Experience on Kauai with Backcountry Shelters. – Commission member Nicolai Barca provides a presentation. Maps are provided with a presentation on current hunting shelters, viable places to build new shelters for public hunters, and additional discussions on maintenance. Dave Smith discusses fire safety and hunting shelters. Klayton Kubo addresses the commission regarding fence construction projects and hunter shelters on the island of Kauai.
- ITEM 4. Enhancing Oahu’s hunting opportunities- Commission member John Terry. The item was not heard, and the commission member was not present.

- ITEM 5. 1:05:43-Overview game program activities – Jason Omick-  
Discussion of grant preparation and ongoing projects
- ITEM 6. 01:11:20- A short report by each commissioner summarizes their meetings with DOFAW staff on the island they represent. Commissioners are to provide a list of hunting and wildlife issues for each island, including priorities and changes each commissioner would like to see. Michael Johnson meets with the Maui DOFAW biologist Shane DeMattos. Discussion of rule amendments for Units C & E and Makawao unit. Waiohuli DHHL call center discussion. Discussion of Maui spring turkey hunting. Shane DeMattos Maui DOFAW shares with the commission that Spring Turkey hunting on Lanai is slotted for an upcoming rule change addition. Nancy Timko, a commission member at large, met with the Oahu DOFAW biologist Nick Vargas and shared information on game bird hunting on Oahu. First Hunt Foundation WA. Nancy is working on implementing a special group hunt on Maui/Molokai. Becoming an Outdoors Women workshop to be scheduled. Jason Sanborn, East Hawaii Commissioner, requested reports provided to the legislature related to the decline of the Palila. Discussion on Firearm bill. SB2562 SD1 discussion. Jason Omick shared information on the Ungulate task force and what work is being done. Jason agrees to provide the commission with the Ungulate task force steering document when it is complete. Commissioner Sanborn requested a copy of the annual Palila report. Nicolai Barca addresses the commission about Kauai DOFAW projects. Mention of the game bird rearing program. Unit F Adaptive management rule update and review of new game bird and game mammal program rules. Nicolai shares information on Kauai Fence projects, which are included in a story map to initiate hunter outreach. Discussion on data management. CRVS Discussion.
- ITEM 7. 01:42:31-Set future meeting schedules and potential Agenda items—Message from Jason Omick to designate a chair for the Commission. Discuss future meeting dates with the commission. Evening meetings are recommended by the commission. The Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 7th. The second meeting will be set for August 6, 2024.
- ITEM 8. 01:49:22—Announcements— Jason Omick shared that the Lanai Mouflon hunt announcement has been posted, and the Spring Turkey hunt for Hawaii Island has been posted. The 2024-25 Hunting License and stamps will be ready for purchase on June 15, 2024.
- ITEM 9. 01:51:17-Adjournment-

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