

**Request for the Office of Information Practices' Concurrence
for a Limited Meeting**
(HRS § 92-3.1)

Date: 10/14/2025

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Date of Proposed Limited Meeting: October 22, 2025
Place/Location of Proposed Limited Meeting: Honopu predator proof fence, Kokee, Kauai.

1. Type of Limited Meeting:
☐ location is dangerous to health or safety; OR
☒ public attendance is impracticable
2. (Attach relevant portion of draft or adopted minutes showing board's deliberation and vote to adopt the determination, including applicable timestamps if minutes were recorded.) After sufficient public deliberation at a prior regular meeting, and by vote of two-thirds of all members to which it is entitled, the Board has adopted a determination that:
- ☐ the limited meeting is necessary and the location would be dangerous to health or safety; OR
☒ the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable.

As shown in its minutes, the Board has made this determination based upon the following reasons:

The Honopu predator proof fence encompasses highly sensitive, native dominant forest where numerous endangered plant and seabird species are present. To reduce impact on these precious native resources only essential persons should participate. Additionally, site access is dangerous requiring technical hiking.

3. Notice of the Limited Meeting under HRS § 92-7 (attach agenda):
- ☐ was filed on _____, 20____; OR
☒ will be filed by October 15, 2025.
4. Required Videotape of the Limited Meeting:
- ☒ will be made; OR
☐ Board requests a waiver of this requirement because:

CONCURRENCE

The Director of the Office of Information Practices concurs with the request made for a Limited Meeting and:

☒ does not waive the videotape requirement; OR

☐ waives the videotape requirement, with the following conditions:

If concurrence is granted, the Board must:

1. provide notice of the Limited Meeting in accordance with HRS § 92-7;
2. make no decisions at the Limited Meeting;
3. comply with all requirements of HRS § 92-9; and
4. videotape the Limited Meeting and make the videotape available at its next regular meeting, unless this requirement is fully waived above.



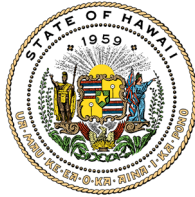
Carlotta Amerino
Director



Date

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**ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE (ESRC)
LIMITED MEETING**

DATE: October 22nd, 2025

TIME: 11:30 AM HST

LOCATION: Honopū, Kaua'i

NOTICE, this is a limited meeting of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee held in accordance with HRS § 92-3.1. In a previous Committee meeting on August 8th, 2025 it was determined that public presence at this meeting was not practicable due to the sensitive ecology of the area and presence of highly endangered species, and that access to the location is dangerous to public health or safety. Therefore, this meeting is not open to the public. However, the public may submit written testimony. Please use the guidance provided at the end of this agenda to transmit your testimony. Per HRS § 92-3.1(c) a recording of the meeting along with meeting minutes will be made available at the next regular Committee meeting. Note, no decisions will be made during this on-site inspection.

AGENDA

ITEM 1. Call to Order

ITEM 2. On-Site Inspection of Honopū Predator Exclusion Fence and Social Attraction Site for the Second Draft Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) Habitat Conservation Plan.

This on-site inspection by the Endangered Species Recovery Committee is conducted pursuant to section 195D-25(b)(1), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the Committee to conduct at least one site visit to each property that is the subject of a proposed Habitat Conservation Plan. The Endangered Species Recovery Committee will make no decisions relating to the Second Draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative during this site visit.

ITEM 3. Adjournment

Meeting materials, if applicable, will be available for public review in advance of the meeting at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/esrc/meeting-archives/>

To Provide Written Testimony by Mail or E-Mail:

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Committee Members prior to the meeting. Submit written testimony to **dofaw.hcp@hawaii.gov** or via postal mail to **Endangered Species Committee c/o HCP Section, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St. #325, Honolulu, HI, 96813**. We request written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting to ensure time for Committee Member review. Written testimony that is received later than 24 hours prior to the meeting will be retained as part of the record and distributed to Committee Members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure that Committee Members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact **Jason D. Omick at (808) 347-6869** or **Jesse Adams at (808) 265-3276** or via e-mail at **dofaw.hcp@hawaii.gov** as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

The Committee may go into Executive Session pursuant to section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with its attorney on questions and issues relating to the Committee's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.