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Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE HONUA'ULA (WAILEA 670) DRAFT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED INCIDENTAL TAKE LICENSE, KĪHEI-MĀKENA, MAUI, TMK's (2) 2-1-008:056 AND (2) 2-1-008:071.

SUMMARY:

Honua'ula Partners LLC (Honua'ula) proposes to complete a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and obtain an associated 30-year Incidental Take License from the Board of Land and Natural Resources for a 670-acre master-planned community in the Kīhei-Mākena region on the island of Maui due to the project's potential to result in the incidental take of endangered or threatened species.

BACKGROUND:

Honua'ula has prepared a draft HCP in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife staff. The draft HCP was published in the June 8, 2016 Office of Environmental Quality and Control's Environmental Notice and is currently available for a 60-day public review and comment period.

The Project includes construction and operation of a master-planned community including residential units, commercial spaces, and a golf amenity and has the potential to result in incidental take of species listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act and State Endangered Species Statutes. Host plants for the endangered Blackburn's sphinx moth (*Manduca blackburni*) would be affected. Additionally, two yellow-faced bee species that are proposed endangered, *Hylaeus assimulans* and *Hylaeus anthracinus*, may have reduced floral resources. Although all known living plants of the endangered plant 'āwikiwiki (*Canavalia pubescens*) on the property

will be protected in a 134-acre Native Plant Preservation Area (NPPA), construction and operation of the project may result in take of seeds or new recruits previously not recorded. Post-construction activities associated with the proposed golf amenity could attract Nēnē (*Branta sandvicensis*) resulting in the potential for incidental take.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Requested Incidental Take Authorization
Hawaiian Goose (Nēnē)	<i>Branta sandvicensis</i>	5 birds
Blackburn's Sphinx Moth	<i>Manduca blackburni</i>	56 acres of habitat
Yellow-faced Bees	<i>Hylaeus assimulans</i> <i>Hylaeus anthracinus</i>	56 acres of habitat
'Āwikiwiki	<i>Canavalia pubescens</i>	4 potential 'āwikiwiki sites containing a total of 25 viable 'āwikiwiki seeds per site

For Blackburn's sphinx moth and the yellow-faced bees a habitat-based approach was employed to quantify take. Mitigation for these species and 'āwikiwiki includes establishing a conservation easement for the NPPA and associated habitat enhancement and management and plantings of 'āwikiwiki. Mitigation also includes establishment of host plants for Blackburn's sphinx moth offsite at the Kanaio Natural Area Reserve and the Auwahi restoration area, and contribution of funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife for Nēnē recovery. Mitigation is expected to result in a net environmental benefit for the affected species.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to HRS §195D-4, a public hearing on the affected island in conjunction with a public comment period is required prior to BLNR review and approval of the draft HCP and Issuance of an Incidental Take License.

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

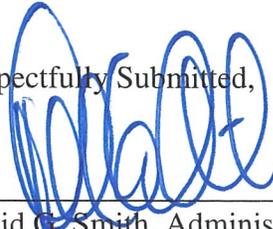
This action before the Board requests approval to conduct a public hearing and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of HRS Chapter 343 relating to environmental impact statements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

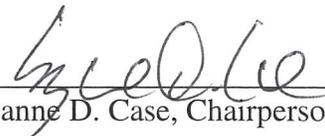
1. Grant permission to conduct a public hearing on the island of Hawai'i for the Honua'ula Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and associated Incidental Take License, Maui Island;
2. Authorize the Chairperson to set the dates and times for the public hearing; and
3. Authorize the Chairperson to appoint a hearing master for the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson