

**From:** [Albert Lagunte](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Issuance of a Direct Lease to Manu O Kekai  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:06:53 AM

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Good morning,  
Chair Case and members of the board. My name is Albert Lagunte, and I am in support of a Direct Lease to the Manu O Kekai Canoe Club at Kawailoa, Waialua. Tax Map: (1) 6-2-3003: Portion 010

As a parent and grandfather, I represent three generations who have paddled for Uncle Randy Sanborn, (former head coach and founder of Manu). The club has been a positive force in the community. It teaches kids the value of hard work, how to respect each other, Malama the land and ocean, respect our Kupuna and most importantly keeps them out of trouble. As someone who has seen the growth of this club from the beginning to present, it really needs a place to call home.

I humbly ask your consideration.

Sincerely,

Albert Lagunte

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**From:** [keahi amina](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
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My name is Keahi, I paddled with Manu O Ke Kai for the girls 19 crew. Our MOKKCC site is our home site, it's the home of the Iwa bird and it happens to be the bird we wear on our jerseys. Anyway, this club means a lot to me and my teammates. We were the first 19 girls crew to do the Molokai Hoe ever in history for this club which was an amazing experience. After doing that race we started training for World Sprints in Hilo which was the hardest thing to do because of all the changes. The point is we trained at this site for these big races, and after these races and trials we went back to the site to get together and blow off some steam and spend time together. This site is very significant to us and our team.

## MANU O KE KAI

Manu is home. I cannot express how much love and care that not only I, but so many others have for the home of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. With so many memories, childhood, and growth put into this beautiful club, I would have never thought that we'd be in this position where we would have to take down our Hale or be the flipping coin determining whether or not we get to stay in our own home. This very club is what helped me become the person I am today. I humbly was able to become captain of my age group for 4 years in a row, helping me and my club work harder on our agility and maintaining a healthy mental state of mind to strive farther not only just in paddling but using this mindset towards real life. Life outside of paddling. Our coach and other leaders of our club, showed so much care, so much love to their Keiki. This all happened at Manu O Ke Kai, our site next to the bridge of Haleiwa, North Shore. We'd have barbecues in celebration, fundraisers, or even just to kick back and relax for the day. Recently I attended a prayer meeting at our site to share the hopes and prayers with one another and it reminded me just how much I love Manu O Ke Kai. Manu has a piece of my heart and it's only right to fight for it. We have created a beautiful home to many, where we grew friends to family. Please consider our home as your own.

Sincerely,

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September 08, 2021

Aloha Kākou,

My name is IvyKau'i Blomfield. I am writing this letter in STRONG SUPPORT of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club being granted a Revocable Permit to continue occupancy of their current location.

I have been a Paddler for Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club for over 20 Years. Our Club is unique and very special. It is more like an 'Ohana than a club.

Founded by Uncle Randy and Auntie Aloha over 30 years ago with the mission of providing Hawai'i's youth and adults a safe, healthy space to learn Hawaiian culture, teamwork, respect, confidence, leadership skills etc. Members are given the opportunity to improve themselves physically, mentally and socially. Manu is one of the largest clubs in The State, with our youth program making up over half of the participants.

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In My own experience has a young teen Mom joining Manu was such an important thing for Me. The canoe club gave Me the extra support that I needed. Paddling teaches you discipline and to push yourself physically and mentally. I have accomplished many things through paddling. Now My own Keiki are members of The Canoe Club. It is so amazing to share these experiences with them and to watch them grow and achieve their own accomplishments.

Mahalo Nui for taking the time to consider My testimony. Hopefully, Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, under the guidance of Dave Fuga our current president and all of it's members will be given the opportunity to continue to perpetuate Uncle Randy's vision and provide our community with these things.

Mahalo,

IvyKau'i Blomfield

**From:** [Joe Broc](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:59:15 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Joe Broc for the past 21 years I have been a part of the canoe club. This club has been a big part of my life as for many others. I am physically challenged athlete, I am in a wheelchair. Uncle Randy and the club gave me the opportunity to participate in the sport. Just like many others it was like my home away from home. Despite my differences I felt "normal" in the club Uncle Randy never treated me any different. The only time he questioned my ability was the first time he ever met he said, "You can swim or what?" I said, "Yes uncle I can." He said, "Okay, get in the canoe." He treated everybody with the same respect no matter your background. We are able to meet all kinds of people and become friends and family with them. Through the years with him we were taught discipline, integrity, focus and respect for ourselves and the community. Most importantly respecting and perpetuating the culture and the history of the sport. I have noticed once you paddle for uncle and the club, many stay with the club and don't go to different clubs or they just don't paddle at all. To take the canoe club site away from us is like taking away our safe haven our sanctuary. It would be a great loss to the community. Please allow this canoe club to continue to influence and help others and keep the sport going.

Mahalo,

Joe Broc  
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**From:** [Deonne Carden](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:56:49 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my testimony in support of saving Manu O Ke Kai's home. They have been a huge part of our paddling community, especially our youth. Keeping them connected to our 'Aina and our Ocean. We don't only teach about paddling we instill to youth our Hawaiian Values & how to be contributors to our community. Manu has been their for their community in times of need. Please save their HOME & allow them to remain where they are located. You have the power to do so.

With kind regards & Aloha...Mahalo for your time.

Malama Pono Always.

Deonne M Carden  
Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i Canoe Club

**From:** [Mahina Chillingworth](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:15:24 PM

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Aloha,

Please support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and allow them to retain their lease.

Myself and two children paddle for Manu O Ke Kai. This club has done nothing but great things for the community and has actually brought me and my kids even closer together.

The support and camaraderie is immensely important to the Haleiwa community as Manu CC gives back so much during the holiday season to the less fortunate and kūpuna.

Without Manu CC in Haleiwa would be a huge loss for me, my family and the community. It will also impact our Hawaiian Culture.

Please allow them to stay FOREVER!!

Mahalo,  
Mahina Chillingworth

**From:** [Nicholas Corder](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke kai  
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Aloha to whom it may concern,

I am giving written testimony to plead with you all to consider keeping out hale for the club as it is. I paddled for Manu for many years when I was younger. There's nothing but people who Malama the Aina and Makai there. It's not only a nostalgic part of my upbringing but it's part of Haleiwa itself. Uncle Randy's legacy and teachings should not be forgotten in the hale he created for our club.

Mahalo for your time in this matter.  
Keep Manu O Ke Kai where it is.

Nicholas Corder



**From:** [Janae Davis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Save Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:57:21 PM

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Aloha, My name is Janae Davis and I am a current youth paddler of Manu O Ke Kai.

I first joined Manu the 2019 summer season, and it was one of the best things that could ever happen to me. I love paddling, it's not even like a sport, more of a passion of mines. Paddling for Manu has shown me how strong I can be mentally and physically. The coaches there have pushed me, and they never let me give up. The atmosphere of Manu is like no other. The people and paddlers your surrounded by is so pure and genuine.

Showing up to practices on the Manu site was always one of the best feelings of my day. I know many other paddlers can agree as well. Manu is not just a place of Paddling, but for family. Manu is my second home. As to many others as well. We always look out for each other, and we always take care of the grounds around us. Manu holds so many precious memories and feelings of so many people. Such great memories, and i'd hate for that to be taken. The Manu site is not just an "ordinary" site. It's a very special one. It's not just a site where tourists can come and just relax. We work hard and put effort into keeping our grounds clean, and keeping the Mana and Aloha alive within our canoe site.

Manu O Ke Kai is sacred. It's part of our community, and our culture. It has been part of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe culture and industry for a very long time. Please do not take Manu from me, do not take Manu from all our youth and adult paddlers. Please think about the feelings and hearts of those that would break if you choose to take our canoe site away. Manu is very special to all of us. Think about our future keiki and adults that will be paddling here. Manu has always been here for us. Now we will show we are here for it as well.

Manu O Ke Kai is NOT just a canoe site.  
It's where the family lies within all of us.

Please, save Manu  
Thank you,

Janae Davis  
#IMUAMANU

**From:** [Shaunessy McCue Denton](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Permit and Lease  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:57:54 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you to ask you to continue to allow Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club to continue their lease at their current location in Hale'iwa. Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club provides so much value to the North Shore community and is an important and safe place for our youth.

It was through my membership that I learned to love the ocean, learned how to be a leader, and provided a safe space for me while I was growing up. I was a member of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club for about 10 years, beginning from when I was 12 years old. I started out as a shy teenage girl. I remember being incredibly nervous for my first practice at the club, but the moment I arrived for my first practice I was welcomed with open arms from both coaches and fellow paddlers - both experienced and new like me. I found a family there. Many of the people I have met there continue to be my family almost 20 years later.

Being a member at Manu O Ke Kai throughout my teenage years saved me from getting into trouble. I always had a safe space to be, and Uncle Randy always made sure that we were welcome and helping out the North Shore community. We worked to keep the beach and shore areas maintained, did community service, and worked with the community.

It also taught me valuable lessons. We learned how to be safe in the ocean, how to read the ocean, and about Hawaiian culture and values. Uncle Randy especially supported me and taught me how to steer and take care of my crew, and he also gave me the opportunity to participate in youth leadership positions for the club, including Nā 'Ōpio, in which I was a youth representative for Manu O Ke Kai that helped make decisions for the organization.

It was through these experiences that I learned how to be a confident leader from that shy 12 year old girl. I cannot imagine what my life would have been like without those experiences. In fact, I look back on all of the memories I have from that time and feel so grateful to have been able to grow up in that way - out on the ocean with my friends, watching sunrises and sunsets, spending my weekends at regattas, travelling to outer islands for races, and exploring the North Shore coast and the Anahulu River.

All of this is to say that Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is an important part of the North Shore community, especially for our youth. We would be doing our community a disservice if they are no longer there. On top of that, I know that the people who lead the canoe club work tirelessly to maintain the beach, the parking lot, and are excellent caretakers of the space they inhabit. They have an important role in the community and for the environment, and I would like to ask that you allow them to continue to keep their permit and lease so that they can continue to contribute to the community and raise future leaders in Hawai'i and on the North Shore.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission. My current information is included below.

Mahalo,

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**From:** [Debora Driscoll](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Debora Driscoll](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003:  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:01:10 AM

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Aloha Board Members,

Mahalo for seeing the matter that pertains to the issuance of a Revocable Permit for Manu O Ke Kai. Per the Agenda for J: DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION, this permit is requested for, "storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua." But it is for oh, so much more!

When I first joined Manu O Ke Kai in 1999, at the behest of an Argentinian friend and fellow member, I had no idea what I was *really* getting into. Under the guidance of Founder, President and Head Coach Uncle Randy, I learned proper technique and etiquette of all things outrigger canoe paddling. But what I was actually learning was Malama Honua, living Pono and Ohana. Uncle Randy looked after his, "Gangee," like his own children, praising, reprimanding, chiding, joking and mostly loving, with his strong and weathered arms crossed at his chest over his orange MOKKCC tank top, as he watched our strokes, timing and gliding.

At the time, we were a small club. Our Fund Raisers were all hands on deck, especially for our famous laulau plates. Everyone helped. Some de-spined the laulau leaves, others filled them with pork, we wrapped and tied the bundles just so and the Uncles manned the pressure cooker. Uncle Charlie made the best chicken long rice. Auntie Aloha and Uncle Gaylord sang Hawaiian songs and the keiki ran around always underfoot, laughing and playing.

Today we are the largest Hui Wa`a club, and I think the winningest club! Some things never change as we still are all hands on deck for our fund raisers and gatherings, it's now the 3rd generation helping out!! Both my kids paddle with kids whose parents I paddled with. We've come a long way from the Bad News Bears rough and tumble lot MOKKCC started out as. The Club motto was not, "Go Hard or Go Home," but actually the opposite, "Come, be part of our Ohana!"

Oh, and that Argentinian friend and MOKKCC member? Mariano fell in love with Hawaiian Outrigger paddling and everything Uncle Randy taught him, and started a Manu O Ke Kai Argentina Chapter!! Truly sharing and spreading the Aloha and the Ohana spirit through paddling.

This is the legacy of Uncle Randy's life's work perpetuated by members new and old, novice and experienced, recreational and competitive, all Ohana flying the Orange MOKKCC flag.

And this is why we humbly ask for the Issuance of the Revocable Permit, items 1 and 2.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration!

IMUA MANU  
Debora Driscoll  
Member since 1999



**From:** [Samuel W Fisher III](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O KE Kai Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:40:56 PM

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I support Manu O Ke Kai canoe getting there permit.

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha Mai Kākou,

O Tevaiari'i Foster-Blomfield ko'u inoa. He 'umikūmāhā o'u makahiki. Ka hoe nei wau me Manu O Ke Kai no he 4 mau makahiki.

Ke kākau nei wau i kēia Testimony no ka mea kōkua nui wau iā Manu O Ke Kai e hiki e hana hou i kou lākou permit me ka state.

Mai ka hana 'ana me Manu O Ke Kai ua a'o 'au i ka waiwai o ka laulima. 'Aia kekahi 'Ōlelo No'eau o "Pupukahi i Holomua" a o ka mana'o o kēlā he "Unite to move forward" a he mea 'oia i'o loa no ka hoe wa'a 'ana pono nā kanaka a pau e hana pū e hana laulima no laila hiki e holomua.

Nā mea e a'o mau 'ai a me nā hoa e loa'a 'ai he mea waiwai loa no'u. Mana'olana wau e hiki iā Manu o ke kai e noho ma lākou wahi. Mahalo no ka heluhelu 'ana i Ku'u Testimony mana'olana e no'ono'o pono no ka'u i 'ōlelo.

Mahalo piha,

Tevaiari'i Foster-Blomfield

(Hello everyone,

My name is Tevaiari'i Foster-Blomfield. I am 14 Years old. I have Paddled with Manu O Ke Kai for 4 Years.

I am writing this testimony in Strong Support of Manu O Ke Kai renewing their Permit with The State.

As a member I have learned many important things, especially the value of teamwork. There is an 'Ōlelo No'eau "Pupukahi i Holomua" Unite to move forward. This is very true of canoe paddling. Everyone must come together, trust each other and work together. By working together We progress and make the canoe move forward.

The values I continue to learn and the friendships I have made are really special to Me. I hope that Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club will be able to stay exactly where they are. I hope that you take My testimony into consideration.

Thank You,

Tevaiari'i Foster-Blomfield )

**From:** [Azlynn Gella](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:07:53 PM

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Aloha board members of the DLNR,

My name is Azlynn Gella and I'm writing this testimony today on behalf of the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe site. I understand that this Friday there is going to be a meeting to decide whether you guys approve or disapprove of the current location of Manu O Ke Kai. But before you guys do that, I just want to say some things about that site, things that I'm pretty sure others can agree with.

To you guys, that may just seem like another beach or a popular site for tourist. But to others, it's so much more than that. To many, including myself, it's like a second home. So many people grew up going there, knowing it as Manu O Ke Kai. Others, like myself, didn't. But, I did get the opportunity to understand why it was so special. The first time I went there was my freshman year of high school. It was my first time doing paddling and I didn't know what to expect. At first, we would just do some land training and then eventually move to the ocean. When I set foot on that property for the first time, I knew it was a place I would cherish forever. That property, without a doubt, is the reason that my life is forever changed. At Manu O Ke Kai, I got to grow in ways that I never thought were possible. I made friends that turned into family. I met parents that became my second parents. I met aunties and uncles that became family. I met a coach that is someone that I will admire till no end. I met the love of my life there. I made memories that will last me a lifetime. But most importantly, it's the place that I found something I will forever be passionate about. Don't get me wrong, there were some hard days. But those are the days that lead us to our victories. It didn't matter where paddled, whether it'd for practice or a race, that place was and is always gone be my favorite. The energy of that place and everyone around was so pure. I always did anything to around those people for as long as I could. That place and the people there taught me so many things. Things I've taken with me and remember till this day. And while I don't paddle anymore because I'm out of high school, I still go to that site when I can and just sit on the beach. I sit on the beach and think back to the happiest times of my life.

Now, I understand that that was long and others might say that same thing. All I ask is that you guys really read what we have to say and think about your decision before it's made. I hope you find this well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Azlynn Gella



09/08/2021

RE: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Haleiwa HI 96712

Former Member: Michelle Glasco

#### Testimony

My name is Michelle Glasco former member of Manu O Ke kai as a teenager 15 years old 1997.

When I joined the club, I never knew how to paddle or what to expect. Later in time I found out my Coach Randy Sanborn worked with my grandfather Edward Amina Honolulu Fire Department. I fell in love with paddling and everyone who helped us out throughout the years. I appreciated all our coaches-aunties, uncles etc. who donated their time to be there for us. I learned our Hawaiian Culture and the sport of Canoe Racing. The feeling of being in a canoe, paddling alongside friends that became family, the smell of the ocean and the view of our home from canoe was breath taking. I still hold those memories with me and relive them when I tell stories to my kids.

I came back to the club as an adult 2017 paddled for a season-That following year my daughter Shellcie became a member and followed in my footsteps. Watching her grow and learn same way as I did at her age made me so happy. She also fell in love with the sport and crew close to her paddling family. She also plans to Paddle this year in hopes to represent Waialua High School.

Please support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club-So Many Keikis & Ohanas been touched by what they do and how they Perpetuate Our Native Hawaiian Culture. Having this place for our keikis to go, learn our Hawaiian Culture-Values is not about money, It's the Mana behind it.

Please grant permit/lease for Manu O Ke Kai

Respectfully

Michelle Glasco

Contact #808-726-3305

September 9, 2021

Re: BLNR 9/10/21 Agenda Item J.2 – Revocable Permit and Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club

Dear Chair Case and Board Members,

I respectfully ask your support for the requests by the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, which are recommended for approval by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (“DOBOR”).

This canoe club has served the North Shore and surrounding communities for nearly 40 years. By granting the requests, you can provide a foundation for the club to continue this service for at least another decade and cultivate multiple generations of new canoe paddlers. As you can see in the testimony submitted by paddlers, coaches, and athletic directors for three local schools, the club’s youth programs offer much needed safe, affordable access to canoe paddling to hundreds of local kids every year.

Beyond the significant positive impact on local youth, the club is a second home to its members and the canoes sitting on the beach in the middle of Haleiwa provide a constant reminder of the cultural heritage to both visitors and residents. Please help continue this legacy of service to the community by supporting the requests by the canoe club. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Griffin

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**From:** [Haaheo Foster](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MOKKCC  
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Aloha My name is Haaheo Foster-Blomfield. MOKKCC is a very special place to me being born and raised in Haleiwa. Although I only started paddling 3 years ago. I have been spending time there since I was born pretty much. My mother started paddling there when the canoe club first started and is still paddling there now. I can't imagine what my life would be like without MOKKCC. This place has taught me so much things that I will carry on with me for the rest of my life. I have created life long relationships that I would have never been able to create without this canoe club. I hope that MOKKCC can be here for my Children and the future generations of the North Shore. Hawaiian 6-man paddling is a sport and we should continue to perpetuate and teach. The local kids of Haleiwa and waialua need some kind of positive outlet and mokkcc is one that I was able to have help me growing up. So please grant mokkcc with the revocable permit so our way of life can continue. MAHALO

**From:** [Chris Hagan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O ke Kai  
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To whom it may concern,

The canoe club at 'Chocolates' is a great part of our community and the only one this side of the island. This beach is special in that it's always protected from the large surf and safe to launch from summer or winter. They help keep the beach clean and when the rains brought the floods last winter and the river left trees and other trash in the water they were the ones who made it safe for the kekei by cleaning it all out. Please renew their lease as they are a big part of our community, especially for those of us who use 'Chocolates' regularly with our kids. We want them there, we need them there and it would be a crime to evict them. Thank you for your time, Aloha, Chris Hagan- Hale'iwa resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ruth-Leilani Harrington](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Haleiwa - Manu O Ke Kai Testimony  
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Aloha Kakou,

I am writing a written testimony on behalf of myself, my community, and as a friend of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club.

As a local Oahu/North Shore resident and also long time employee of the Haleiwa community I'd like to humbly suggest the extension of the Manu o Ke Kai canoe club land lease.

Manu o Ke Kai has been in Haleiwa for many decades, a Pillar of support in the community for locals from keikis to kapuna. A great steward of our lands and a positive activity and ohana for the North Shore community to enjoy and connect.

Please support our local community and ohana and let Manu o Ke Kai continue to thrive and nurture our community.

Mahalo,  
Ruth Leilani Harrington

**From:** [Mahina](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
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Aloha,

The entire 400+ membership of the Hui O He'e Nalu support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and hope BLNR will allow them to retain their lease.

For many of us, we've had family/friends who've paddled for Manu and even some of our members still continue their Manu membership today.

This canoe club represents the Hawaiian people on the North Shore which are sadly becoming far and few.

It's imperative that we not lose touch with our Hawaiian Culture.

We humbly ask BLNR to please allow Manu to keep their lease.

Mahalo,  
Founders, Board and Members of the Hui O He'e Nalu.

Sent from my iPhone

September 08, 2021

Aloha Kākou,

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Mahalo Nui for taking the time to consider My testimony. Hopefully, Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, under the guidance of Dave Fuga our current president and all of it's members will be given the opportunity to continue to perpetuate Uncle Randy's vision and provide our community with these things.

Mahalo,

IvyKau'i Blomfield

**From:** [Sydney Iaukea](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support Manu o ke kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:15:01 AM

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Aloha,

Please accept my testimony in strong support for the canoe club, Manu O Ke Kai, to remain at their current canoe site at Haleiwa Harbor. The canoe club continues to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and remains a positive influence for the larger community.

Mahalo nui,  
Sydney

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**From:** [Pomai Kama](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Lease Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:03:29 AM

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My name is Pomaika'i Kama and I am 18 years old. I have been paddling for the canoe club, Manu O Ke Kai, for about 4 to 5 years now. This club has changed my life forever. I have gained so much experience from this club, learned so much more about paddling, learned about the people that I call my family, learned about how to really take care of one another. This isn't just a canoe club, it is family. The site of Manu O Ke Kai is really sacred for us, we hold our paddling practices there, meetings with the club, get together like bbq's, we even use it as a memorial for our late friend, Betsy Hatter. This location and club means so much to me, this club has even given me so many opportunities and that's not just me either. Me and 11 other girls had the opportunity to do the Moloka'i Channel, which is a 42 mile race from Moloka'i to Oahu, the Ka'iwi channel. We were the first junior women crew from North Shore to ever do the Moloka'i channel, and that wouldn't be possible without my club, my family, Manu o Ke Kai. So please, when you read all of our testimonies, really think about all the good this club has done and how we've taken care of this property that we call home. Mahalo for your time.

Aloha - Pomaika'i Kama



# KANAKA IKAIKA

## RACING ASSOCIATION

Sept. 09, 2021

To: DLNR

Aloha BLNR board,

My name is Jim Foti and I am the Executive Director of the Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association which helps promote and perpetuate Hawaiian culture through outrigger canoe paddling by organizing outrigger canoe races here on the island since 1977.

Manu O Ke Kai has always been a huge component to helping support the cultural art of paddling outrigger canoes that we practice, and on behalf of the Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association I would like to show support in Manu O Ke Kai being able to continue perpetuating the art of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe paddling in its current location.

Mahalo,

Jim Foti

Executive Director

Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association

Aloha,

My name is Kekoa "Paki" Lagunte. I was raised in Pupukea, Oahu, I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> of three generations of my family to have been a member of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. I am 44 years old and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club has been a huge part of my life for the past 30 plus years... A close friend of mine introduced me to Uncle Randy Sanborn (founder and head coach) in 1990. I had no idea at the time but this moment would change the whole course of my life. In the short term.. turned me from a pudgy pear shaped kid into a shredded young man. Which did wonders for my self confidence. In the long term..Gold medals, Lifelong friends and memories were made all along the way and continues till today. But its not about me. I am one small example of how magical "Manu", and the little piece of land she sits on really is. Thousands of people from all over have been lucky enough to experience this magic. And they will all tell you the same thing ..it's a very special place that we all hold close to our hearts. It is easy to miss if you don't know where she is. Tucked between rainbow bridge and surf and sea. But if you do know. And haven't been there for a while. You will surely miss her. It is not uncommon for someone who has been overseas for a meaningful period of time to make Manu their first stop as soon as they return.

There are so many beautiful stories any of us could tell about Manu. It really is endless. It would take more time than we all have to tell them. To make it short .. Manu O Ke Kai, which is more like a family gathering place than a club, is very special to a LOT of people. It serves so many more purposes than canoe paddling. It's a cultural Rock in the community and a safe haven for our youth. A learning place. A healing place .everything. Please if the powers that be have any kind of heart.. grant this gift that is a legitimate lease. That way many more generations will be able to enjoy this special place we call our Halau.. Our Home.Mahalo

Paki



Me and Uncle Randy

**From:** [Mariano Larghi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Manu O Ke Kai site and legacy  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:54:15 AM

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To whom it may concern.  
Aloha you all,

I used to paddle in Manu between 1996 & 2002. When i came home to Buenos Aires Argentina, with my wife founded Manu O Ke Kai Argentina to pass on the tressure that nurtured my life with Auntie Aloha and Uncle Randy Sanborn and what was my ohana for those 7 years. We introduce Wa'a in Argentina feom scratch because was only right to give back so much Mana & Aloha. Way more than a sport. It made me strong, healthy and most of all committed to help perpetuate the traditions of Hawaii Canoe Paddling and its culture.

I could write pages but i will just share my 2 cents on how essential Manu is for Haleiwa community even more now on Pandemics. The Youth progam Manu carries year after year its a must. Making keiki stay away from trouble and stay pono. The hole community benefits from what the clubs generates. The roll Manu takes on perpetúate traditions and values is priceless. Awarding the leasing and permits you are will be able to be part of something that makes a world of diferenece.

I apologies for my spelling, however it is with a heart full of thankfulness and apreciación that i respectfully submit to your cosideration to Kokua by being part of a millenary legacy that by all means need to carry on.

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Second picture 2014 IVF WorldSrint with 22 paddlers from Argentina

Last but not least our 20120 keiki program in Manu Argentina honoring Uncle Randy.

Best regards & Imua Manu

Mariano Larghi  
(Mario)  
Buenos Aires  
Argentina

**From:** [Jodie Lerner](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:17:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Manu O Ke Kai has been a part of my life and my kid's lives for many years. I paddled for Manu O Ke Kai back in the early 90's, when I was a teenager. I've made lifelong friends through paddling and learned so much from being a part of the club. My daughter and my son have been paddling for Manu O Ke Kai for about three years, they're now 16 and 13 years old. They love the sport! I really believe paddling brought my daughter out of her shell and she excelled at the sport. My son is also loving it! Being apart of the Manu O Ke Kai Ohana is something very special to us. The club also gives back to the Haleiwa community from fundraising to beach clean ups. The site is a special place for our keiki to enjoy the sport that they love so much. Please allow Manu O Ke Kai to renew their lease and keep the site at it's current location.

Mahalo,

Jodie Lerner

09/08/2021

RE: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Haleiwa HI 96712

Former Member: Michelle Glasco

#### Testimony

My name is Michelle Glasco former member of Manu O Ke kai as a teenager 15 years old 1997.

When I joined the club, I never knew how to paddle or what to expect. Later in time I found out my Coach Randy Sanborn worked with my grandfather Edward Amina Honolulu Fire Department. I fell in love with paddling and everyone who helped us out throughout the years. I appreciated all our coaches-aunties, uncles etc. who donated their time to be there for us. I learned our Hawaiian Culture and the sport of Canoe Racing. The feeling of being in a canoe, paddling alongside friends that became family, the smell of the ocean and the view of our home from canoe was breath taking. I still hold those memories with me and relive them when I tell stories to my kids.

I came back to the club as an adult 2017 paddled for a season-That following year my daughter Shellcie became a member and followed in my footsteps. Watching her grow and learn same way as I did at her age made me so happy. She also fell in love with the sport and crew close to her paddling family. She also plans to Paddle this year in hopes to represent Waialua High School.

Please support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club-So Many Keikis & Ohanas been touched by what they do and how they Perpetuate Our Native Hawaiian Culture. Having this place for our keikis to go, learn our Hawaiian Culture-Values is not about money, It's the Mana behind it.

Please grant permit/lease for Manu O Ke Kai

Respectfully

Michelle Glasco

Contact #808-726-3305

**From:** Catharine Lo  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony supporting Manu O Ke Kai canoe club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:43:11 AM

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Please find attached testimony for agenda item J2 for Sep. 10 BLNR meeting. This is from former club member Mariano Larghi, who was so inspired by his time at Manu that he singlehandedly introduced the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to Argentina. He named their club Manu O Ke Kai.

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De: **Mariano Larghi** <[mariosride@gmail.com](mailto:mariosride@gmail.com)>  
Date: jue., 9 sep. 2021 13:53  
Subject: Support Manu O Ke Kai site and legacy  
To: <[blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov)>

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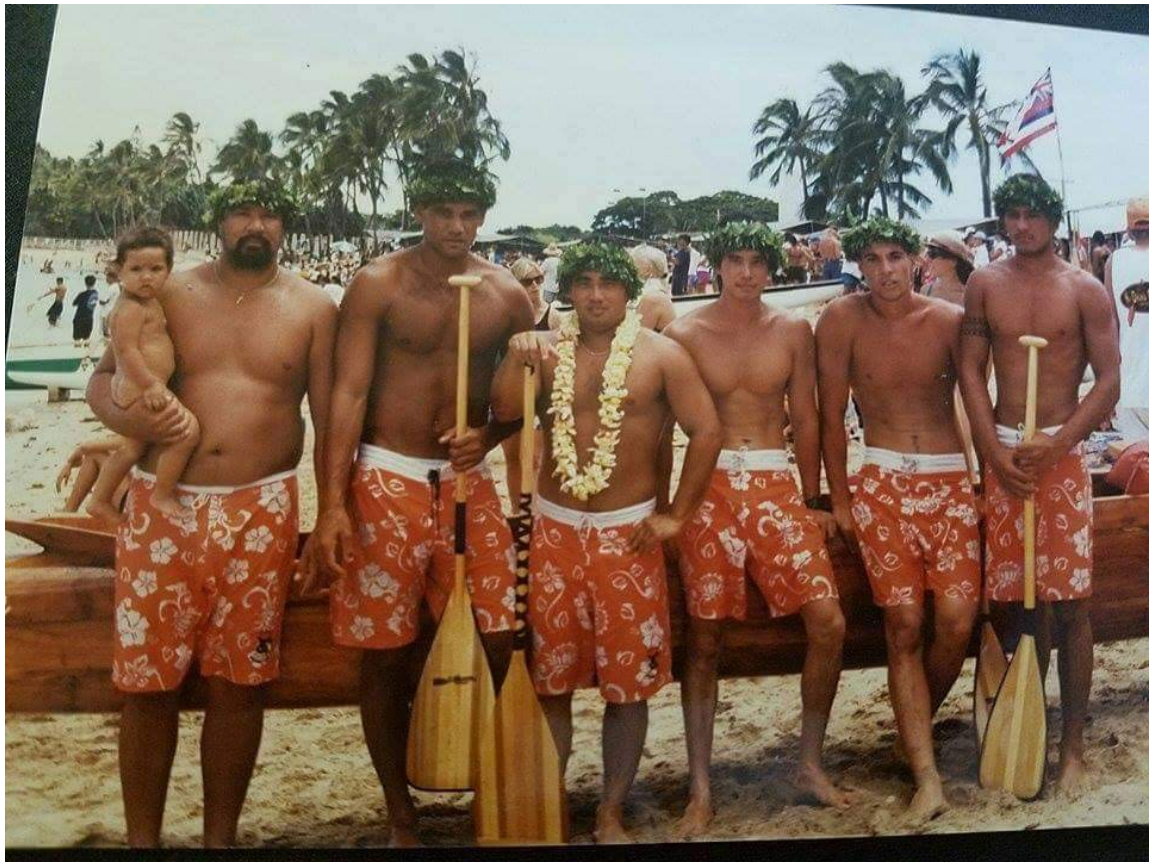
Best regards & Imua Manu

Mariano Larghi  
(Mario)  
Buenos Aires  
Argentina









**From:** [Jennifer Ignacio](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site- DLNR Agenda 9/10/21  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:04:42 PM

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Please accept this written testimony in support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and the continued use of the historical site adjacent to the Anahulu River.

Outrigger canoe paddling has become a fundamental part of our family's life and tradition. It provides us the opportunity to connect with local history, our community, and each other. Manu O Ke Kai has created a robust paddling program from keiki to kupuna, where everyone is welcome and valued. Nowhere else on the island do paddlers have access to such amazing conditions and coaching, with extremely modest fees. The success of the club can be attributed to the collective passion of the members and volunteers, with many multigenerational families carrying on the vision of the founder.

We support the local businesses and the Club has acted as stewards of the property and water. Our kids enjoy the beach, and the safe environment as they learn to paddle. Many go on to represent their High School teams, compete in collegiate sports, and paddle throughout adulthood. The sport teaches life lessons and promotes teamwork, leadership, and humility.

We would like to carry on this tradition and continue to represent the North Shore as one of the best teams in paddling. Please consider the past history, present support, and future potential of this Club.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer & Daniel Ignacio  
(808)436-6412  
95-221 Kaopua Loop Mililani, HI 96789

**From:** [Roxy McCue](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:00:42 AM

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> To Whom It May Concern,

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> I am writing to you to ask you to allow Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club to continue their lease at their current location in Hale'iwa behind Surf N Sea. Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is a home base for many, children and adults alike, and provides value to the North Shore community as well as a safe place for the youth.

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> My husband grew up in Kailua and paddled for Kailua Canoe Club into his adult years. After we married and had children, he missed paddling and Kailua was too far to travel 4 times a week from Wahiawa. My best friend paddled for Uncle Randy and she invited him to join them. He was immediately welcomed into their Ohana and found a new home there. After he had been there for a year, my children asked to join him. Uncle Randy, Auntie Aloha and Manu O Ke Kai became a second family to them. They were nurtured as kids, taught lessons that seemingly were meant for the ocean, but really applied to life as well. Except for my nephew, who recently moved to the mainland, my daughters still have a love for paddling. Although one has taken a break to raise her family and dedicate time to her teaching career, the other is still an avid paddler. Although she has moved to another canoe club because she doesn't live close by anymore, the lessons she learned there are embedded deep into the paddler she has become. And my teacher daughter references paddling and her paddling experiences in her classroom—life lessons.

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> I pray that you will continue the lease for Manu O Ke Kai to be able to remain in their location. They are an important part of the North Shore landscape, they provide a home and activity for the youth of the North Shore and surrounding communities, and they are an important part of perpetuating the Hawaiian culture. They are great stewards of the Aina, and they make sure that all who are part of the club learn the importance of kuleana. The community would be hurt by the absence of this wonderful canoe club that many call home.

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> Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission. My current information is included below:

Roxy McCue  
134 Plum Street  
Wahiawa, HI. 96786  
PH: 808-864-4010

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jenna Munden](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:44:32 AM

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Aloha!

Thank you for taking the time to hear our testimonies.

My name is Jenna Fuga. I'm born and raised on the north shore, and I've been a Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club member for almost a decade. I was introduced to the club and to paddling by my husband Dave Fuga, who at the time was a Manu member, and now is our club president determined to keep the canoe club thriving. As our canoe club thrives, so do our members.

Our canoe club is a safe place for our keiki to come and learn and practice Outrigger Canoe paddling. It is the knowledge and the practice that helps these kids in their daily lives (my children included). They are learning how to listen, how to work as a team, how to read the ocean and navigate the course as a team and return as a team. They learn discipline, and how to be helpful and how to be a part of something greater than themselves. Being a part of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club brings all of its members a great deal of pride and joy. To have that taken away would be detrimental to so many, from keiki to kupuna, we need our canoe club.

Irrevocable permits do not give our canoe club the security we need to operate without fear of losing our site. I hope you will grant us a long lease, as many years as is possible, so that we can continue to be a positive and thriving part of our community. A place that will always be dedicated to the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe paddling. It is up to us to perpetuate these vital parts of Native Hawaiian culture and we are so proud that our club, that was once the little club from Haleiwa, is now the largest club with members from Mililani to Kahuku. A safe place for our keiki to thrive, that is why Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is so vital to keep in our community.

I thank you for all your help.

Mahalo for your time,

Jenna Fuga

**From:** [Kama Naone-Doquisa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MOKKCC Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:19:50 PM

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Aloha my name is Patrisha or as Uncle Randy would call me Patrish haha. Although I haven't paddled in years my heart will always belong to this canoe club. So many of my family members have paddled for this club, from cousins to my siblings & even family friends. This is where I first fell in love with paddling & gained a love for the Ocean. The canoe site will always be a safe place for anyone & everyone. This was the place that my fellow paddlers & I would come just to hang out because it was one of our favorite places to be. Teammates turned into family, coaches turned into lifelong mentors & all because Uncle Randy gave us more than just a canoe site, he gave us an environment that felt like home. Even till this day, I pass by & I remember all the times I would grumble about not wanting to run in the sand because it was too hot, the times we were out in the water just admiring the view, the laughs we shared with all the adults, the banquets we had, everything that made the canoe site much more than just a site. To take it away is like taking away so many people's happy place. Generations of families have countless of stories here & what a shame it would be to stop it now & never have anymore stories to tell. Forever in our hearts Uncle Randy, may your legacy always live on

Mahalo.

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To: DLNR; Board and Committee Members of DLNR

From: Kelly Nix, Elementary School Teacher, ASDOE

Date: 9 September 2021.

Subject: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Site Lease Review

Hello and greetings from American Samoa.

I am writing this testimony on the situation pertaining to the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site's current location. I have been a member of the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club since 2010. I joined paddling my junior year in high school and since then my life has had nothing but blessings. I sadly had to leave Hawaii and come to American Samoa for personal reasons. However, every returned visit at the canoe site has brought back so many memories and members continue to treat me as family. Uncle Randy and Manu O Ke Kai has been there for myself as well as my fellow crew members personally, physically, and emotionally. Members of Manu O Ke Kai are more than just acquaintances. We are a FAMILY. The bond that has been created since the canoe club began is such an amazing experience to be a part of.

The location of the Canoe site has been more than just a place for practice, it has become a home and we take care of our home. Uncle Randy would always make sure the canoe site was clean whenever we were done with practice. He taught us to respect the Aina. Without the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and site, I do not believe that me and my fellow crew members would not be where we are today. Due to Uncle Randy's leadership, I decided to follow his footsteps and become a teacher. He also taught every one of us to have passion in everything that we do. We learned a lot during the years of paddling and swimming at the site. Therefore, I believe that the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club should continue to remain at its current location. To you it may be just another location, but to many others it's a place we call home and consider an historical place. Uncle Randy would always tell us stories about how each coconut/palm tree was planted for each founding member. I do not believe that there is no other group or organization that would take care of this said location the way that Manu O Ke Kai has done so over the years. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

Kelly Nix

**From:** [Joe O'Malley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:52:54 AM

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Good morning DNLR Land Board,

My name is Joseph O'Malley, a North Shore resident since 1999. I support the permit and lease application of Manu O Ke Kai canoe club. I joined MOKKCC in 2010 and it resulted in invaluable experiences and a great ride. While the wa'a is the primary mechanism that people from varying backgrounds forge friendships and brotherships, the role of the halau can not be understated. It houses the canoes and is the focal point of the club. Wa'a that do not have a halau are like people without a home.

Uncle Randy and the other founders of Manu O Kei Kai laid the foundation of a club that positively impacted the kids and adults of the North Shore. The current club board and members continue this tradition. The canoe site is a bright spot for residents to perpetuate the state sport in the middle of an increasingly tourist-orientated town. I wholeheartedly support these applications and I hope to see Manu O Kei Kai in its proper place on the North Shore for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Joseph O'Malley

**From:** [Tiffany Ono](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony to keep our memories  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:17:36 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Tiffany and I am here to testify to keep Manu O Ke Kai's location where it stands. For me, manu turned my life around and that little spot on the beach turned into my second home. My freshman year I didn't quite know who I was, until I met these group of paddlers and they introduced me to paddling and to Manu. After discovering my passion for paddling, I basically grew up at this canoe site spending almost every day of the week on this beach with this second family that it's created. Every time a fellow Manu member passes this canoe site it brings years of memories back to our heads and puts a smile on our faces because we know it'll always be there and always be the place we feel safe at. Manu has been at this location for as long as everyone can remember and it has been the location for many incredible memories and accomplishments, it would be unfortunate to take that away by relocating Manu O Ke Kai. It is understood that rules are rules and maybe this isn't in our favor, but we all know and feel that this tiny spot on the coast of North Shore is a home for all of us along with our history and our future for the keiki paddlers. Please don't take this away from us as it is all that some of us had left after these harsh times of the world and pandemic, it's our happy place. Whether it stays or not, the image of Manu and the memories will always hit a soft spot in my heart and I will never forget what this place has done for me and where it's gotten me today.

Thank you for your time and with all do respect,  
Tiffany Amber Ono

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Kaipo Orellana](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:50:57 PM

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I would first start by saying that I have so much love for Manu O Ke Kai and Uncle Randy. I started paddling for them in Middle School, 2001 and Uncle Randy taught me everything I know about paddling. He was so much more than just a coach. He created an environment of family. He was so loved and because of his club, I have lifelong friends 20 years later. Manu isn't just a club, it's a family and very important part of Haleiwa and the paddling community as a whole.

**From:** [Mikey O'Shaughnessy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support and approve Uncle Randy and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:17:00 PM

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My name is Mikey O'Shaughnessy and i support Uncle Randy Sanborn and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. Please approve and give them another lease for their location and canoe club. It gives so many of us purpose and strengths in so many ways, physical and mental. So many lessons that help us in our every day lives. Pull together to reach a common goal. The community and people that come together are all positive. Please approve and support Randy Sanborn and Manu O Ke Kai Gov Hawaii and DLNR. Thank you. Aloha

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rona Paglinawan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for BLNR Meeting, September 10, 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:36:40 AM

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My name is Rona Paglinawan and I strongly support:

- Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010; and
- Issuance of a Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage for Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010.

I'm a parent of two children, ages 17 and 13, that are members of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club "(MOKKCC)". I have witnessed how their involvement in MOKKCC has positively impacted their lives as they learn to perpetuate their Hawaiian culture through the cultural practices. The members of the MOKKCC exhibit humility, honor, trustworthiness, positive coaching and sportsmanship, and the desire to perpetuate the cultural practices. If granted, I'm unequivocally certain that MOKKCC will be responsible stewards of the Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010.

Mahalo,  
Rona Paglinawan  
(808) 690-0000

**From:** [Nicholas Russ](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: north shore canoe club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:47:31 AM

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From: **Nicholas Russ** <[nicholasruss53@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasruss53@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 10:53 PM  
Subject: north shore canoe club  
To: <[blnr.testimony@hawaii.com](mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.com)>

As a twenty year resident of oahu ive seen many wonderful things over the years...But truly during that time nothing impressed me more than one day seeing the Haleiwa North Shore Canoe & Racing club elders & canoe teacher Dave Fuga sharing his time & knowledge about the ocean. Always emphasizing respect 4 the ocean he taught a group of teenage children about the canoe & its ability thrive when they worked together toward a common goal as a team. the students visiting from Okinawa Japan loved it & had the experience of a lifetime that they will never forget, gained vast knowledge about the ocean/hawaiian canoes & learned how important it is to focus there energy as a group for a positive smooth paddling experience...i 1000% believe it is in the best interest of the community that the Dlnr supports this program in every way possible...all i got left 2 say is they are good people doing good things 4 the best interest of kids & teenagers on oahu and in this case from Japan...please support this healthy, positive, & fun canoe club that promotes healthy clean living. mahalo, Nick russ

**From:** [Crystal Sanborn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Imua, Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:30:08 PM

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I am writing to testify on the history, humility and honor that Manu O Ke Kai has brought to the community of Haleiwa, the North Shore and beyond. It has provided a safe haven for decades for youth who attend surrounding schools from Kahuku, Waialua, Leilehua and Mililani. Manu is home to paddlers from all around the island of Oahu because the family that Manu O Ke Kai has built. The ties branch out beyond it's community. Everyone knows of Manu O Ke Kai when it comes to the Regatta Scene. Everyone has a family member who affiliates or family members who have been apart of this club. Once a paddler for Manu, always a paddler.

I, myself paddled for Manu as a young girl. I began paddling in 6th grade and fell in love with the sport because of the family that I gained at Manu O Ke Kai. I stuck with Manu into my high school years, even when my high school chose to use a different canoe club as their home site. I ran to Manu, everyday so excited to be there. My parents paddled for Manu and my kids recently too. I met my husband at this canoe site, so the significance of this place to me and my family is immeasurable. Even after I moved off the island to the mainland, I brought my kids back to Manu O Ke Kai to experience the sport, the culture and the homeliness that Manu provides. The canoe site has the exact same feel as it did 20+ years ago. It has been up kept by it's members, renovated, and taken cared of for all these years and truly is the nicest canoe site I have been too with it's limited funding. Manu O Ke Kai holds so much history and is such a special land mark in Haleiwa. The canoe site.. everyone knows it, everyone remembers it. This space is perfect in every way for the home of Manu O Ke Kai.. it has been shared by the near by retailers to cater to tourist and locals for decades with no issue. That speak volumes. With all the changes Haleiwa and Hawaii has already faced and lost, the last thing it needs is to lose another landmark, icon and community treasure. I plead to you to keep Manu O Ke Kai where it belongs.

Imua, Manu!

**From:** [Michael Soule](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o Ke Kai 9/10/21 9:00an.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:48:03 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a long time surfer, waterman. I am not a club member. I have lived in Hawaii since 1976. I have always appreciated the aloha shown by the members and leaders of Manu o Ke Kai canoe club. They do many community related projects that help out Haleiwa and the surrounding areas. Their site is always clean and neat,

Their program that has so many of our kekei is truly a blessing. They help perpetuate the Hawaiian culture. The Aloha spirit is alive and well with them. I hope you will consider letting them stay, they have been and are good stewards of our Aina. Mahalo nui for taking the time to read my thoughts. Below are my contacts if there are any questions.

Aloha

Michael D Soule  
95-1108 hakala street mililani Hi 96789  
Phone #808-354-4704  
E-mail [mdscat007@gmail.com](mailto:mdscat007@gmail.com)  
Sent from my iPhone

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Thank You,

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**From:** [liliuokalani taliulu](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Issuance Revocable Permit and Direct Lease  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:15:45 PM

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Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club.

Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club shares the opportunity to learn and teach the culture of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to everyone! I joined the club in 2018 and the knowledge and wisdom and experience shared within the club allowed me to grow and appreciate Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling as a sport and more importantly as a cultural native Hawaiian tradition. In 2020 I was blessed with the opportunity to help coach the youth of Manu O Ke Kai, to share what I've learned. The youth not only learn the sport, but within that space they also learn to respect and take ownership of themselves, of one another, of the canoes, of the land and of the ocean. The youth take pride in being part of a club that invests in creating the space and opportunity to learn and thrive in a sport and as part of a community that cares for one another and champions goodness and love towards one another. This club teaches giving and contributing positively to your club and your family and your community. There is so much more than a sport being taught and learned at Manu O Ke Kai. I am honored to be a part of this community and I pray that the support and vision to teach and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through outrigger canoeing continues for future generations.

Mahalo for your time,

Liliuokalani Taliulu  
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**From:** [Nicholas Russ](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: north shore canoe club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:47:31 AM

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From: **Nicholas Russ** <[nicholasruss53@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasruss53@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Sep 8, 2021, 10:53 PM  
Subject: north shore canoe club  
To: <[blnr.testimony@hawaii.com](mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.com)>

As a twenty year resident of oahu ive seen many wonderful things over the years...But truly during that time nothing impressed me more than one day seeing the Haleiwa North Shore Canoe & Racing club elders & canoe teacher Dave Fuga sharing his time & knowledge about the ocean. Always emphasizing respect 4 the ocean he taught a group of teenage children about the canoe & its ability thrive when they worked together toward a common goal as a team. the students visiting from Okinawa Japan loved it & had the experience of a lifetime that they will never forget, gained vast knowledge about the ocean/hawaiian canoes & learned how important it is to focus there energy as a group for a positive smooth paddling experience...i 1000% believe it is in the best interest of the community that the Dlnr supports this program in every way possible...all i got left 2 say is they are good people doing good things 4 the best interest of kids & teenagers on oahu and in this case from Japan...please support this healthy, positive, & fun canoe club that promotes healthy clean living. mahalo, Nick russ

## MANU O KE KAI

Manu is home. I cannot express how much love and care that not only I, but so many others have for the home of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. With so many memories, childhood, and growth put into this beautiful club, I would have never thought that we'd be in this position where we would have to take down our Hale or be the flipping coin determining whether or not we get to stay in our own home. This very club is what helped me become the person I am today. I humbly was able to become captain of my age group for 4 years in a row, helping me and my club work harder on our agility and maintaining a healthy mental state of mind to strive farther not only just in paddling but using this mindset towards real life. Life outside of paddling. Our coach and other leaders of our club, showed so much care, so much love to their Keiki. This all happened at Manu O Ke Kai, our site next to the bridge of Haleiwa, North Shore. We'd have barbecues in celebration, fundraisers, or even just to kick back and relax for the day. Recently I attended a prayer meeting at our site to share the hopes and prayers with one another and it reminded me just how much I love Manu O Ke Kai. Manu has a piece of my heart and it's only right to fight for it. We have created a beautiful home to many, where we grew friends to family. Please consider our home as your own.

Sincerely,

Kalei Baptista

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September 08, 2021

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My 'Ohana has lived in Hale'iwa and the North Shore for many generations. With the constant changes in Our community...It is so vital to stay rooted in Our culture and values. Manu O Ke Kai continues to perpetuate these things and is a vital and integral part of keeping Our community grounded.

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Mahalo,

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**From:** [Haaheo Foster](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MOKKCC  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:15:44 AM

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Aloha My name is Haaheo Foster-Blomfield. MOKKCC is a very special place to me being born and raised in Haleiwa. Although I only started paddling 3 years ago. I have been spending time there since I was born pretty much. My mother started paddling there when the canoe club first started and is still paddling there now. I can't imagine what my life would be like without MOKKCC. This place has taught me so much things that I will carry on with me for the rest of my life. I have created life long relationships that I would have never been able to create without this canoe club. I hope that MOKKCC can be here for my Children and the future generations of the North Shore. Hawaiian 6-man paddling is a sport and we should continue to perpetuate and teach. The local kids of Haleiwa and waialua need some kind of positive outlet and mokkcc is one that I was able to have help me growing up. So please grant mokkcc with the revocable permit so our way of life can continue. MAHALO

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**From:** [Pomai Kama](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Lease Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:03:29 AM

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My name is Pomaika'i Kama and I am 18 years old. I have been paddling for the canoe club, Manu O Ke Kai, for about 4 to 5 years now. This club has changed my life forever. I have gained so much experience from this club, learned so much more about paddling, learned about the people that I call my family, learned about how to really take care of one another. This isn't just a canoe club, it is family. The site of Manu O Ke Kai is really sacred for us, we hold our paddling practices there, meetings with the club, get together like bbq's, we even use it as a memorial for our late friend, Betsy Hatter. This location and club means so much to me, this club has even given me so many opportunities and that's not just me either. Me and 11 other girls had the opportunity to do the Moloka'i Channel, which is a 42 mile race from Moloka'i to Oahu, the Ka'iwi channel. We were the first junior women crew from North Shore to ever do the Moloka'i channel, and that wouldn't be possible without my club, my family, Manu o Ke Kai. So please, when you read all of our testimonies, really think about all the good this club has done and how we've taken care of this property that we call home. Mahalo for your time.

Aloha - Pomaika'i Kama



**From:** [Deonne Carden](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:56:49 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my testimony in support of saving Manu O Ke Kai's home. They have been a huge part of our paddling community, especially our youth. Keeping them connected to our 'Aina and our Ocean. We don't only teach about paddling we instill to youth our Hawaiian Values & how to be contributors to our community. Manu has been their for their community in times of need. Please save their HOME & allow them to remain where they are located. You have the power to do so.

With kind regards & Aloha...Mahalo for your time.

Malama Pono Always.

Deonne M Carden  
Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i Canoe Club



# KANAKA IKAIKA

## RACING ASSOCIATION

Sept. 09, 2021

To: DLNR

Aloha BLNR board,

My name is Jim Foti and I am the Executive Director of the Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association which helps promote and perpetuate Hawaiian culture through outrigger canoe paddling by organizing outrigger canoe races here on the island since 1977.

Manu O Ke Kai has always been a huge component to helping support the cultural art of paddling outrigger canoes that we practice, and on behalf of the Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association I would like to show support in Manu O Ke Kai being able to continue perpetuating the art of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe paddling in its current location.

Mahalo,

Jim Foti

Executive Director

Kanaka Ikaika Racing Association

**From:** [Joe O'Malley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:52:54 AM

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Good morning DNLR Land Board,

My name is Joseph O'Malley, a North Shore resident since 1999. I support the permit and lease application of Manu O Ke Kai canoe club. I joined MOKKCC in 2010 and it resulted in invaluable experiences and a great ride. While the wa'a is the primary mechanism that people from varying backgrounds forge friendships and brotherships, the role of the halau can not be understated. It houses the canoes and is the focal point of the club. Wa'a that do not have a halau are like people without a home.

Uncle Randy and the other founders of Manu O Kei Kai laid the foundation of a club that positively impacted the kids and adults of the North Shore. The current club board and members continue this tradition. The canoe site is a bright spot for residents to perpetuate the state sport in the middle of an increasingly tourist-orientated town. I wholeheartedly support these applications and I hope to see Manu O Kei Kai in its proper place on the North Shore for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Joseph O'Malley

To: BLNR DOCKET ITEM M-4 [10 September 2021 Meeting]  
Island Helicopters Kauai, Inc.

From: David Bettencourt  
Office: (808) 521-3491  
airlaw@pixi.com

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**From:** [Jenna Munden](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:44:32 AM

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Aloha!

Thank you for taking the time to hear our testimonies.

My name is Jenna Fuga. I'm born and raised on the north shore, and I've been a Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club member for almost a decade. I was introduced to the club and to paddling by my husband Dave Fuga, who at the time was a Manu member, and now is our club president determined to keep the canoe club thriving. As our canoe club thrives, so do our members.

Our canoe club is a safe place for our keiki to come and learn and practice Outrigger Canoe paddling. It is the knowledge and the practice that helps these kids in their daily lives (my children included). They are learning how to listen, how to work as a team, how to read the ocean and navigate the course as a team and return as a team. They learn discipline, and how to be helpful and how to be a part of something greater than themselves. Being a part of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club brings all of its members a great deal of pride and joy. To have that taken away would be detrimental to so many, from keiki to kupuna, we need our canoe club.

Irrevocable permits do not give our canoe club the security we need to operate without fear of losing our site. I hope you will grant us a long lease, as many years as is possible, so that we can continue to be a positive and thriving part of our community. A place that will always be dedicated to the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe paddling. It is up to us to perpetuate these vital parts of Native Hawaiian culture and we are so proud that our club, that was once the little club from Haleiwa, is now the largest club with members from Mililani to Kahuku. A safe place for our keiki to thrive, that is why Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is so vital to keep in our community.

I thank you for all your help.

Mahalo for your time,

Jenna Fuga

## **TESTIMONY OF EDWARD TSEU**

### **Agenda Item J.2.**

Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

Board of Land and Natural Resources

September 10, 2021

Aloha Chairperson Case and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Edward Tseu and I am a North Shore resident and long time member of Manu o Ke Kai Canoe Club in Haleiwa. I have been involved in the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe paddling for 50 years.

The site where Anahulu Stream flows into the ocean has been taken care of by Manu O Kei Kai for as long as I can remember. The Club not only takes its stewardship of this site seriously by keeping the beach and property free from trash and invasive weeds, but also practices aloha by welcoming people from other parts of Oahu and the military to join in and learn paddling. Our club membership has grown significantly because of our presence at this site.

My grandson and granddaughter like so many other youth in the area have benefitted from the programs and coaching provided by Manu. For rural youth who don't have malls, game rooms and movie theaters nearby, the Manu site is a safe place for them to meet and make friends and learn about Hawaiian cultural practices. They also are taught other important values like respect, patience, perseverance, teamwork and commitment. Our youth have excelled in the sport and have won many regattas but more importantly, they have become better future citizens because of their experience with the Club.

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09/08/2021

RE: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Haleiwa HI 96712

Former Member: Michelle Glasco

#### Testimony

My name is Michelle Glasco former member of Manu O Ke kai as a teenager 15 years old 1997.

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Please grant permit/lease for Manu O Ke Kai

Respectfully

Michelle Glasco

Contact #808-726-3305

**From:** [Albert Lagunte](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Issuance of a Direct Lease to Manu O Kekai  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:06:53 AM

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Albert Lagunte  
95-694 Lauawa Street  
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Ph: 808 308-8456

Good morning,  
Chair Case and members of the board. My name is Albert Lagunte, and I am in support of a Direct Lease to the Manu O Kekai Canoe Club at Kawailoa, Waialua. Tax Map: (1) 6-2-3003: Portion 010

As a parent and grandfather, I represent three generations who have paddled for Uncle Randy Sanborn, (former head coach and founder of Manu). The club has been a positive force in the community. It teaches kids the value of hard work, how to respect each other, Malama the land and ocean, respect our Kupuna and most importantly keeps them out of trouble. As someone who has seen the growth of this club from the beginning to present, it really needs a place to call home.

I humbly ask your consideration.

Sincerely,

Albert Lagunte

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Roxy McCue](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:00:42 AM

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> To Whom It May Concern,

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> I am writing to you to ask you to allow Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club to continue their lease at their current location in Hale'iwa behind Surf N Sea. Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is a home base for many, children and adults alike, and provides value to the North Shore community as well as a safe place for the youth.

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> My husband grew up in Kailua and paddled for Kailua Canoe Club into his adult years. After we married and had children, he missed paddling and Kailua was too far to travel 4 times a week from Wahiawa. My best friend paddled for Uncle Randy and she invited him to join them. He was immediately welcomed into their Ohana and found a new home there. After he had been there for a year, my children asked to join him. Uncle Randy, Auntie Aloha and Manu O Ke Kai became a second family to them. They were nurtured as kids, taught lessons that seemingly were meant for the ocean, but really applied to life as well. Except for my nephew, who recently moved to the mainland, my daughters still have a love for paddling. Although one has taken a break to raise her family and dedicate time to her teaching career, the other is still an avid paddler. Although she has moved to another canoe club because she doesn't live close by anymore, the lessons she learned there are embedded deep into the paddler she has become. And my teacher daughter references paddling and her paddling experiences in her classroom—life lessons.

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> I pray that you will continue the lease for Manu O Ke Kai to be able to remain in their location. They are an important part of the North Shore landscape, they provide a home and activity for the youth of the North Shore and surrounding communities, and they are an important part of perpetuating the Hawaiian culture. They are great stewards of the Aina, and they make sure that all who are part of the club learn the importance of kuleana. The community would be hurt by the absence of this wonderful canoe club that many call home.

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> Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission. My current information is included below:

Roxy McCue  
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Wahiawa, HI. 96786  
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**From:** Catharine Lo  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony supporting Manu O Ke Kai canoe club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:43:11 AM

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Please find attached testimony for agenda item J2 for Sep. 10 BLNR meeting. This is from former club member Mariano Larghi, who was so inspired by his time at Manu that he singlehandedly introduced the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to Argentina. He named their club Manu O Ke Kai.

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De: **Mariano Larghi** <[mariosride@gmail.com](mailto:mariosride@gmail.com)>  
Date: jue., 9 sep. 2021 13:53  
Subject: Support Manu O Ke Kai site and legacy  
To: <[blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov)>

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Aloha you all,

I used to paddle in Manu between 1996 & 2002. When i came home to Buenos Aires Argentina, with my wife founded Manu O Ke Kai Argentina to pass on the tressure that nurtured my life with Auntie Aloha and Uncle Randy Sanborn and what was my ohana for those 7 years. We introduce Wa'a in Argentina feom scratch because was only right to give back so much Mana & Aloha. Way more than a sport. It made me strong, healthy and most of all committed to help perpetuate the traditions of Hawaii Canoe Paddling and its culture.

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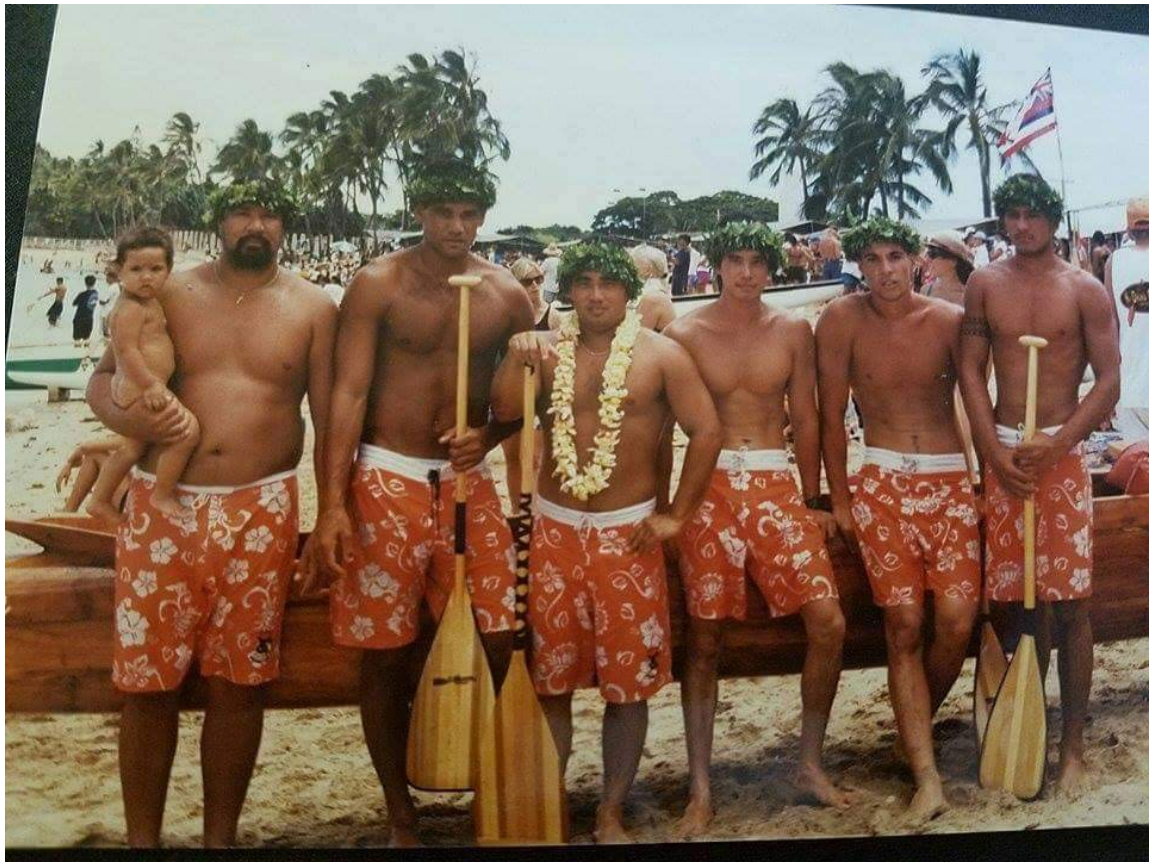
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Best regards & Imua Manu

Mariano Larghi  
(Mario)  
Buenos Aires  
Argentina







**From:** [Chris Hagan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O ke Kai  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:05:52 AM

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To whom it may concern,

The canoe club at 'Chocolates' is a great part of our community and the only one this side of the island. This beach is special in that it's always protected from the large surf and safe to launch from summer or winter. They help keep the beach clean and when the rains brought the floods last winter and the river left trees and other trash in the water they were the ones who made it safe for the kekei by cleaning it all out. Please renew their lease as they are a big part of our community, especially for those of us who use 'Chocolates' regularly with our kids. We want them there, we need them there and it would be a crime to evict them. Thank you for your time, Aloha, Chris Hagan- Hale'iwa resident

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Joe Broc](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:59:15 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Joe Broc for the past 21 years I have been a part of the canoe club. This club has been a big part of my life as for many others. I am physically challenged athlete, I am in a wheelchair. Uncle Randy and the club gave me the opportunity to participate in the sport. Just like many others it was like my home away from home. Despite my differences I felt "normal" in the club Uncle Randy never treated me any different. The only time he questioned my ability was the first time he ever met he said, "You can swim or what?" I said, "Yes uncle I can." He said, "Okay, get in the canoe." He treated everybody with the same respect no matter your background. We are able to meet all kinds of people and become friends and family with them. Through the years with him we were taught discipline, integrity, focus and respect for ourselves and the community. Most importantly respecting and perpetuating the culture and the history of the sport. I have noticed once you paddle for uncle and the club, many stay with the club and don't go to different clubs or they just don't paddle at all. To take the canoe club site away from us is like taking away our safe haven our sanctuary. It would be a great loss to the community. Please allow this canoe club to continue to influence and help others and keep the sport going.

Mahalo,

Joe Broc  
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**From:** [Mariano Larghi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Manu O Ke Kai site and legacy  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:54:15 AM

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(Mario)  
Buenos Aires  
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**From:** [SeaBrizeCosmetics](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:49:28 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brianna Wood, a member of Manu o ke kai. I have paddled for this club since I was 15 years old, I am now 19. The location Manu is currently in should be kept because of all the memories we have created there. Not to mention, it's convenient for the current members of Manu and people like me, who like to go back and visit every once in a while. This place is home to many of us, and I'm sure everybody could tell you a good or bad memory held at this location, but that is what makes it so special. My group was told we made it to the Na Wahine O Ke Kai at Manu. We found out we made it to world sprints at Manu. We've celebrated life at manu. There are countless things that we have experienced at this location, and removing us from it takes away all the memories and experiences shared.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this,

Manu O Ke Kai Member,

Brianna Wood

Sent from my iPhone

09/08/2021

RE: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Haleiwa HI 96712

Former Member: Michelle Glasco

#### Testimony

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Contact #808-726-3305

**From:** [Kuulei Zoller-Domingo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:10:46 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Ku'ulei Zoller-Domingo, I am the eldest granddaughter of Randy & Aloha Sanborn. The canoe site has been in my life for my entire life. I was always with my grandfather while he coached & paddled. My cousins and I grew up at the canoe site, basically there every weekend & then every other day when we all decided to paddle. The canoe site holds a very significant part of my heart because it's much more than a site or place of gathering for paddlers. It is home...home for those who didn't want to be at home. Home for those young ladies & young men who needed a little more guidance and discipline. It is a home that my grandfather "uncle Randy" built with the help of others for people of all walks of life. Especially kids, my grandpa always wanted a place where kids could come & just feel welcomed & wanted. It was a place where you could learn structure in and out of a canoe. The canoe site is a place where you can be yourself & form lifelong bonds. Haleiwa would not be the same if Manu O Ke Kai could not retain its permits & stay there. It is a historical part of Haleiwa & my grandfathers legacy. Please look into your hearts & let Manu O Ke Kai stay in that exact place, instead of awarding it to an outside company or haole company to run business. Manu O Ke Kai has been there from the 80's & with the DLNR's help it can continue to stay there for the next upcoming years. It can continue to be a place for the keiki to learn about the culture of paddling. It can continue to be a place where the adults can teach & learn themselves.

Mahalo for listening & I once again ask that you allow Manu O Ke Kai to stay so that the club can keep my grandfathers legacy alive.

-Ku'ulei Zoller-Domingo

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**From:** [Shaunessy McCue Denton](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Permit and Lease  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:57:54 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you to ask you to continue to allow Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club to continue their lease at their current location in Hale'iwa. Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club provides so much value to the North Shore community and is an important and safe place for our youth.

It was through my membership that I learned to love the ocean, learned how to be a leader, and provided a safe space for me while I was growing up. I was a member of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club for about 10 years, beginning from when I was 12 years old. I started out as a shy teenage girl. I remember being incredibly nervous for my first practice at the club, but the moment I arrived for my first practice I was welcomed with open arms from both coaches and fellow paddlers - both experienced and new like me. I found a family there. Many of the people I have met there continue to be my family almost 20 years later.

Being a member at Manu O Ke Kai throughout my teenage years saved me from getting into trouble. I always had a safe space to be, and Uncle Randy always made sure that we were welcome and helping out the North Shore community. We worked to keep the beach and shore areas maintained, did community service, and worked with the community.

It also taught me valuable lessons. We learned how to be safe in the ocean, how to read the ocean, and about Hawaiian culture and values. Uncle Randy especially supported me and taught me how to steer and take care of my crew, and he also gave me the opportunity to participate in youth leadership positions for the club, including Nā 'Ōpio, in which I was a youth representative for Manu O Ke Kai that helped make decisions for the organization.

It was through these experiences that I learned how to be a confident leader from that shy 12 year old girl. I cannot imagine what my life would have been like without those experiences. In fact, I look back on all of the memories I have from that time and feel so grateful to have been able to grow up in that way - out on the ocean with my friends, watching sunrises and sunsets, spending my weekends at regattas, travelling to outer islands for races, and exploring the North Shore coast and the Anahulu River.

All of this is to say that Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club is an important part of the North Shore community, especially for our youth. We would be doing our community a disservice if they are no longer there. On top of that, I know that the people who lead the canoe club work tirelessly to maintain the beach, the parking lot, and are excellent caretakers of the space they inhabit. They have an important role in the community and for the environment, and I would like to ask that you allow them to continue to keep their permit and lease so that they can continue to contribute to the community and raise future leaders in Hawai'i and on the North Shore.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission. My current information is included below.

Mahalo,

Shaunessy McCue Denton  
3931 'Ōma'o Road.  
Kōloa, Hawai'i 96756  
808-630-3926

**From:** [Debora Driscoll](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Debora Driscoll](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003:  
**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:01:10 AM

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Aloha Board Members,

Mahalo for seeing the matter that pertains to the issuance of a Revocable Permit for Manu O Ke Kai. Per the Agenda for J: DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION, this permit is requested for, "storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua." But it is for oh, so much more!

When I first joined Manu O Ke Kai in 1999, at the behest of an Argentinian friend and fellow member, I had no idea what I was *really* getting into. Under the guidance of Founder, President and Head Coach Uncle Randy, I learned proper technique and etiquette of all things outrigger canoe paddling. But what I was actually learning was Malama Honua, living Pono and Ohana. Uncle Randy looked after his, "Gangee," like his own children, praising, reprimanding, chiding, joking and mostly loving, with his strong and weathered arms crossed at his chest over his orange MOKKCC tank top, as he watched our strokes, timing and gliding.

At the time, we were a small club. Our Fund Raisers were all hands on deck, especially for our famous laulau plates. Everyone helped. Some de-spined the laulau leaves, others filled them with pork, we wrapped and tied the bundles just so and the Uncles manned the pressure cooker. Uncle Charlie made the best chicken long rice. Auntie Aloha and Uncle Gaylord sang Hawaiian songs and the keiki ran around always underfoot, laughing and playing.

Today we are the largest Hui Wa`a club, and I think the winningest club! Some things never change as we still are all hands on deck for our fund raisers and gatherings, it's now the 3rd generation helping out!! Both my kids paddle with kids whose parents I paddled with. We've come a long way from the Bad News Bears rough and tumble lot MOKKCC started out as. The Club motto was not, "Go Hard or Go Home," but actually the opposite, "Come, be part of our Ohana!"

Oh, and that Argentinian friend and MOKKCC member? Mariano fell in love with Hawaiian Outrigger paddling and everything Uncle Randy taught him, and started a Manu O Ke Kai Argentina Chapter!! Truly sharing and spreading the Aloha and the Ohana spirit through paddling.

This is the legacy of Uncle Randy's life's work perpetuated by members new and old, novice and experienced, recreational and competitive, all Ohana flying the Orange MOKKCC flag.

And this is why we humbly ask for the Issuance of the Revocable Permit, items 1 and 2.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration!

IMUA MANU  
Debora Driscoll  
Member since 1999





**From:** [liliuokalani taliulu](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Issuance Revocable Permit and Direct Lease  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:15:45 PM

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Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club.

Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club shares the opportunity to learn and teach the culture of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to everyone! I joined the club in 2018 and the knowledge and wisdom and experience shared within the club allowed me to grow and appreciate Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling as a sport and more importantly as a cultural native Hawaiian tradition. In 2020 I was blessed with the opportunity to help coach the youth of Manu O Ke Kai, to share what I've learned. The youth not only learn the sport, but within that space they also learn to respect and take ownership of themselves, of one another, of the canoes, of the land and of the ocean. The youth take pride in being part of a club that invests in creating the space and opportunity to learn and thrive in a sport and as part of a community that cares for one another and champions goodness and love towards one another. This club teaches giving and contributing positively to your club and your family and your community. There is so much more than a sport being taught and learned at Manu O Ke Kai. I am honored to be a part of this community and I pray that the support and vision to teach and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture through outrigger canoeing continues for future generations.

Mahalo for your time,

Liliuokalani Taliulu  
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**From:** [Janae Davis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Save Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:57:21 PM

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Aloha, My name is Janae Davis and I am a current youth paddler of Manu O Ke Kai.

I first joined Manu the 2019 summer season, and it was one of the best things that could ever happen to me. I love paddling, it's not even like a sport, more of a passion of mines. Paddling for Manu has shown me how strong I can be mentally and physically. The coaches there have pushed me, and they never let me give up. The atmosphere of Manu is like no other. The people and paddlers your surrounded by is so pure and genuine.

Showing up to practices on the Manu site was always one of the best feelings of my day. I know many other paddlers can agree as well. Manu is not just a place of Paddling, but for family. Manu is my second home. As to many others as well. We always look out for each other, and we always take care of the grounds around us. Manu holds so many precious memories and feelings of so many people. Such great memories, and i'd hate for that to be taken. The Manu site is not just an "ordinary" site. It's a very special one. It's not just a site where tourists can come and just relax. We work hard and put effort into keeping our grounds clean, and keeping the Mana and Aloha alive within our canoe site.

Manu O Ke Kai is sacred. It's part of our community, and our culture. It has been part of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe culture and industry for a very long time. Please do not take Manu from me, do not take Manu from all our youth and adult paddlers. Please think about the feelings and hearts of those that would break if you choose to take our canoe site away. Manu is very special to all of us. Think about our future keiki and adults that will be paddling here. Manu has always been here for us. Now we will show we are here for it as well.

Manu O Ke Kai is NOT just a canoe site.  
It's where the family lies within all of us.

Please, save Manu  
Thank you,

Janae Davis  
#IMUAMANU

**From:** [Alma Ureta](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o kekai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:43:49 PM

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Aloha,

I would like submit a testimony for the Canoe Club, Manu o Kekai.

I paddled canoe all 4 years of high school. It taught me commitment and dedication. I even participated in training through the summers. Uncle Randy was such a kind hearted person, who touched many lives.

I hope this testimony makes a difference and I'm happy to give my kokua.

Mahalo piha,  
Alma

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tiffany Ono](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony to keep our memories  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:17:36 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Tiffany and I am here to testify to keep Manu O Ke Kai's location where it stands. For me, manu turned my life around and that little spot on the beach turned into my second home. My freshman year I didn't quite know who I was, until I met these group of paddlers and they introduced me to paddling and to Manu. After discovering my passion for paddling, I basically grew up at this canoe site spending almost every day of the week on this beach with this second family that it's created. Every time a fellow Manu member passes this canoe site it brings years of memories back to our heads and puts a smile on our faces because we know it'll always be there and always be the place we feel safe at. Manu has been at this location for as long as everyone can remember and it has been the location for many incredible memories and accomplishments, it would be unfortunate to take that away by relocating Manu O Ke Kai. It is understood that rules are rules and maybe this isn't in our favor, but we all know and feel that this tiny spot on the coast of North Shore is a home for all of us along with our history and our future for the keiki paddlers. Please don't take this away from us as it is all that some of us had left after these harsh times of the world and pandemic, it's our happy place. Whether it stays or not, the image of Manu and the memories will always hit a soft spot in my heart and I will never forget what this place has done for me and where it's gotten me today.

Thank you for your time and with all do respect,  
Tiffany Amber Ono

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Azlynn Gella](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:07:53 PM

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Aloha board members of the DLNR,

My name is Azlynn Gella and I'm writing this testimony today on behalf of the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe site. I understand that this Friday there is going to be a meeting to decide whether you guys approve or disapprove of the current location of Manu O Ke Kai. But before you guys do that, I just want to say some things about that site, things that I'm pretty sure others can agree with.

To you guys, that may just seem like another beach or a popular site for tourist. But to others, it's so much more than that. To many, including myself, it's like a second home. So many people grew up going there, knowing it as Manu O Ke Kai. Others, like myself, didn't. But, I did get the opportunity to understand why it was so special. The first time I went there was my freshman year of high school. It was my first time doing paddling and I didn't know what to expect. At first, we would just do some land training and then eventually move to the ocean. When I set foot on that property for the first time, I knew it was a place I would cherish forever. That property, without a doubt, is the reason that my life is forever changed. At Manu O Ke Kai, I got to grow in ways that I never thought were possible. I made friends that turned into family. I met parents that became my second parents. I met aunties and uncles that became family. I met a coach that is someone that I will admire till no end. I met the love of my life there. I made memories that will last me a lifetime. But most importantly, it's the place that I found something I will forever be passionate about. Don't get me wrong, there were some hard days. But those are the days that lead us to our victories. It didn't matter where paddled, whether it'd for practice or a race, that place was and is always gone be my favorite. The energy of that place and everyone around was so pure. I always did anything to around those people for as long as I could. That place and the people there taught me so many things. Things I've taken with me and remember till this day. And while I don't paddle anymore because I'm out of high school, I still go to that site when I can and just sit on the beach. I sit on the beach and think back to the happiest times of my life.

Now, I understand that that was long and others might say that same thing. All I ask is that you guys really read what we have to say and think about your decision before it's made. I hope you find this well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Azlynn Gella

**From:** [Ben Wilkinson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:06:15 PM

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To the board members and whom it may concern.

My name is Ben Wilkinson, and I am originally from Sydney, Australia. I moved to Hawai'i approximately 15 years ago and started paddling with the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club shortly thereafter. Uncle Randy was the then president and was always a huge inspiration and mentor to me. In my years paddling, he and Auntie Aloha affected so many lives in a positive manner that it was truly amazing to be a part of. During time spent with Uncle Randy, he inspired me to learn more about canoe building and restoring the club's koa canoe, which was not in use for about 10 years. After uncle's blessing, we as a club not only was able to restore the koa canoe, but also complied with the OCHRA canoe associations requirements and specifications. Long story short, upon her return to the ocean on race day, the under 12 girls of Manu O Ke Kai won state gold in the newly restored koa canoe at Ke'ehi lagoon. The club's koa canoe rests at the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club site where she is admired and belongs.

Although I am not from Hawai'i, it wasn't until I started paddling and became part of the Manu ohana that I truly felt and saw the true Hawaiian culture and aloha. The love, care, and respect that the club members showed and extended to one another. I was now a part of the community and club and was loved and respected as part of the ohana. I have made some of my closest relationships and friendships in this canoe club. I continue to see the nurturing of the youth of Hawaii and met many past members that spoke about their experiences paddling for Uncle Randy and becoming a part of the ohana as life changing and a life saving experience. They tell me if it wasn't for Manu, that they would have ended up in a bad spot. Myself included, that if it weren't for this club, I don't think that I would be in such a great spot physically, mentally and I feel at home in such an amazing community. The Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club site is a second home for us, a safe haven especially for our kids and generations to come. I have been blessed with a beautiful wife, two young boys, and one on the way and I'm looking forward to them being a part of this special Manu ohana, continuing Uncle Randy's legacy, and to perpetuate their Hawaiian culture and pass it on as their ancestors have. We need Manu O Ke Kai canoe club to stay.

Thank you,  
Ben Wilkinson and Ohana

September 9, 2021

Re: BLNR 9/10/21 Agenda Item J.2 – Revocable Permit and Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club

Dear Chair Case and Board Members,

I respectfully ask your support for the requests by the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, which are recommended for approval by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (“DOBOR”).

This canoe club has served the North Shore and surrounding communities for nearly 40 years. By granting the requests, you can provide a foundation for the club to continue this service for at least another decade and cultivate multiple generations of new canoe paddlers. As you can see in the testimony submitted by paddlers, coaches, and athletic directors for three local schools, the club’s youth programs offer much needed safe, affordable access to canoe paddling to hundreds of local kids every year.

Beyond the significant positive impact on local youth, the club is a second home to its members and the canoes sitting on the beach in the middle of Haleiwa provide a constant reminder of the cultural heritage to both visitors and residents. Please help continue this legacy of service to the community by supporting the requests by the canoe club. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Griffin

[Jay\\_griffin74@hotmail.com](mailto:Jay_griffin74@hotmail.com)

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**From:** [justinturkowski@gmail.com](mailto:justinturkowski@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke kai  
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DLNR,

I think the current site where Manu o ke kai is located should remain theirs to use. They are great stewards of the property and it is a safe and welcoming community near that river. I have been there numerous times for work, with my child, passing by and every time I see good healthy habits being practiced. The humans that paddle there have tremendous hearts and care about their community. I did a crossing with the team from Molokai and it was an amazing experience meeting the whole team. Not only in Haleiwa but on Molokai they represented their club and live pono.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Justin Turkowski

To: DLNR; Board and Committee Members of DLNR

From: Kelly Nix, Elementary School Teacher, ASDOE

Date: 9 September 2021.

Subject: Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club Site Lease Review

Hello and greetings from American Samoa.

I am writing this testimony on the situation pertaining to the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site's current location. I have been a member of the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club since 2010. I joined paddling my junior year in high school and since then my life has had nothing but blessings. I sadly had to leave Hawaii and come to American Samoa for personal reasons. However, every returned visit at the canoe site has brought back so many memories and members continue to treat me as family. Uncle Randy and Manu O Ke Kai has been there for myself as well as my fellow crew members personally, physically, and emotionally. Members of Manu O Ke Kai are more than just acquaintances. We are a FAMILY. The bond that has been created since the canoe club began is such an amazing experience to be a part of.

The location of the Canoe site has been more than just a place for practice, it has become a home and we take care of our home. Uncle Randy would always make sure the canoe site was clean whenever we were done with practice. He taught us to respect the Aina. Without the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and site, I do not believe that me and my fellow crew members would not be where we are today. Due to Uncle Randy's leadership, I decided to follow his footsteps and become a teacher. He also taught every one of us to have passion in everything that we do. We learned a lot during the years of paddling and swimming at the site. Therefore, I believe that the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club should continue to remain at its current location. To you it may be just another location, but to many others it's a place we call home and consider an historical place. Uncle Randy would always tell us stories about how each coconut/palm tree was planted for each founding member. I do not believe that there is no other group or organization that would take care of this said location the way that Manu O Ke Kai has done so over the years. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

Kelly Nix

**From:** [Crystal Sanborn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Imua, Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:30:08 PM

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I am writing to testify on the history, humility and honor that Manu O Ke Kai has brought to the community of Haleiwa, the North Shore and beyond. It has provided a safe haven for decades for youth who attend surrounding schools from Kahuku, Waialua, Leilehua and Mililani. Manu is home to paddlers from all around the island of Oahu because the family that Manu O Ke Kai has built. The ties branch out beyond it's community. Everyone knows of Manu O Ke Kai when it comes to the Regatta Scene. Everyone has a family member who affiliates or family members who have been apart of this club. Once a paddler for Manu, always a paddler.

I, myself paddled for Manu as a young girl. I began paddling in 6th grade and fell in love with the sport because of the family that I gained at Manu O Ke Kai. I stuck with Manu into my high school years, even when my high school chose to use a different canoe club as their home site. I ran to Manu, everyday so excited to be there. My parents paddled for Manu and my kids recently too. I met my husband at this canoe site, so the significance of this place to me and my family is immeasurable. Even after I moved off the island to the mainland, I brought my kids back to Manu O Ke Kai to experience the sport, the culture and the homeliness that Manu provides. The canoe site has the exact same feel as it did 20+ years ago. It has been up kept by it's members, renovated, and taken cared of for all these years and truly is the nicest canoe site I have been too with it's limited funding. Manu O Ke Kai holds so much history and is such a special land mark in Haleiwa. The canoe site.. everyone knows it, everyone remembers it. This space is perfect in every way for the home of Manu O Ke Kai.. it has been shared by the near by retailers to cater to tourist and locals for decades with no issue. That speak volumes. With all the changes Haleiwa and Hawaii has already faced and lost, the last thing it needs is to lose another landmark, icon and community treasure. I plead to you to keep Manu O Ke Kai where it belongs.

Imua, Manu!

**From:** [Kama Naone-Doquisa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MOKKCC Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:19:50 PM

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Aloha my name is Patrisha or as Uncle Randy would call me Patrish haha. Although I haven't paddled in years my heart will always belong to this canoe club. So many of my family members have paddled for this club, from cousins to my siblings & even family friends. This is where I first fell in love with paddling & gained a love for the Ocean. The canoe site will always be a safe place for anyone & everyone. This was the place that my fellow paddlers & I would come just to hang out because it was one of our favorite places to be. Teammates turned into family, coaches turned into lifelong mentors & all because Uncle Randy gave us more than just a canoe site, he gave us an environment that felt like home. Even till this day, I pass by & I remember all the times I would grumble about not wanting to run in the sand because it was too hot, the times we were out in the water just admiring the view, the laughs we shared with all the adults, the banquets we had, everything that made the canoe site much more than just a site. To take it away is like taking away so many people's happy place. Generations of families have countless of stories here & what a shame it would be to stop it now & never have anymore stories to tell. Forever in our hearts Uncle Randy, may your legacy always live on

Mahalo.

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**From:** [Samuel W Fisher III](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O KE Kai Permit  
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I support Manu O Ke Kai canoe getting there permit.

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**From:** [keahi amina](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:35:17 PM

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My name is Keahi, I paddled with Manu O Ke Kai for the girls 19 crew. Our MOKKCC site is our home site, it's the home of the Iwa bird and it happens to be the bird we wear on our jerseys. Anyway, this club means a lot to me and my teammates. We were the first 19 girls crew to do the Molokai Hoe ever in history for this club which was an amazing experience. After doing that race we started training for World Sprints in Hilo which was the hardest thing to do because of all the changes. The point is we trained at this site for these big races, and after these races and trials we went back to the site to get together and blow off some steam and spend time together. This site is very significant to us and our team.

**From:** [Jodie Lerner](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:17:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Manu O Ke Kai has been a part of my life and my kid's lives for many years. I paddled for Manu O Ke Kai back in the early 90's, when I was a teenager. I've made lifelong friends through paddling and learned so much from being a part of the club. My daughter and my son have been paddling for Manu O Ke Kai for about three years, they're now 16 and 13 years old. They love the sport! I really believe paddling brought my daughter out of her shell and she excelled at the sport. My son is also loving it! Being apart of the Manu O Ke Kai Ohana is something very special to us. The club also gives back to the Haleiwa community from fundraising to beach clean ups. The site is a special place for our keiki to enjoy the sport that they love so much. Please allow Manu O Ke Kai to renew their lease and keep the site at it's current location.

Mahalo,

Jodie Lerner

**From:** [Mikey O'Shaughnessy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support and approve Uncle Randy and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:17:00 PM

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My name is Mikey O'Shaughnessy and i support Uncle Randy Sanborn and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. Please approve and give them another lease for their location and canoe club. It gives so many of us purpose and strengths in so many ways, physical and mental. So many lessons that help us in our every day lives. Pull together to reach a common goal. The community and people that come together are all positive. Please approve and support Randy Sanborn and Manu O Ke Kai Gov Hawaii and DLNR. Thank you. Aloha

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**From:** [Mahina Chillingworth](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:15:24 PM

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Aloha,

Please support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and allow them to retain their lease.

Myself and two children paddle for Manu O Ke Kai. This club has done nothing but great things for the community and has actually brought me and my kids even closer together.

The support and camaraderie is immensely important to the Haleiwa community as Manu CC gives back so much during the holiday season to the less fortunate and kūpuna.

Without Manu CC in Haleiwa would be a huge loss for me, my family and the community. It will also impact our Hawaiian Culture.

Please allow them to stay FOREVER!!

Mahalo,  
Mahina Chillingworth

**From:** [Mahina](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:07:29 PM

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Aloha,

The entire 400+ membership of the Hui O He'e Nalu support Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and hope BLNR will allow them to retain their lease.

For many of us, we've had family/friends who've paddled for Manu and even some of our members still continue their Manu membership today.

This canoe club represents the Hawaiian people on the North Shore which are sadly becoming far and few.

It's imperative that we not lose touch with our Hawaiian Culture.

We humbly ask BLNR to please allow Manu to keep their lease.

Mahalo,  
Founders, Board and Members of the Hui O He'e Nalu.

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**From:** [Liam Wilmott](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written testimony in support of manu o ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:07:01 PM

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Hello,

I am writing this testimony in support of Manu o ke Kai continuing their lease of the land where the canoe club is located.

Manu serves as an important gateway for north shore youth to access the ocean. The hale is a unique community for multiple generations interact and is therefore a place where knowledge and mentoring takes place. There is nothing else like it on the north shore.

Respectfully  
Liam Wilmott

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**From:** [kaipuna@aol.com](mailto:kaipuna@aol.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sept 10, 2021 Agenda Item J-2 Written Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:35:32 PM

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Aloha Chairperson Case and Board Members,

My name is Jenny Yagodich and I write in STRONG SUPPORT of agenda item J-2: Issuance of a Revocable Permit and Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010; and Declare Project Exempt from Requirements of Chapter 343, HRS and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club has been a source of pride and respect in our community for decades. One of the very few native Hawaiian non-profits on the North Shore, Manu O Ke Kai goes above and beyond in helping to perpetuate culture through values such as kuleana (responsibility), aloha (respect), pa'ahana (hard work), lokahi (unity), and ha'aheo (pride). Manu O Ke Kai gives the keiki, mākua, and kūpuna of our community a safe space in which to learn and grow and through a multi-generational approach, helps to shape our community's future ocean stewards.

As stated in the submittal, members of Manu O Ke Kai have been caring for this place for nearly 30 years and I believe they should, without a doubt, be given the opportunity to continue their long-standing practice of education, mālama 'āina, and ocean stewardship.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jenny Yagodich  
Director of Educational Programs  
Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea

Aloha,

My name is Kekoa "Paki" Lagunte. I was raised in Pupukea, Oahu, I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> of three generations of my family to have been a member of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club. I am 44 years old and Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club has been a huge part of my life for the past 30 plus years... A close friend of mine introduced me to Uncle Randy Sanborn (founder and head coach) in 1990. I had no idea at the time but this moment would change the whole course of my life. In the short term.. turned me from a pudgy pear shaped kid into a shredded young man. Which did wonders for my self confidence. In the long term..Gold medals, Lifelong friends and memories were made all along the way and continues till today. But its not about me. I am one small example of how magical "Manu", and the little piece of land she sits on really is. Thousands of people from all over have been lucky enough to experience this magic. And they will all tell you the same thing ..it's a very special place that we all hold close to our hearts. It is easy to miss if you don't know where she is. Tucked between rainbow bridge and surf and sea. But if you do know. And haven't been there for a while. You will surely miss her. It is not uncommon for someone who has been overseas for a meaningful period of time to make Manu their first stop as soon as they return.

There are so many beautiful stories any of us could tell about Manu. It really is endless. It would take more time than we all have to tell them. To make it short .. Manu O Ke Kai, which is more like a family gathering place than a club, is very special to a LOT of people. It serves so many more purposes than canoe paddling. It's a cultural Rock in the community and a safe haven for our youth. A learning place. A healing place .everything. Please if the powers that be have any kind of heart.. grant this gift that is a legitimate lease. That way many more generations will be able to enjoy this special place we call our Halau.. Our Home.Mahalo

Paki



Me and Uncle Randy

**From:** [Kaipo Orellana](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke Kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:50:57 PM

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I would first start by saying that I have so much love for Manu O Ke Kai and Uncle Randy. I started paddling for them in Middle School, 2001 and Uncle Randy taught me everything I know about paddling. He was so much more than just a coach. He created an environment of family. He was so loved and because of his club, I have lifelong friends 20 years later. Manu isn't just a club, it's a family and very important part of Haleiwa and the paddling community as a whole.

## **TESTIMONY OF EDWARD TSEU**

### **Agenda Item J.2.**

Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

Board of Land and Natural Resources

September 10, 2021

Aloha Chairperson Case and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Edward Tseu and I am a North Shore resident and long time member of Manu o Ke Kai Canoe Club in Haleiwa. I have been involved in the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe paddling for 50 years.

The site where Anahulu Stream flows into the ocean has been taken care of by Manu O Kei Kai for as long as I can remember. The Club not only takes its stewardship of this site seriously by keeping the beach and property free from trash and invasive weeds, but also practices aloha by welcoming people from other parts of Oahu and the military to join in and learn paddling. Our club membership has grown significantly because of our presence at this site.

My grandson and granddaughter like so many other youth in the area have benefitted from the programs and coaching provided by Manu. For rural youth who don't have malls, game rooms and movie theaters nearby, the Manu site is a safe place for them to meet and make friends and learn about Hawaiian cultural practices. They also are taught other important values like respect, patience, perseverance, teamwork and commitment. Our youth have excelled in the sport and have won many regattas but more importantly, they have become better future citizens because of their experience with the Club.

For myself, I am able to meet and share my love of paddling with other kupuna several mornings a week. We launch our canoes at the Manu site and paddle up the Anahulu Stream and to Pua'ena Point. Being able to store my canoe at the Club has been a blessing since it's become difficult to load and offload my canoe on my truck and drive it home.

I strongly urge you to support the continued presence of Manu O Kei Kai at its present site next to the Anahulu Bridge. Mahalo nui loa.

**From:** [justinturkowski@gmail.com](mailto:justinturkowski@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:45:23 PM

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DLNR,

I think the current site where Manu o ke kai is located should remain theirs to use. They are great stewards of the property and it is a safe and welcoming community near that river. I have been there numerous times for work, with my child, passing by and every time I see good healthy habits being practiced. The humans that paddle there have tremendous hearts and care about their community. I did a crossing with the team from Molokai and it was an amazing experience meeting the whole team. Not only in Haleiwa but on Molokai they represented their club and live pono.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Justin Turkowski



**From:** [Alma Ureta](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o kekai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:43:49 PM

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Aloha,

I would like submit a testimony for the Canoe Club, Manu o Kekai.

I paddled canoe all 4 years of high school. It taught me commitment and dedication. I even participated in training through the summers. Uncle Randy was such a kind hearted person, who touched many lives.

I hope this testimony makes a difference and I'm happy to give my kokua.

Mahalo piha,  
Alma

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nicholas Corder](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o ke kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:07:31 PM

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Aloha to whom it may concern,

I am giving written testimony to plead with you all to consider keeping out hale for the club as it is. I paddled for Manu for many years when I was younger. There's nothing but people who Malama the Aina and Makai there. It's not only a nostalgic part of my upbringing but it's part of Haleiwa itself. Uncle Randy's legacy and teachings should not be forgotten in the hale he created for our club.

Mahalo for your time in this matter.  
Keep Manu O Ke Kai where it is.

Nicholas Corder

**From:** [Ruth-Leilani Harrington](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Haleiwa - Manu O Ke Kai Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:50:23 AM

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Aloha Kakou,

I am writing a written testimony on behalf of myself, my community, and as a friend of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club.

As a local Oahu/North Shore resident and also long time employee of the Haleiwa community I'd like to humbly suggest the extension of the Manu o Ke Kai canoe club land lease.

Manu o Ke Kai has been in Haleiwa for many decades, a Pillar of support in the community for locals from keikis to kapuna. A great steward of our lands and a positive activity and ohana for the North Shore community to enjoy and connect.

Please support our local community and ohana and let Manu o Ke Kai continue to thrive and nurture our community.

Mahalo,  
Ruth Leilani Harrington

**From:** [Sydney Iaukea](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] support Manu o ke kai  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:15:01 AM

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Aloha,

Please accept my testimony in strong support for the canoe club, Manu O Ke Kai, to remain at their current canoe site at Haleiwa Harbor. The canoe club continues to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and remains a positive influence for the larger community.

Mahalo nui,  
Sydney

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*Sydney Iaukea, Ph.D.*

**From:** [Jennifer Ignacio](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Site- DLNR Agenda 9/10/21  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:04:42 PM

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Please accept this written testimony in support of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club and the continued use of the historical site adjacent to the Anahulu River.

Outrigger canoe paddling has become a fundamental part of our family's life and tradition. It provides us the opportunity to connect with local history, our community, and each other. Manu O Ke Kai has created a robust paddling program from keiki to kupuna, where everyone is welcome and valued. Nowhere else on the island do paddlers have access to such amazing conditions and coaching, with extremely modest fees. The success of the club can be attributed to the collective passion of the members and volunteers, with many multigenerational families carrying on the vision of the founder.

We support the local businesses and the Club has acted as stewards of the property and water. Our kids enjoy the beach, and the safe environment as they learn to paddle. Many go on to represent their High School teams, compete in collegiate sports, and paddle throughout adulthood. The sport teaches life lessons and promotes teamwork, leadership, and humility.

We would like to carry on this tradition and continue to represent the North Shore as one of the best teams in paddling. Please consider the past history, present support, and future potential of this Club.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer & Daniel Ignacio  
(808)436-6412  
95-221 Kaopua Loop Mililani, HI 96789

**From:** [Rona Paglinawan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for BLNR Meeting, September 10, 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:36:40 AM

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My name is Rona Paglinawan and I strongly support:

- Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010; and
- Issuance of a Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage for Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010.

I'm a parent of two children, ages 17 and 13, that are members of Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club "(MOKKCC)". I have witnessed how their involvement in MOKKCC has positively impacted their lives as they learn to perpetuate their Hawaiian culture through the cultural practices. The members of the MOKKCC exhibit humility, honor, trustworthiness, positive coaching and sportsmanship, and the desire to perpetuate the cultural practices. If granted, I'm unequivocally certain that MOKKCC will be responsible stewards of the Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key No. (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010.

Mahalo,  
Rona Paglinawan  
(808) 690-0000

**From:** [Michael Soule](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu o Ke Kai 9/10/21 9:00an.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:48:03 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a long time surfer, waterman. I am not a club member. I have lived in Hawaii since 1976. I have always appreciated the aloha shown by the members and leaders of Manu o Ke Kai canoe club. They do many community related projects that help out Haleiwa and the surrounding areas. Their site is always clean and neat,

Their program that has so many of our kekei is truly a blessing. They help perpetuate the Hawaiian culture. The Aloha spirit is alive and well with them. I hope you will consider letting them stay, they have been and are good stewards of our Aina. Mahalo nui for taking the time to read my thoughts. Below are my contacts if there are any questions.

Aloha

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**From:** [Ben Wilkinson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:06:15 PM

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To the board members and whom it may concern.

My name is Ben Wilkinson, and I am originally from Sydney, Australia. I moved to Hawai'i approximately 15 years ago and started paddling with the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club shortly thereafter. Uncle Randy was the then president and was always a huge inspiration and mentor to me. In my years paddling, he and Auntie Aloha affected so many lives in a positive manner that it was truly amazing to be a part of. During time spent with Uncle Randy, he inspired me to learn more about canoe building and restoring the club's koa canoe, which was not in use for about 10 years. After uncle's blessing, we as a club not only was able to restore the koa canoe, but also complied with the OCHRA canoe associations requirements and specifications. Long story short, upon her return to the ocean on race day, the under 12 girls of Manu O Ke Kai won state gold in the newly restored koa canoe at Ke'ehi lagoon. The club's koa canoe rests at the Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club site where she is admired and belongs.

Although I am not from Hawai'i, it wasn't until I started paddling and became part of the Manu ohana that I truly felt and saw the true Hawaiian culture and aloha. The love, care, and respect that the club members showed and extended to one another. I was now a part of the community and club and was loved and respected as part of the ohana. I have made some of my closest relationships and friendships in this canoe club. I continue to see the nurturing of the youth of Hawaii and met many past members that spoke about their experiences paddling for Uncle Randy and becoming a part of the ohana as life changing and a life saving experience. They tell me if it wasn't for Manu, that they would have ended up in a bad spot. Myself included, that if it weren't for this club, I don't think that I would be in such a great spot physically, mentally and I feel at home in such an amazing community. The Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club site is a second home for us, a safe haven especially for our kids and generations to come. I have been blessed with a beautiful wife, two young boys, and one on the way and I'm looking forward to them being a part of this special Manu ohana, continuing Uncle Randy's legacy, and to perpetuate their Hawaiian culture and pass it on as their ancestors have. We need Manu O Ke Kai canoe club to stay.

Thank you,  
Ben Wilkinson and Ohana



**From:** [Liam Wilmott](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written testimony in support of manu o ke Kai  
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Hello,

I am writing this testimony in support of Manu o ke Kai continuing their lease of the land where the canoe club is located.

Manu serves as an important gateway for north shore youth to access the ocean. The hale is a unique community for multiple generations interact and is therefore a place where knowledge and mentoring takes place. There is nothing else like it on the north shore.

Respectfully  
Liam Wilmott

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brianna Wood, a member of Manu o ke kai. I have paddled for this club since I was 15 years old, I am now 19. The location Manu is currently in should be kept because of all the memories we have created there. Not to mention, it's convenient for the current members of Manu and people like me, who like to go back and visit every once in a while. This place is home to many of us, and I'm sure everybody could tell you a good or bad memory held at this location, but that is what makes it so special. My group was told we made it to the Na Wahine O Ke Kai at Manu. We found out we made it to world sprints at Manu. We've celebrated life at manu. There are countless things that we have experienced at this location, and removing us from it takes away all the memories and experiences shared.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this,

Manu O Ke Kai Member,

Brianna Wood

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Aloha Chairperson Case and Board Members,

My name is Jenny Yagodich and I write in STRONG SUPPORT of agenda item J-2: Issuance of a Revocable Permit and Direct Lease to Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, for storage of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoes and Related Equipment and for Cultural Practices on Kawailoa, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 6-2-003: Portion of 010; and Declare Project Exempt from Requirements of Chapter 343, HRS and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club has been a source of pride and respect in our community for decades. One of the very few native Hawaiian non-profits on the North Shore, Manu O Ke Kai goes above and beyond in helping to perpetuate culture through values such as kuleana (responsibility), aloha (respect), pa'ahana (hard work), lokahi (unity), and ha'aheo (pride). Manu O Ke Kai gives the keiki, mākua, and kūpuna of our community a safe space in which to learn and grow and through a multi-generational approach, helps to shape our community's future ocean stewards.

As stated in the submittal, members of Manu O Ke Kai have been caring for this place for nearly 30 years and I believe they should, without a doubt, be given the opportunity to continue their long-standing practice of education, mālama 'āina, and ocean stewardship.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jenny Yagodich  
Director of Educational Programs  
Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea

**From:** [Kuulei Zoller-Domingo](#)  
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Aloha,

My name is Ku'ulei Zoller-Domingo, I am the eldest granddaughter of Randy & Aloha Sanborn. The canoe site has been in my life for my entire life. I was always with my grandfather while he coached & paddled. My cousins and I grew up at the canoe site, basically there every weekend & then every other day when we all decided to paddle. The canoe site holds a very significant part of my heart because it's much more than a site or place of gathering for paddlers. It is home...home for those who didn't want to be at home. Home for those young ladies & young men who needed a little more guidance and discipline. It is a home that my grandfather "uncle Randy" built with the help of others for people of all walks of life. Especially kids, my grandpa always wanted a place where kids could come & just feel welcomed & wanted. It was a place where you could learn structure in and out of a canoe. The canoe site is a place where you can be yourself & form lifelong bonds. Haleiwa would not be the same if Manu O Ke Kai could not retain its permits & stay there. It is a historical part of Haleiwa & my grandfathers legacy. Please look into your hearts & let Manu O Ke Kai stay in that exact place, instead of awarding it to an outside company or haole company to run business. Manu O Ke Kai has been there from the 80's & with the DLNR's help it can continue to stay there for the next upcoming years. It can continue to be a place for the keiki to learn about the culture of paddling. It can continue to be a place where the adults can teach & learn themselves.

Mahalo for listening & I once again ask that you allow Manu O Ke Kai to stay so that the club can keep my grandfathers legacy alive.

-Ku'ulei Zoller-Domingo

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