

From: [PAMELA CABREIRA](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [DLNR.FW.Outreach](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Hawaii Administrative rules Section 183-D-3(b)
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 11:28:37 AM

Hunting "UNIT A" across Gil Kahele Rec. Center:

Referred to as the "SLICE" proposed change to Means of take "ARCHERY ONLY" is not fair and not justified to make it "ARCHERY ONLY".

All these years it is being shared and enjoyed by rifle, muzzle load, handgun, shot gun, and archery.

When bird season starts, we are allowed to hunt on M-T-F, other days for bird works well, and plenty room for hunters.

No hunter gets upset with each other. We all know one another in this area, we all respect the type of hunting gear we use.

The "SLICE" is perfect for the Kupuna, disabled, handicap, and veterans. It is easy to walk and convenient. Close to PTA should there be an emergency. Quick response time for care and treatment if needed.

There are a lot of Kupunas that hunt in this area with rifle. Kupunas including myself are too old to go and hunt at 8000-10000FT level. There are no game in these areas. Besides the STATE Eradicates all the sheep, via Helicopter.

Kanalu Sproat, Biologist, Waimea, Hawaii is raising "HAVOC" with rifle hunters and it is his idea to make the "SLICE" "ARCHERY ONLY".

He is a member of Archery clubs and not caring about other hunters who frequently hunt in this area.

I am 77 years old, retired for United States Navy. Served my country for 21 years.

My partner is 79 years old, both he and I are handicapped.

This area is perfect for our exercise and hunt for our food.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS RULE!

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR KUPUNA AND HANDICAPPED POPULATION!!!

Mahalo,

Paul Cabreira Ret. Chief Petty Officer USN.

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From: [Willie-Joe Camara](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for rule changes
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 9:09:29 AM

Aloha,

I am writing today to give Testimony on the Temporary rules change of HAR Title 13 Chapter 123. I would like to request that the state add language that allows the use of the outer spacial App for checking in/out of Kaohe unit G. As it reads now check in must be done at either of the three check stations. Also when it comes to unit A, Mauna kea, please remove the 7:30 check out time from the rules that was added a few years ago. This rule makes it impossible for a hunter to hunt until legal hunting hours which is 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and be out of the area by 7:30. also please consider changing the fall turkey season back to only the month of November due to the low numbers of turkeys that we are having for the past years since this rule has been changed. Thank you for your time,

Willie-Joe Camara
Voggy Mtn Kennels
Kalopa, Hawaii

“If you don’t need the meat, leave it on it’s feet!!”

Honorable Dawn N.S. Chang
Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

RE: Division Of Forestry and Wildlife Request Adaptive Management Measures Section 183-3(B) HRS, to temporarily amend Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 13 Chapter 122 – Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, field trials, and commercial shooting preserves, by amending Exhibit 1 game birds taken in the Island of Hawai'i to change open hunting periods from March 1 through April 15 for, Units A, F, G, and private lands, to March 1 through April 15, for Units A, C, F, G and private lands.

Aloha Chair and member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

The fall turkey season used to be ONLY for the month of November with hunting permitted only on the weekends and holidays with a daily bag limit of one turkey. Currently, the season runs the first weekend in November through the third weekend in January with a daily bag limit of one turkey. Since this change, this season (November to January) has been taking a toll on the wild turkey numbers and making it difficult for a sustainable population to exist due to over hunting.

As turkey hunting has grown over the years nationally and here in the State of Hawai'i, other states across the country that are seeing similar reductions in their turkey population, have begun to close their Fall turkey seasons to help build back sustainability in their wild turkey numbers.

Hawai'i Islands spring turkey hunting has become so popular with sport enthusiasts here and from the Mainland, the island has become a tourist destination during March and April for the spring turkey season. Non-resident hunters and their families travel to the Big Island for a spring turkey hunt bringing in a tourist economy to our local businesses and Hawai'i Island. Spring turkey hunting is gaining popularity with our residents hunters and families thus adding to our local treasure hunting traditions and providing health and organic foods to our tables.

I hope this committee will take into consideration in changing back to only having the month of November with hunting permitted only on the weekends and holidays with a daily bag limit of one turkey in order to help our turkey numbers get back to a stable and sustainable level so future generation can enjoy this activity.

Warm Aloha and Mahalo for allowing me this time to submit testimony to this honorable committee.

Frank F. Fasi Jr
Board Member – Safari Club International Hawaii Chapter

From: [Brian Ley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 3:00:14 PM

Aloha Hawaii Board of land and natural resources members

Re: Testimony against rule changes for Pu'uuanahulu and Pu'uwa'awa'a, March 8, 2024 9am Board meeting

I oppose the rule changes to expand hunting opportunities in these areas

First off HB 1872 passed into law in 2022, which the DLNR is to provide quality habitat and this includes water for OUR game animals and game birds. If the DLNR was pro active in wildfire prevention you would have controlled burning of mature fountain grass in small areas that the ungulates would be able keep under control with grazing the new growth. As is seen along saddle road that burnt several hundred acres of fountain grass. Goats, sheep and turkeys moved into this burnt area keeping the fountain grass under control and the native shrubs were able to establish themselves with the help of the goats and sheep.

There are plenty of studies of ungulates being used to keep grasses under control for the use of fire prevention in the western states. We should be utilizing these animals in fire prevention not trying to eradicate the herds.

Look at your own East Hawaii Biologist Kanalu Sproat paper "Have your cake and eat it too " which lays out the benefits of the game animals controlling wildfires on the big island.

During drought conditions the animals are congregating in the 50 yard no hunting zone where they can't be hunted anyway.

With today's modern bows and crossbows, are able to send an arrow up to a hundred yards, creating a new hazard of arrows going into the roads.

High hunting pressure is going to do several things first it's going to push the animals into non hunting areas creating a larger nuisance with the animals interacting with the public in a non positive way. Second the animals close to the road are going to be pushed into the road trying to get away from the hunters and or learn they are safe next to the road. These animals are capable of learning where food, water and safety can be found.

Supplying quality habitat that includes sufficient water will be a much better way to encourage the animals away from the road side

Brian Ley, District 4 GMAC commissioner
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chris Lum](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Turkey hunting fall season
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 7:53:47 AM

Aloha,

As an outdoorsman, a conservationist and former Scout Master, I would like to submit written testimony for the proposed changes of Rules Section 183 d-3 Regulating Game Bird Hunting on Hawaii Island.

I worry that the current fall turkey hunting season, which runs from the first weekend in November through the 3rd weekend in January with a daily bag limit of one bird, is not sustainable. The wild turkey numbers will plummet further if we continue down this course. A good compromise may be reverting to the past rules where the fall turkey season was open for November only with a daily limit of one bird.

One of my favorite activities is to fly to the Big Island in Spring and do mouflon and turkey hunting. I was unable to hunt last spring due to the low number of Tom's available. My hope is that reverting to the prior season limitation will improve the wild turkey numbers so we can all partake in this wonderful sport.

Our fall turkey season should be changed back to **ONLY** the month of November with hunting permitted only on the weekends and holidays with a daily bag limit of one turkey to help our turkey numbers get back to stable numbers

Mahalo,
Christopher Lum, MD
Avid outdoorsman and
Past Scout Master Troop 325

Sent from my CL iPhone

From: [Stanley Mendes](#)
To: [DLNR BLNR Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rule testimony
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 5:52:11 PM

Aloha,

I would like to submit testimony on the proposed rules changes. The reason for the change is to reduce the wild game in private properties and on the highways. The game animals are next to the highway because the water runoff after a rain holds water and green grass there. The lack of water units in the hunting areas push the game to get water elsewhere. There is only one dry water unit in Puuanaulu makai. The water units in the mauka section are not cared for and needs repairing. Having working water units in the game area would keep the animals off the highway. The highway is surrounded by private property. Adding more hunting days with no bag limits will increase hunting and push the animals out of the hunting area and into private property and highways. The problem would increase and not decrease .

Also I am a disabled hunter and I think giving the youth their own season is a great idea. I have grandchildren who are just starting to hunt . I was told that the youth hunters would be up first to hunt to promote more opportunity for the youth. This is a disadvantage for the disabled as the game will be wild and harder to get. The youth can walk into areas to hunt in which the disabled cannot.but we the disabled. We hunt together now in our youth/disabled season and for some of us it is really hard.

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 8, 2024

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT MEASURES BY FORMAL BOARD ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 183D-3(b), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO TEMPORARILY AMEND HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (HAR) TITLE 13 CHAPTER 123 - RULES REGULATING GAME MAMMAL HUNTING, BY AMENDING EXHIBIT 11 AS REFERENCED IN HAR SECTIONS 13-123-3 (AUTHORIZED HUNTING), 13-123-4 (BAG LIMITS, OPEN SEASONS, AND HUNTING DAYS), 13-123-22 (CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS), AND 13-123-23 (USE OF TAGS), FOR GAME MAMMALS TO BE TAKEN ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAI'I.

AND

REQUEST FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT MEASURES BY FORMAL BOARD ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 183D-3(b), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO TEMPORARILY AMEND HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (HAR) TITLE 13 CHAPTER 122 - RULES REGULATING GAME BIRD HUNTING, FIELD TRIALS, AND COMMERCIAL SHOOTING PRESERVES, BY AMENDING EXHIBIT 1 GAME BIRDS TO BE TAKEN, DAILY BAG LIMITS, HUNTING PERIODS, HUNTING DAYS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR HUNTING IN THE ISLAND OF HAWAI'I. TO CHANGE OPEN HUNTING PERIODS FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 15, UNITS A, F, AND G AND PRIVATE LAND, TO MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 15, UNITS A, C, F, AND G AND PRIVATE LANDS.

SUMMARY

The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") Division of Forestry and Wildlife ("Division") requests the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") take formal board action to approve the adoption of a temporary administrative rule change to Exhibit 11 in Chapter 13-123, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting", under the authority of HRS § 183D-3(b). The amendments would open hunting days for feral goats, feral pigs, and sheep took on Hawai'i by allowing for more hunting days per week (daily) to provide increased hunting access and control populations of these prolific game mammals which have been impacting

ITEM C-1

From: [Shane](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] written testimony for the proposed changes of Rules Section 183 d-3 Regulating Game Bird Hunting on Hawaii Island
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 8:02:55 AM

Aloha All,

I would like to submit written testimony for the proposed changes of Rules Section 183 d-3 Regulating Game Bird Hunting on Hawaii Island.

The fall season for turkey hunting used to be for ONLY the month of November with hunting permitted only on the weekends and holidays with a daily bag limit of one turkey. Currently the season runs the first weekend in November through the third weekend in January with a daily bag limit of one turkey. The current season is taking a toll on the wild turkey numbers and making it difficult for a sustainable population to exist due to over hunting. Along with natural conditions that we cannot control, that may make the population decrease even more ,that also affects our wild turkey population. So you may have a big harvest in the fall but no harvest in the spring.

Turkey hunting has become so popular nationwide. Other states that are experiencing the same situation with their turkey numbers have closed their fall turkey seasons to help build back sustainability in their wild turkey numbers. I have met hunters here and from the mainland that want to harvest a wild turkey in all states that allow it. It is a very challenging type of hunt that involves special equipment and skills.

When I worked for a large ranch on the Big Island I realized the Spring turkey hunting has become very popular that Hawaii Island has become a tourist sportsmen destination during March and April for the spring turkey season. Usually the people with the means will book hunts with guides on private ranches and the more budget friendly options is to hunt on public lands. I met lots of them over the years. Non Resident Hunters and their families travel to the Big Island for a spring vacation and for spring turkey hunting thus bringing in a tourist economy to our local businesses and island. Spring turkey hunting is gaining popularity with our resident hunters and families thus adding to our treasured hunting traditions and bringing food to our tables. Of the out of state hunters that I have met usually tell me "My wife and kids are shopping and I will meet them after the hunt and go to the beach."

I really feel that our fall turkey season should be changed back to ONLY the month of November with hunting permitted only on the weekends and holidays with a daily bag limit of one turkey to help our turkey numbers get back to stable numbers. I feel it is a better option than having a long fall season with mostly young birds harvested, then having to scramble to close the next season due to low numbers.

Thank you for hearing me.

Aloha,

Shane Muramaru
Paauilo, Hawaii

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [nanihawaii](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Testimony, 3/8/24, 9am blnr meeting: hunting rule changes
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:37:21 PM

Aloha Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources members,

Re: Testimony against hunting rule changes for Pu'uanahulu and Pu'uwa'awa'a, March 8, 2024, 9 am Board meeting.

I oppose rule changes to expand hunting opportunities in these areas.

In 2022 HB1872 passed through the Legislature and became law. HB1872 required an amend to the HRS and requires the State to recognize that, "Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable food source that merits high-quality habitats with sufficient food, water, and refuge to support viable populations sufficient for hunting." This new law has gone unrecognized by the DLNR.

The purpose of the proposed rule changes is to reduce the hazard of roadside goats and pigs. Roadsides often provide water catchment and become attractive to thirsting animals. Clearings along roads also cause fresh vegetation growth, drawing the wild goats and pigs.

This results from game animals being drawn away from poor habitats. The deprivation of watering units, the lack of habitat improvements, and the fencing off of quality habitats cause animals to become roadside hazards, and not the overpopulation of game animals. Reducing the population of game animals by extreme hunting opportunities is eradication, and not game management for a sustainable resource and sufficient hunting opportunities for the future. Over hunting will also drive the remaining animals out of GMA's and into private lands.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Nani Pogline

(Served as a commissioner on the Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission for 5 years, and was Chair for 2 years)

From: [Jon Sabati](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Game Bird Hunting Rule Changes
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 7:08:22 AM

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Mahalo,
Jon Sabati President
Hawaii Chapter of the
National Wild Turkey Federation

From: [Leslie Yancey](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal to change Hunting Unit A on the Big Island, known as "The Slice" to "Archery Only".
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:12:18 PM

Aloha DLNR,

RE: Proposal to change Hunting Unit A on the Big Island, known as " The Slice", to 'Archery Only'.

I, Wayne Kaleialoha Yancey, want my opposition to this proposal to be known and documented. I am a 71 year old Native Hawaiian and lifelong resident of Hawaii who has been legally hunting on Mauna Kea since the 1960s. I have purchased a hunting license every year and feel my voice should be heard and seriously considered. Please DO NOT change Unit A into an 'Archery Only' zone.

Mahalo,
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