

From: [Board VP](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waimanalo Canoe Club Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:51:55 AM

Aloha mai,

I, Rhonda Burk, Vice President of Waimanalo Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area.

*Mahalo NUI,
Rhonda Burk*

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April 25, 2024

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VIA: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

Re: **SUPPORT** of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest Management Plan and Koa Canoe Log Harvest Permits

Aloha Ms. Chang:

Established in 1989, the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA) is a nonprofit association founded by people dedicated to responsible, sustainable forest management. HFIA strives to increase knowledge and understanding of sustainable forestry and to ensure policy and regulations support healthy forests.

On behalf of our members, a diverse community of businesses, individuals and groups that rely on Hawai'i's forests, HFIA urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to approve the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest management plan, environmental assessment, and harvest permits process.

HFIA supports the responsible and sustainable management of our forest resources and believes that the management plan for the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest will help ensure that the Division of Forestry and Wildlife achieves its goal of consistently and perpetually producing koa canoe logs, while increasing the health of our native forest.

Mahalo,

Guy Cellier

Guy Cellier
President
Hawai'i Forest Industry Association

From: [Gino Dayton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapapala Koa Canoe Forest in Ka'u, Big Island
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:25:15 AM

I, Gino Dayton, of Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club are in support of approving the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and the Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo NUI,
Gino Dayton*

From: [Anthony Hunt](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapapala Koa
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:55:10 AM

BLNR,

I, Anthony Hunt, Canoe Racing Committee Chair of Outrigger Canoe Club, am in support of approving the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo NUI,
Anthony Hunt
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From: [Leslie Jaramillo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nakoia yacht
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:15:34 AM

I demand the maximum fine penalty upon the owner of this yacht whose boat damaged our precious reefs and contaminated our precious waters in Honolulu Bay. And please allow NO commercial mooring within the bay it's dangerous. We've grown to malama our aina all our lives. We respect our aina and value it. Allowing commercial will only kill our aina in a long run. Let's stop the mooring once and for all. Enough with the profits...

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From: [Steve Meyer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support to approve a Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:19:44 PM

I, Steve Meyer, President of 'Imi Ola Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

Mahalo NUI,

Steve Meyer
President
'Imi Ola Canoe Club

From: [pualani Paiaina](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:57:26 AM

Aloha BLNR

I, Pualani Paiaina, of Healani Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

Mahalo Nui,

Pualani P. Paiaina
Healani Canoe Club
Vice President

From: [Karlen Porter](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:29:45 AM

I, Karlen Porter, of Waikiki Surf Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo NUI,
Karlen K Porter*

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From: [Siana Hunt](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [George Wilson \(2\)](#); anthonyhunt@bluerockhi.com; [Walter's Hokua Mail](#); [Ryland Hart](#); [Arthur Mallet](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala Koa Canoe Log Harvest
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:14:47 AM

I, Siana Austin Hunt, the Vice President of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association am writing in strong support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for our canoe builders to pass on the 'ike kupuna that we are quickly losing to our next generation. We are prepared to make this harvest a community wide opportunity to share this essential knowledge and engage educational workshops, training and apprenticeship programming. Many of our canoe builders with this knowledge have passed and there are few with the skill and experience to be able to continue to teach. We are poised and ready to take on the kuleana of harvesting, building and instructing our future generations and thank you for your support.

Mahalo NUI,

Siana Austin Hunt
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From: [Desiree Varela](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:06:16 PM

I, Desiree Varela of Kailua Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo NUI,
Desiree Varela*

From: [George Wilson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Perpetuating Koa Canoes
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:11:53 AM

I, George Wilson, of Outrigger Canoe Club's Canoe Racing Committee are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo Nui,
George Wilson
Outrigger Canoe Club
Head Coach
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