

From: [Allison Abdias](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area plan
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:13:10 AM

I, Allison Abdias, of Lanikia 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,

Allison Abdias

April 24, 2024

Aloha Board Members,

I, Kawika Ho of Na Hoapili O Ke Kai 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,
Kawika Ho
President NHOKK CC

From: [Lana Kinghan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Management Plan of Koa Canoes
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:00:58 PM

I, Lana Joy Kinghan, of Lanikai 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,
Lana joy Kinghan



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Dawn N. S. Chang
Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street #131
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest Management Plan and Koa Canoe Log Harvest Permits (support)

Aloha Ms. Chang,

Siglo Tonewoods is a Hawai'i forestry company focused on restoring native forest health while securing responsibly grown woods for musical instruments. I am a forester with 23 years of Hawai'i forest management experience; I have dedicated my professional career to planting and caring for native forests, particularly koa trees. I have also been involved in several projects that combine tree harvesting with native forest regeneration over thousands of acres.

My deep commitment to native forest management has motivated me to consistently participate in the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest (KKCF) working group for over a decade. I am enthusiastic about the KKCF management plan, Environmental Assessment and the harvest permit and log allocation protocol.

This is a well-thought-out management plan for the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest. It is my professional opinion that if the actions in this plan are implemented in full, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife will achieve its goal of producing koa canoe logs consistently and in perpetuity while also improving the native forest.

Balancing the needs of native forest health with community needs and public access in the context of climate change and endangered species is challenging. However, you successfully balance these needs within the KCF by carefully setting out management regimes by forest type, reasonable restrictions on management practices, no-cut periods, and achievable harvest goals, and allowing sufficient flexibility for safe and efficient harvest operations.

I urge you to approve the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Forest management plan, Environmental Assessment, and process for harvest permits.

Nicholas Koch
Siglo Tonewoods

From: [Ikaika Rogerson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 4/26/24 BLNR Meeting Items C1 & C2
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 7:07:00 AM

I, Ikaika Rogerson, Officer of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association am 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,

Ikaika Rogerson
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From: [Rena Rzonca](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapapala Koa
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 7:16:12 AM

I, Henrene "Rena"Rzonca, of Leeward Kai 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,
Henrene Rzinca*

From: [Dar Silva](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Koa harvest for Wa'a
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:34:06 PM

I, Darnell L. Silva of Lanikai 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 Loa,

Darnell Silva