

From: [Jim Beaton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Na Wahine o ke kai and Molokai Hoe
Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 7:11:26 AM

Aloha my name is Jim Beaton I'm writing this in hopes that you will approve the permits for Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe. These races are very important to our paddling community. They are the "Superbowl" of paddling here in Hawaii and around the world. Please approve these permits

Mahalo !

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From: [Stephen Enos](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 7/26 meeting - agenda item D2 SUPPORT
Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 8:28:48 AM

Aloha,

I would like to share my support for agenda item D2 regarding a "Right of Entry" permit to the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, Moloka'i Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai.

The races are very important to the paddling community which perpetuates Hawaiian sport and culture.

Mahalo,
Stephen Enos

From: [Andrew Fessenden](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Permit mgmt
Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 6:55:02 AM

Aloha Board of Natural Resources,

As a member of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), I strongly support our request for a right of entry permit to Hale O Lono. This permit is essential for the successful execution of the Na Wahine o Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe canoe races, which are deeply significant to our state, community, and culture. OHCRA is dedicated to ensuring that all participants and guests engage respectfully with our host community, addressing and honoring community concerns with the utmost diligence.

Whatever the concern may be, there is likely a way to incentivize participants that we address it as a community accordingly.

Sincerely,
Andrew Fessenden
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

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From: [Cheree Rapozo](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D2 - Testimony - In favor of allowing the issuance of Right-of-Entry Permits to GHCR
Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:10:53 PM

Aloha,

My name is Cheree Rapozo, and I am from the island of Kaua'i.

I am writing in support of Item D2 on the agenda, requesting the board to issue Right-of-Entry Permits to the Oahu Hawaii Canoe Racing Association for the annual canoe race start events from 2024 to 2028. These events are held each year in the months of September and October at Hale O Lono, Kaluakoi, Molokai, Tax Map Key (2) 5-1-002:012 por.

This annual canoe race, which departs from Molokai, is a prestigious event that draws participants from neighbor islands, the mainland, and various parts of the world. Women from diverse backgrounds come together to paddle in this competition through the Kaiwi Channel to the island of Oahu. The race is a significant cultural and sporting event that celebrates the heritage of canoe paddling in Hawaii, a tradition that has been upheld for generations.

Canoe paddling is more than just a sport; it is a way of life that has been handed down from our kūpuna to our keiki. It serves as a vital link to our history and culture, showcasing the traditional methods of transportation that have been integral to Hawaiian life for centuries.

I strongly urge the board to support the issuance of these permits, ensuring the continuation of this cherished event. The annual canoe race not only promotes physical fitness and camaraderie but also preserves and honors our rich cultural heritage. This event also brings in significant revenue for the island of Molokai during this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheree Rapozo

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From: [Kai Wilding](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D2
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I support the Moloka'i Hoe, Na Wahine and the canoe paddling community.

Agenda Item D2 regarding a "Right of Entry" permit to the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, Moloka'i Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai.

I support the "right of entry" permit. These races support the local community and perpetuate the Hawaiian waterman culture.