

From: lkrieger@hawaii.edu
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Racing Permits
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 3:31:05 PM

Dear Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawai'i:

I write on my own behalf and as a member of the Board of Directors of Hui Nalu O Hawai'i Canoe Club to strongly urge you to grant a right of entry permit to the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association for the Nā Wahine 'O Ke Kai and Moloka'i Hoe canoe races beginning at Hale 'O Lono Harbor on the Island of Moloka'i.

Writing as an individual, let me say that I have crossed the Ka'iwi Channel five times as part of the Nā Wahine race, the first time when I was 56 years old. My crossings have had a profound and deeply spiritual effect on me, deepening my commitment to mālama kai and mālama 'aina and enriching my connection with Native Hawaiian traditional practices and values. My experiences training for and crossing the Ka'iwi Channel fundamentally changed my sense of priorities and made me a kinder, more humble, more giving person.

They also deepened my commitment to perpetuating canoe paddling, not only as a sport, but as a way of life and a spiritual practice. It motivated me to run for and now serve on the Hui Nalu Board to give back to this traditional Native Hawaiian practice that has given so much to me. In my capacity as a Hui Nalu Board Member, I urge you to grant HCRA the requested permit, so that the current paddling community can perpetuate and preserve the opportunities for spiritual growth made possible by the Moloka'i Hoe and the Nā Wahine 'O Ke Kai races, ensuring that they remain available to Hawaii's people, 'opio and kupuna alike, and everyone in between. One is never too young or too old to let the wa'a shape you.

Māhalo piha for your service on the BLNR,
Sincerely yours,
Linda Hamilton Krieger

From: [Rhonda Burk](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D2 for Friday, July 26, 2024
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 3:18:31 PM

To the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As a board 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.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Burk
Advocacy Committee Chair
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

From: [Lori-Lei Rawlins-Crivello](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Molokai Hoe & Na Wahine o Ke Kai
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:46:33 PM

Subject: Support for the Issuance of Permitting for Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As a proud resident of Molokai and a member of our cherished paddling community, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the issuance of permits for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races.

Growing up on Molokai, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that these races have on our island. These events are not only a highlight of the year but also a source of immense excitement and enthusiasm for our community members of all ages. The return of these races represents a much-needed boost to our local economy, as racers and their supporters bring vibrancy and vitality to our island, providing a significant economic uplift for local businesses, including our family-owned Rawlins Gas Station.

As the producer of Kulaia, the downtown community festival and block party held on the Friday before the Na Wahine O Ke Kai, I have seen how these races foster connection and celebration within our community. This year, we are thrilled to plan a return to the festival, bringing together paddlers and local residents to promote meaningful engagement and joyous celebration. Our local vendors are busy preparing their crafts and wares, and we eagerly anticipate welcoming back the paddlers and celebrating our 'ohana wa'a.

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races are integral to the fabric of our paddling culture. These events are deeply valued by our community, and their return will rekindle the spirit of camaraderie and excitement that we have missed over the past few years.

Over the last three years, I have worked closely with the OHCRA Race producers and engaged with our community in various formats to ensure a strong local support base for the races' return. The consensus on Molokai is clear: we are eager to bring back these races, which are central to our cultural and community traditions.

I respectfully urge the Board to issue the necessary permits to allow these races to return to Molokai. Our island needs this boost in enthusiasm, economic impact, and exposure, and the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races are vital to our community's well-being and cultural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lorilei Rawlins Crivello
Molokai Resident, Event Organizer of Moloka'i Kulaia Festival, and President of Rawlins Enterprises Inc dba Rawlins Service-Texaco

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From: [Luana Froiseth](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:47:55 PM

Aloha

My name is Luana Froiseth and I am the race director for the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association that host the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe World Long Distance Championships.

I've been a canoe paddler for Waikiki Surf Club since I was 10 years old. I first went to the Molokai Hoe race when I was 14 years old with my dad and the Waikiki Surf Club crew. Since then it has always been my dream to paddle Na Wahine O Ke Kai and I have raced in 28 races including the first women's crossing in 1975. Today I am the race director of these 2 races that perpetuate the sport of Hawaiian Canoe Racing. I have traveled the globe perpetuating these two races because long distance racing started on the island of Molokai and crossed the 3rd roughest channel to the island on Oahu. Canoe Paddling is our State sport and we as Hawaiians have to do everything we possible can do to keep these two races going on for the next generation to understand how Hawaiians travel from one island to the next.

This past June Hawai'i hosted the FestPac. I have been to 3 of them. Hawaii stood out the biggest and most elaborate because that is who we are. Hawaiians are very proud of their culture and you see this when Hokule'a travels the word. People come to these races from all over the world to compete, some to try to win it, but most to say they have paddled in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai or Molokai Hoe race. I am now 69 years old and my Kuleana is to give back to the sport of Hawaiian Canoe Paddling what it gave to me as a 14 year old. "The ocean is my savior" and "my life is to preserve our culture in the Sport of Hawaiian Canoe Racing".

Molokai Hoe celebrates 75 years of canoe racing from Molokai to Oahu and Na Wahine O Ke Kai celebrates 45 years of canoes crossing the Ka Iwi Channel. No other canoe race has a history as these two races. My dad helped organize The 1st Molokai Crossing and my mom helped create the women's first crossing in 1975 and the 5 years later 1979 the first Na Wahine O Ke Kai. It is my Legacy to stand tall and support and give my life to these two races that support not only our canoe paddlers but also the community of Molokai. We stand together .

Aloha

Luana Froiseth

President - Waikiki Surf Club

Race Director - Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association

Sent from my iPad

From: [Leslie Goo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Na Wahine O Ke Kai
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:08:55 PM

Aloha e 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.

Sincerely,
Leslie Goo
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

“Ho‘okahi ka ‘ilau like ana”
Wield the paddles together

From: [Mahoe Haia](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony - PSF 24MD - 081
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:54:47 PM

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.

Mahalo,
Māhoe Haia
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)



July 24, 2024

Subject: Support for Permitting Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Cane Races

Dear Board of land and Natural Resources,

As a long time paddler and participant of the Molokai Hoe, I am in support to allow the permits to go forward with OHCRA as care takers of the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe for 2024 to 2028.

These two races put Hawaii on the map worldwide, and as Canoe racing is our State Sport, we should do everything we can to support it.

Mahalo

Kawika Ho

President

Na Hoapili O Ke Kai Canoe Club

OHCRA – Member

From: [Gerald Hong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:25:37 PM

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Board of Natural Resources,

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Sincerely,
Gerald Hong
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Siana Hunt](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Right of Entry - Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 3:28:50 PM

Subject: Support for Permitting Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As a lifelong resident of Molokai and a member of a family with a deep-rooted connection to canoe racing, I am writing to advocate for the issuance of permits for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races.

My family's involvement in paddling dates back to the early 1960s, when my father first crossed the Kaiwi Channel. This tradition has continued through my generation and now includes my children. Our home has annually welcomed paddlers and crews, providing accommodation and support leading up to these races. The reciprocal relationships built through these interactions have fostered a deep sense of community and support that is invaluable and irreplaceable.

The canoe races are a highlight of the year for us, bringing together familiar faces and reinforcing our strong bonds with the paddling community. Hosting these events not only enriches our local culture but also provides significant economic benefits through the support of local vendors and service providers.

The road improvements made by OHCRA have greatly enhanced accessibility to Hale O Lono for us as residents, and these benefits extend well beyond the races themselves. The Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe bring a level of infrastructure and support that smaller events on the island cannot match, offering a crucial economic boost that we greatly need.

We have engaged in numerous community meetings and ongoing discussions in the Molokai Dispatch to prepare for the races, and we are eager to see their return. I respectfully urge the Board to approve the necessary permits and support OHCRA in bringing back these cherished races.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Siana Austin Hunt
Kapualei Ranch, Kamalo Molokai

From: [Lapule Schultz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Issuance of Permitting for Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:45:33 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the issuance of permits for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races. As President of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), I want to highlight the significance of these races and our organization's unwavering commitment to their successful return.

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races are pivotal events in Hawaii's cultural and sporting calendar. They embody our state sport and serve as a vital connection between our community and our heritage. Following a four-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the resumption of these races is crucial for rekindling this connection and celebrating our traditions with paddlers from around the world.

OHCRA has a distinguished history of over 70 years in organizing and producing these races. Our extensive experience and trusted reputation within the community underscore our capability to manage these events effectively. We are committed to ensuring that the races are conducted with the highest standards of respect and professionalism.

In our ongoing efforts to support the Molokai community and enhance the race experience, OHCRA has been working closely with Molokai Ranch (MPL Properties) to restore the road to Hale O Lono. Additionally, we have proactively undertaken clean-up efforts around the basin at Hale O Lono. These initiatives are designed not only to benefit the racers in the short term but also to contribute positively to the Molokai community in the long term.

We have also implemented a Paddle Pono Pledge, which will be strictly monitored and enforced, to ensure that all participants adhere to responsible and respectful paddling practices.

In light of our organization's proven track record and ongoing commitment to both the racing community and the Molokai community, we respectfully seek your support for the necessary permitting to conduct and produce these prestigious races. Your support is essential for continuing this important tradition and fostering our state sport's legacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lapule Schultz
President, OHCRA

From: [Lāpule Schultz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Issuance of Permitting for Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:44:59 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the issuance of permits for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races. As President of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), I want to highlight the significance of these races and our organization's unwavering commitment to their successful return.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lapule Schultz
President, OHCRA

This e-mail is being sent by a student or employee of Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuenuē.

From: [Lono Goo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Na Wahine O Ke Kai
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:11:43 PM

Aloha e 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.

Sincerely,
Leslie Goo
Makai Ocean Lifestyle Magazine

“Ho‘okahi ka ‘ilau like ana”
Wield the paddles together

From: [LUANA FROISETH](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: BLNR Testimony - Na Wahine O Ke Kai & Molokai Hoe
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:55:30 PM

Subject: Support for the Issuance of Permitting for Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong support for the issuance of permitting for the Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races. As the Race Director of OHCRA for both of these esteemed events, I deeply understand the vital role these races play in our cultural heritage and community connection.

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races are more than just sporting events; they are a celebration of Hawaii's state sport and a symbol of our cultural resilience. After a four-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the return of these races is of utmost importance to our paddling community both here in Hawaii and around the world. The opportunity to race the channel again provides a crucial avenue for athletes to connect with our traditions and continue the legacy of canoe racing.

Over the past three years, I have dedicated myself to engaging with the Molokai community to ensure that the races return with strong respect and consideration for local concerns. We have hosted nine community meetings and talk story events on Molokai to address any issues and to collaborate closely with community members. This commitment underscores our dedication to not only reviving these races but also to doing so in a manner that honors the values and traditions of the Molokai community.

Our OHCRA Paddle Pono Pledge, which is communicated to all crews and participants through our website and other channels, emphasizes our commitment to responsible and respectful paddling practices. This pledge will be rigorously monitored, adhered to, and enforced to ensure that our events uphold the highest standards of environmental and cultural stewardship.

It is with great respect and responsibility that I seek your support in granting the necessary permits for OHCRA to conduct and produce these races. The kuleana of perpetuating our state sport is one I proudly carry, following in the footsteps of my parents and kupuna. My father, Wally Froiseth, was a pioneer in canoe racing and one of the paddlers in the first Molokai Hoe in 1952. I followed in his footsteps as a competitor in the inaugural Na Wahine O Ke Kai with Team Onipa'a, demonstrating the strength and determination of women in our sport.

Today, OHCRA boasts over 70 years of experience in producing these races and continues to collaborate with our host community of Molokai and numerous partners to advance the World Championship of Canoe Racing. Your support in

permitting these races is crucial for continuing this proud tradition.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Luana Froiseth
Race Director, OHCRA
Na Wahine O Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe Canoe Races

From: [Eric Mahi](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony - PSF 24MD - 081
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:30:34 PM

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.

Sincerely,

Eric Mahi
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

From: [Olivia Schubert Moschell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Personal testimony: Approving Right-of-Entry Permit to Na Wahine O Ke Kai
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:00:30 PM

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of approving the right-of-entry permit to Na Wahine O Ke Kai. The family of women who participate in this race is strong, respectful, and caring of the land. We practice day after day in the ocean because we love the sport, care for one another, and love being on the water at peace with the ocean. We have not been able to race since 2019, which is heartbreaking for so many of us, but we have accepted the circumstances and continued practicing with the hopes we will soon be able to return to the channel together. Many women have done this crossing since the first year it was held, and I admire and look up to them. I aim to cross the channel as often as my body and circumstances allow me to. It is a personal journey both mental and physical that is unlike anything else I have ever experienced. I ask for your permission and understanding on behalf of hundreds of female athletes to whom this race means so much.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,
Olivia Moschell

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From: [makaniokealoha stanley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony - PSF 24MD - 081
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:50:56 PM

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.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

From: [Robert Kapuni Patcho](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony - PSF 24MD - 081
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:04:24 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) in their request for a right of entry permit to Hale O Lono. This permit is essential for the successful execution of two of our most prestigious canoe races: Na Wahine o Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe. These events are not only significant sporting competitions but also hold immense cultural, community, and state-wide value.

As a board member of OHCRA, I have witnessed first-hand the dedication and meticulous planning our organization undertakes to ensure that these events are conducted with the utmost respect for the host community and environment. Our commitment to addressing and integrating community concerns into our planning processes is unwavering. We prioritize respectful engagement with local residents and stakeholders, ensuring that participants and guests alike honor the cultural and environmental significance of Hale O Lono.

Na Wahine o Ke Kai and Molokai Hoe are more than just races; they are a celebration of our rich Hawaiian heritage and traditions. They bring together paddlers from around the world, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and cultural exchange. The events also contribute significantly to the local economy, providing a boost to businesses and promoting tourism.

The right of entry permit to Hale O Lono is crucial for OHCRA to continue organizing these esteemed events in a manner that respects and uplifts our community and culture. We are fully committed to maintaining the integrity of Hale O Lono and ensuring that all activities conducted there are in harmony with the values and traditions of the Hawaiian people.

I respectfully urge you to grant OHCRA the right of entry permit to Hale O Lono, allowing us to continue our mission of promoting and preserving Hawaiian canoe racing traditions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kapuni Patcho
Healani Canoe Club - Head Coach
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From: [Peter Valenti](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Molokai Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:49:39 PM

Aloha!

I am writing on behalf of OHCRA and Healani Canoe Club (OHCRA REPRESENTATIVE and Teens Coach). I am writing to urge the BLNR to allow access to Hale O Lono road and harbor so we may run the most prestigious paddling race in the world. Any paddler can tell you it's an honor to race across the Kaiwi channel and this is the best way possible.

This race not only promotes canoe racing which is the state team sport but promotes cultural practices in Hawaii. It is what we as paddlers aspire to do every year. And we are more than ready after a 4 year layoff.

Please consider allowing us to access Hale O Lono

Mahalo,
Peter Valenti
Healani Canoe Club
Teen Coach
Club Rep

From: [Greydon Vioria](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony PSF 24MD 081
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 2:33:52 PM

Dear 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.

Sincerely and thank you ,

Greydon Vioria
Healani Canoe Club associated with Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA)

From: [George Wilson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of "Right of Entry" for OHCRA
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 1:59:59 PM

Aloha, My name is George Wilson and I am a paddler, coach and canoe builder. I grew up paddling my entire life and always looked up to the challenge and cultural pilina or connection of the Kaiwi Channel. Racing the Moloka'i Hoe helps to define me as a paddler, coach and as a Native Hawaiian. Please please please approve the Right of Entry permit to OHCRA for both the Moloka'i Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai. These races are a huge part of our sport and culture and is something we NEED. Mahalo Nui.