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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Makaiwa bay
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I am writing to argue against the installation of boat buoys at Makaiwa bay.
I am a swimmer and kayaker and utilize this bay regularly with my family and request that you denied these request for buoys.
We need to maintain open space and avoid overdevelopment of our coastline like has happened in Maui and Oahu.

Kelly Hoyle

From: [clm](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item J July 26 meeting
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To Whom It May Concern

I strongly oppose the proposed 2 moorings in Makaiwa bay (agenda item J). This site is very close to cultural areas and should not be frequented by boats wishing to moor. The area is pristine except for one moor already present - two more only suggests increased commercial activity for profit. This bay is also a prime surfing, snorkeling, and swimming area - activities that are minimally invasive and do not mar the landscape. A boat is nothing more than a mobile building - structures we do not need or want in prime coastal areas.

Respectfully requesting you do not approve a request for multiple new moorings in Makaiwa bay.

Cynthia Morse

Aloha DLNR-Div of Boating and Ocean Recreation,

July 24, 2024

RE: Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting, scheduled on July 26, 2024 via Zoom.

We are Friends of Makaiwa Bay, together we enjoy swimming, diving and kayaking in the little bay regularly. We just heard about a request pending before BLNR within the last few days ago.

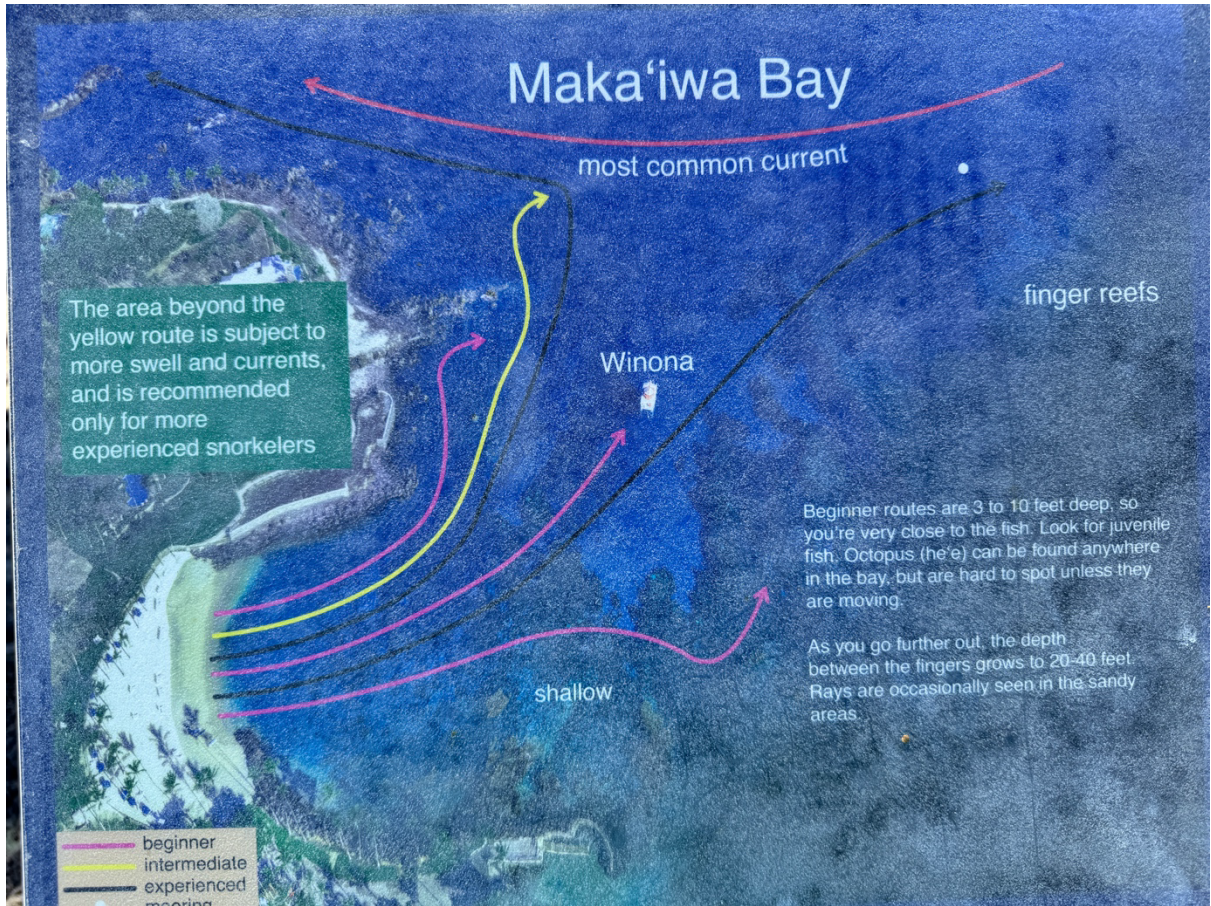
It is our understanding that DHL MAHI OPC, LLC has requested that BLNR grant them permission to add two additional private moorings to Makaiwa Bay. Other than the brief description on your agenda, we have been unable to find any detailed information as to where these moorings would be placed, what full time watercraft would be moored to them or the potential impact this might have on other existing water activities. There are already two “day moorings” and one private mooring in the immediate area and many residents and locals make use of this small bay for swimming, diving, snorkeling (see attached snorkel guide sign), fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding and surfing.

To better understand where these moorings would be placed, their intended operational use and to alleviate concerns over potential crowding issues we request an operating statement from the DHL MAHI OPC, LLC informing us of the reason, specific location and operational use which require the installation of these two additional private moorings. We feel that more information should be disclosed and the opportunity for community feedback should take place before BLNR grants this request. Please note that we are taking a neutral on stance the issue – we are simply concerned that there is a lack of specific information, consideration of possible impacts on the current use of this small bay, and the opportunity for community feedback to ensure a positive outcome for both DHL MAHI OPC, LLC and the community at large. We humbly request that you defer your final decision until this can occur.

Thank you,

Miho Moana Yoneyama

Maka'iwa Bay



The area beyond the yellow route is subject to more swell and currents, and is recommended only for more experienced snorkelers

most common current

finger reefs

Winona

Beginner routes are 3 to 10 feet deep, so you're very close to the fish. Look for juvenile fish. Octopus (he'e) can be found anywhere in the bay, but are hard to spot unless they are moving.

As you go further out, the depth between the fingers grows to 20-40 feet. Rays are occasionally seen in the sandy areas.

shallow

- beginner
- intermediate
- experienced
- marker