

From: [Topher Dean](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maui Ocean Center Collection Permits
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Dear DLNR,

It's come to my attention that the Maui Ocean Center is having trouble keeping their reef fish alive and is resorting to collection of wild reef fish collection. Here is the truth that no one can deny. If the Maui Ocean Center, with millions of dollars of the most sophisticated aquarium infrastructure and top notch marine biologists, can't keep reef fish alive in their aquarium, then nobody can. This is a clear indication that their business model is a failure and unsustainable. It's also proof that aquarium fish extraction from our coastal waters is unsustainable. If MOC can't keep their fish alive, what chance does the average citizen have? None. Of course, the aquarium industry is just fine with that, aren't they. They don't want the fish to survive, if they did, people wouldn't need to buy more.

It's our recommendation that you deny the Maui Ocean Center permits to extract life from our beleaguered coral reefs and use this as precedent for permanently banning the aquarium trade statewide.

The truth is undeniable: 1. Does the MOC need to replenish its stock? Yes. 2. Does that mean maintaining reef fish in an aquarium is impossible? Yes. 3. Does this prove that no one should be allowed to extract reef fish from our precious coral ecosystem? Yes.

Just like the "inconvenient truth" of burning fossil fuels, plastic pollution, habitat loss and capitalism destroying the planet, the aquarium industry is unsustainable and immoral. This is low hanging fruit. You can do it. Do the right thing. Take the side of life, not commerce.

Thank you for your consideration and have a wonderful holiday season.

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Fight with aloha,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to Hololani Condominium Revetment in Kahana, Maui
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Aloha BLNR,

My name is Grant Wolf of Makawao, Maui. I did not receive word back on my testimony sent prior to the Hololani Condominium Revetment in Kahana, Maui. Hoping that my testimony counts. I have been a kama'aina of West Maui whose 'ohana has been there for centuries under a different legal name. I was born in the 1970's and every aspect of Lahaina Maui concerns myself and our 'ohana. We suffered greatly because of the loss of Lahaina during the Maui fires of August 2023 for which many of our 'ohana lost homes, lost lives (Our Uncle was burned alive), and lost jobs. We ourselves were being smoked out of our home in Makawao for nearly two weeks as well due to having jalousie windows which can only close so far to keep smoke out nearby in Kula and Olinda. Anyways, we have Native Hawaiian lineage and roots and part of our culture and tradition is to always be able to access our beaches and cut through to areas for harvesting and gathering rights as 'oiwi. I just wanted to make sure my testimony went through or that my vote on this issue counts. Without hearing back I have no idea of my testimony counts, but I can say that on behalf of West Maui Locals and Natives such as our direct 'ohana with ties to all 4 corners of this mokupuni, no further companies, corporations, or people of money with a sense of entitlement should further harm our access. Mahalo for understanding. I am writing back because I want to know that my testimony was received and that it has counted. West Maui is more than our home and place of our kupuna and traditions, it is very spiritual for 'oiwi and should be treated as such. Again Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Grant "Koa" Wolf