

From: [Lani Blissard](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item F-2 on 1/24/25
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:50:39 PM

To whom it may concern.

Please support the Title 13 Of the Hawaiian Administrative rules as Chapter 48.5, Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, Oahu.

It is very important for our reefs and oceans to close night spearfishing between Diamond Head and Koko Head.

Thank you,
L. Blissard
Oahu

From: [Koren Dreher](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maunalua Bay
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025 6:51:04 PM

To Members of DLNR:

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> Please designate our beloved Maunalua Bay as a protected Fisheries Management Area! We want to preserve this area for our children and grand children. Thank you very much.

Warmest regards, Koren Dreher

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maunalua Bay
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Please designate our beloved Maunalua Bay as a protected Fisheries Management Area! Mahalo!

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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "item F-2 on 1/24/25"
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025 3:40:59 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I support the [Request for Final Approval to Adopt a New Chapter Under Title 13 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules as Chapter 48.5, "Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O'ahu"](#).

Please vote in favor of this action

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From: [JS](#)
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I support the Request for Final Approval to Adopt a New Chapter Under Title 13 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules as Chapter 48.5, “Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O‘ahu”.

TESTIMONY on administrative rule Chapter 48.5 Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area

HEARING DATE 1-24-25 DLNR Board Room

Submitted by: Phil Rarick

Position: SUPPORT proposed rule + new suggestion for signage

TESTIMONY:

Honorable Chair and members of the DLNR, I submit written testimony in support of the creation of the new Fisheries Management Area "F.M.A." as per Chapter 48.5 proposal.

I am submitting testimony as an individual, have lived in the East Oahu area for over six decades and spent over four decades in DLNR DOCARE Oahu branch doing Conservation and Resources Enforcement field work. I have witnessed first hand the decline in the near shore fisheries, particularly the herbivore fish and crustaceans.

The south shore of Oahu, i.e. the Maunalua Bay area has had the highest number of DLNR DOCARE citations issued for the taking of undersize Kala, and Uhu fish in previous years. Per citation issued, the quantity of undersize fish seized as evidence is also declining which may be equal to less fish in the same area year over year. Nearly ALL of the violations have occurred at night, while night diving using spears as the common take method.

The proposed prohibition of night diving / spearing fish, still allows for legal take using rod and reel, surface torching methods, and legal throw nets.

NEW suggestion for consideration:

The shoreline area has 6 County shoreline parks, 1 State DOBAR small boat launching ramp, 23 public right of way shoreline access locations. Most of the shoreline access locations have a "Emergency Response Location" sign pole with a black on yellow sign indicating the location.

Recommend that DAR and / or Malama Maunalua work on a plan to install signage of the new proposed FMA.

In addition while adding same ADD text of the current area prohibition on the use of lay nets

Pursuant to 13-75-12.5 (h)(2) i.e. no lay net use within South Shore Oahu boundaries.

Objective: Educate the public via up to date signage.

Goals: Gain compliance for administrative rule, and provide legal notice.

Mahalo,
Phil Rarick

From: [Paula Scott](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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TO Whom It May Concern:

I support the [Request for Final Approval to Adopt a New Chapter Under Title 13 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules as Chapter 48.5, "Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O'ahu"](#).

Sincerely,

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From: [LEIGHTON TAYLOR](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in favor of Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O'ahu
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Honorable Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawai'i Honolulu, Hawai'i:

As a marine biologist, professor of fishery biology, and long-time resident of the Maunalua Bay area

I write **in favor** of the proposed plan for the **Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O'ahu.**

This large and significant area offers the potential for the restoration of a marine ecosystem of very high value to many groups, including fishers.

The area is and has been under continued study. The effects of a well-managed plan can provide very significant information for conservation and resource management.

Such a well-managed area would be unique in that it is part of a developed urban area with significant public use.

Continuing, well-conducted studies have been long underway and will help provide good valuation of the proposed plan's effects and probable successes.

Please approve this plan.

Thank you,
Leighton Taylor, MS (Univ of Hawaii) and PhD (UC/SIO)

From: [Ali Weller](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] item F-2 on 1/24/25
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I support the “Request for Final Approval to Adopt a New Chapter Under Title 13 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules as Chapter 48.5, “Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area, O‘ahu””

Link: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/F-2.pdf>

Thank you!

Aliza Weller