

Dear Board,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our testimonies. Having the Maunalua Bay managed is long overdue. After living along Maunalua Bay, surfing, diving, fishing and paddling in the Maunalua, I have seen it go through many iterations. But mostly I have seen it as a beautiful resource that has begged for protection which is why I am in full support of Maunalua Bay being managed by Malama Maunalua.

Malama Maunalua has a proven track record in the bay. A perfect example is Paiko. In the past few years, we have seen it go from silty mud weed to a lagoon that is beginning to thrive with sea life and native sea grasses more apt to sustain life rather than suffocate it as the mud weed tends to.

By regulating what is taken from the bay and when spearfishing is allowed, this will further encourage life in the bay. It makes me hopeful for the bay when Malama Maunalua is involved.

Mahalo Nui,
Brooke Puder
Kuli'ou'ou Resident

From: [Dylan Brown](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oral testimony
Date: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:53:03 AM

Aloha,

My name is Dylan Brown. I am the executive director of Ocean Alliance Project, a nonprofit seeking to protect and promote our marine biodiversity throughout our southern shores. I would like to give oral testimony over zoom for: “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’ahul

Mahalo

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Subject: Maunalua Bay

Aloha Chair and members of the Land Board-

I live in Niu Valley adjacent to Maunalua Bay and my family and I care for and about the Bay by removing alien algae and doing cleanup projects. My thanks to the Division of Aquatic Resources for bringing the proposal for a fisheries management area to the Board. The proposal reflects a lot of hard work and community activity, and I believe that it reflects the values of more than a majority of the community surrounding the Bay. No process or proposal can ever be perfect, but this proposal reflects community values that I've learned about by visiting neighborhood board meetings. We all have an obligation to manage and protect the Bay for the benefit of the community and future generations.

I support item F-2 and ask the Board to adopt it.
Mahalos for your efforts and listening,
Mitchell D'Olier
Niu Valley
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From: [Mackss](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of the Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area Proposal
Date: Friday, January 24, 2025 11:04:50 AM

Aloha,

My name is Mackenzie Jahnke, and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawaii studying reef ecosystems off the Hawaiian islands. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Maunalua Bay Fisheries Management Area (FMA) under Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 13-48.5.

Maunalua Bay holds a deeply personal significance for me. I have been going to the bay daily for over ten years, witnessing firsthand both its beauty and the immense challenges it faces. As someone who has dedicated my academic career to understanding and protecting Hawaii's reefs, I have seen how unsustainable practices have led to the bay's decline. People are taking far too much from it, and without stronger protections, its ecosystem will continue to deteriorate beyond recovery.

In my work, I have had the opportunity to analyze data collected by dedicated citizen scientists at Kapi'olani Community College. Through this work, I have seen the remarkable positive impact that restoration efforts—particularly those led by Mālama Maunalua—have had on the bay. Thanks to their efforts, invasive algae cover, which once reached nearly 90%, has been reduced to as low as 13% in some areas. This incredible progress proves that when we invest in stewardship and sustainable management, the bay responds in profound ways.

However, restoring Maunalua Bay is an ongoing effort that requires continued protection and management to ensure its long-term health. The proposed FMA is a crucial step in that process. Implementing science-based regulations on key species and fishing practices will allow fish populations and critical habitats to recover, fostering a more resilient and balanced ecosystem.

It is vital that we act now to protect Maunalua Bay, not only for the benefit of the marine life that calls it home but also for the generations of people who rely on it for sustenance, recreation, and cultural connection. I urge you to support these protections to ensure the bay's sustainability for years to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Mackenzie Jahnke

PhD Student, University of Hawaii

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I would like to provide the following testimony on the above item:

Maunalua Bay was once one of the most productive Bays on Oahu. It is collapsing under the weight of all the stresses put upon it. It may be able to recover if given protection. I urge the Board to approve this measure.

Carol Wilcox