

From: [Karen Cheek](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BDLNR 25 April meeting
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:43:52 PM

To the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in opposition to the right of entry permit request by Bumper Productions LLC. (number 8. Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Bumper Productions LLC, for Film Production, Kawaihoa, Waialua, Oahu: TMK: (1) 6-2-001: seaward of 001). The request is to facilitate filming of the Rescue Surf HI on the North Shore, specifically in the area at Papailoa Read and Puaena Point. Filming in this area will have a detrimental impact to the honu and monk seals which frequent this area. The beach is one of the few remaining pristine beaches on Oahu and is an important nesting habitat for the turtles. The richness of limu in the vicinity makes it an important feeding and basking area for the turtles. The lack of people in the area allows both the honu and monk seals to peacefully rest on the beach. Increased activity associated with the filming runs the risk of disturbing the marine life and the possibility of decreased nesting for the turtles. These animals are protected by the Endangered Species Act and we should not be impacting their well being by allowing the film company in the area.

I thank you for considering my input and hope the Board sides with our beloved honu and seals.

Regards,

Karen Cheek
Mililani

From: [Brandy Delahoussaye](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Opposing Agenda Item 8 – Issuance of Right to Entry Permit to Bumper Productions LLC
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:40:26 PM

Dear Oahu Leadership and Board Members,

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong opposition to Agenda Item 8: the proposed issuance of a Right to Entry permit to Bumper Productions LLC for film production activities in Kawaihoa/Waialua or any less-trafficked beaches on O‘ahu’s North Shore.

As a volunteer community scientist, I regularly conduct beach surveys and contribute data essential to the protection of endangered species on O‘ahu. This includes vital documentation of the critically endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal and federally protected Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles. The relatively undisturbed and low-traffic nature of these beaches makes them not only visually appealing for film but ecologically vital for the survival and recovery of native wildlife.

We have seen a measurable increase in wildlife activity in these areas thanks to collaborative conservation efforts, including those led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and supported by data from volunteers like myself and my 15-year-old son. These gains are fragile and should be protected—not jeopardized—for commercial purposes.

Film productions often bring an influx of foot traffic, vehicles such as ATVs, and marine craft that can pose serious threats to turtle nests and seal habitats. Additionally, these activities frequently result in environmental degradation including damaged vegetation, increased litter, and artificial lighting that deters nesting and resting behaviors of native species.

Approving this permit would risk undermining years of progress made by conservationists, scientists, and local volunteers. I urge you to prioritize the long-term health of our native wildlife and natural resources over short-term commercial interests.

Please vote NO on Agenda Item 8.

With respect and deep concern,
Brandy and Kai, Mililani Hawaii

From: [Debbie Herrera](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Filming at Pueana/Papailoa
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Aloha

I have lived on Oahu for 27 years and have frequently visited Pueana Point and Papailoa Beach. This beach stretch has created many memories for me, but the best memory is seeing the Hawaiian Green Sea turtles haul out onto the beach. They have always had peace....few people, very little fishing, very little ATV traffic and no filming in those early days. When I say filming, I mean, shows that are filmed weekly and shown on TV stations such as Netflix, main networks, etc. That very seldom happened 25+ years ago, but now it seems to be happening a lot more. It's sad!

Over time, turtles have started to nest on that very beach. If filming is allowed to happen, I know the turtles will NOT continue to do what they naturally need to do....bask and nest. The points to consider are....

- 1) this is one of the last pristine remote beaches on Oahu and it's regularly used by species protected under the Endangered Species Act. It is no place for film crews.**
- 2) We should not be putting our wildlife at risk so TV shows and films can make a profit.**
- 3) When we see increased beach traffic or shoreline ocean traffic, we see decreased basking and nesting by the honu.**
- 4) Our island has so many other locations that can support high level traffic for filming, so please consider looking at those spots.**

I feel strongly because for the last 10 years I have watched nesting increase on Oahu. I am the Oahu Nesting Coordinator and have 89 volunteers surveying 30-40 beaches weekly. Trust me, I know when filming happened there last year we saw less basking turtles and no nests. Once the filming stopped, the nesting began. It was a wonderful thing to see happen.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Debbie Herrera
Mālama I nā honu
Volunteer Education Coordinator/Oahu Nesting Coordinator

From: [Don Porter](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Plentovich, Sheldon](#); [Debbie Herrera](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pua'ena /:olive Beach
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:53:23 PM

Aloha Board,

I am a board member of Malama i na Honu. So my testimony about filming at Pua'ena Point/Police Beach will be somewhat self serving. However, as a long time island resident I am intimately familiar with all Oahu beaches.

Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles, an ESA threatened species, have been nesting in large numbers at a select few locations on Oahu . The most prominent of those is the beach in question. I truly believe that the Endangered Species Act should take precedence over a short term TV series schedule.

There are many similar locations where filming can take place while not disturbing the wildlife. There is not the same option for the Hawaiian Green sea turtles.

Mahalo for your concern.

Don Porter

From: [Tammy Tootell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Section D 8 on Agenda
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Aloha,

As the President of the non-profit Organization Malama I na Honu, I am asking NO as Papiloa/Police Beach is the number one nesting site for our threatened Hawaiian green sea turtles on the island of Oahu. This would be detrimental to the species having noise disturbance from filming, human disturbance, lighting, etc. it is also a place of basking for the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seals that frequent this remote area.

Mahalo,



Tammy Tootell | Board President

