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Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Ilio Point, Molokai"
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Ilio Point, Molokai

May 21, 2025

Our organization, Malu 'Aina, supports 'Ainamomona and the people of Molokai concerning Ilio Point. The military must be made to clean up it's UXO toxic mess at Ilio Point, and return the land not as "The Kaohe Natural Area Reserve" (NAR), but in a way that the people of Molokai define that protects traditional customary practices, that is restorative, and just. Desecration in all its forms must end. The voice of the people of Molokai must be heard.

Mahalo.

Jim Albertini, president of Malu 'Aina

Our organization --Malu Aina was named 46 years ago by Bernard Punikai'a of Kalaupapa, Molokai and Hale Mohalu.

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From: [Kanoelani Davis](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Agenda Item C-2 – Proposed Designation of ‘Ilio Point as a Natural Area Reserve
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TESTIMONY TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RE: Opposition to Agenda Item C-2 – Proposed Designation of ‘Ilio Point as a Natural Area Reserve

Submitted by: Kanoelani Davis

Date: 5/21/25

Aloha Chairperson Chang and Esteemed Members of the Board,

My name is Kanoelani Davis, a genealogical descendant of MolokainuiaHina and current resident, and I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed designation of ‘Ilio Point as a Natural Area Reserve (NAR) under Agenda Item C-2.

I support the long-term vision of stewarding and restoring ‘āina, but I cannot support this designation until ‘Ilio Point is truly safe, healed, and co-managed by the community. ‘Ilio Point, or Kalaeokailio, is not just a place of ecological value, it is a sacred cultural landscape that has endured the trauma of military bombardment and environmental contamination. That trauma remains unresolved.

Concerns:

1. Unresolved Contamination and UXO

The land remains contaminated with unexploded ordnance (UXO), lead, asbestos, and other military pollutants. Although DLNR acknowledges these hazards, it admits that full decontamination has not occurred, and public access remains legally prohibited under the quitclaim deed. Transferring management jurisdiction without federal accountability or remediation is premature and unjust. We have an opportunity to hold those accountable who have the means to do so, within the contractual

obligations.

2. Military Responsibility Deferred to the State

The transfer of 'Ilio Point from the federal government in 1968 placed cleanup responsibility on the State, a burden unfairly carried by the people of Hawai'i, especially Molokai. Accepting this designation without cleanup effectively absolves the military of its kuleana while placing further restrictions on local access and use.

3. Lack of Binding Community Co-Governance

While I appreciate that additional outreach occurred between March and July 2023, including meetings hosted by Aha Moku and DLNR, these were still informal sessions. There remains no formal mechanism for Molokai's lineal descendants, subsistence practitioners, or cultural caretakers to participate in governance or management decisions. Community testimony made clear the desire for co-management, and yet no such commitment has been codified in this proposal.

4. Cultural Access Is Still Threatened

Though DLNR states that predator-proof fencing is not meant to restrict access, many in the community remain concerned that fencing and NAR designation could later be used to enforce restrictions, particularly without formal oversight by the local community. Gathering rights and subsistence fishing must be protected, not just in principle, but in practice.

My Recommendation:

Do not approve this proposal until the following actions are taken:

1. Comprehensive Cleanup and UXO Remediation – Require the military to fulfill its obligation to fully decontaminate 'Ilio Point and make it safe for cultural and ecological restoration.
2. Legal Protection of Cultural Access – Include binding language that protects community access for traditional practices and subsistence.
3. Establish Formal Community Co-Governance. Work with the Molokai community to develop a shared governance structure before finalizing

designation. A model such as Aha Ki'ole (original system of Molokai; not to be confused with the name given to the state assigned entity) or another culturally rooted approach should be explored.

4. Federal Accountability, Advocate for Congressional support to ensure the Department of Defense and Coast Guard fund remediation efforts.

Until 'Ilio Point is safe for our keiki, respectful of our kūpuna, and governed by the community it affects most, this designation must be paused. Restoration begins with truth, kuleana, and mālama, not transfer of title.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Kanoelani Davis; Kumu Hula, Kahupono

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“I submit this testimony as a descendant of families with ancestral and generational roots on Moloka'i. My genealogical ties to this island connect me to the lands, waters, and cultural traditions that continue to sustain our community today.”

An expert it recognized by the altar he builds. “Be the change you want to see in the world”

- *Olelo No'eau*

From: [Mary A Drayer](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ilio Point Molokai Item C-2 Meeting May 23, 2025
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 2:41:56 PM

Aloha e Board Members,

RE: BLNR meeting May 23rd 2025 at 9:00 am.

Please defer agenda item C-2 as pertains to Ilio Point Molokai. A new EA and Management Plan are needed prior to any action.

The Molokai Community and cultural leaders must be included in any future decisions. Consultation with Kānaka 'Ōiwi cultural practitioners is vital to the process. There has been so much disrespect and desecration for so many years in so many places.

Please take this opportunity to set a path of changing that.

Mahalo
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From: [Elizabeth Havelin](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Friday's mtg
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:34:10 AM

Thank you very much for the good work you do. I was reading the agenda for this week's mtg. I like very much that the Salvation Army could be given access for homeless outreach on Maui. Homelessness is a huge problem

I also read about the fish pond on Molokai looking at losing some land/stewardship rights to a bird conservation site and their "immediate access."

I disagree with this because I know that the people that painstakingly restored the fishpond would in essence be suffering because their work is so good and impactful. They deserve a lot of respect for the network they began resulting in many being restored

While I do have reverence for Hawaii's birds, I worry that it is in actuality encroaching on an existing magnificent project and will in truth not represent a true cooperative either

Plus, no doubt birds are already utilizing the surrounding area without the interference of human 'management'

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specifically BECAUSE of 'AINA MOMONA's work! Please allow them to continue as is

Thank you,
Elizabeth Havelin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Inevitable Hands](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defer agenda item c-2 until a new environmental assessment and updated management plan is prepared.
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Require a complete and proper Ka Pa'akai analysis with direct consultation with native Hawaiian cultural practitioners. Require a UXO remediation and community consultation plan, including transparency about past and ongoing military use. Ensure that any NAR designation included affirmative protections for native Hawaiian access and practice.

From: [Solomon Kawamae](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item c-2
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Please defer agenda item c-2 until a new Environmental Assessment and updated Management Plan are prepared.
Require a complete and proper Ka Pa'akai analysis with direct consultation with Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners
Require a UXO remediation and community consultation plan, including transparency about past and ongoing military use. Return the aina to its rightful place.