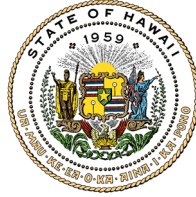


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**APPROVED AT ITS  
BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
May 23, 2025**

DAWN N.S. CHANG  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

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CIARA W.K. KAHANE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
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**SUMMARY MINUTES  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Audio Link: <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/meeting/audio/Audio-LNR-250425.m4a>

Date: April 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.  
1151 Punchbowl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor/ & Online via Zoom

**MEMBERS**

Dawn Chang  
Riley Smith  
Doreen Canto  
Vernon Char  
Aimee Barnes (Absent)  
Karen Ono  
Kaiwi Yoon (Zoom / Absent)  
Danica Swenson, DAG

**STAFF**

Richard Howard, DOBOR  
Meghan Statts, DOBOR  
Michael Cain, OCCL  
Ian Hirokawa, Land Division  
Curt Cottrell, State Parks  
Brian Neilson, DAR  
Jeannine Rossa, DAR  
Rebecca Anderson, Land Division  
Van Matsushige, Land Division  
Scott Fretz, DOFAW  
David Smith, DOFAW

**00:00:05** Chair Chang called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

**00:04:57**

**ITEM A-1** Approval of March 28, 2025 Summary Minutes.

00:05:14 **To Approve the Summary Minutes as Submitted**  
MOTION (Canto, Smith)

00:05:39 **PASSED**  
VOTE 6 – Unanimous (Chang, Char, Ono, Canto, Smith, Yoon)

**00:05:57**

**ITEM A-2** Approval of April 11, 2025 Summary Minutes.

00:06:26 **To Approve the Summary Minutes as Submitted**  
MOTION (Canto, Smith)

00:12:43 **PASSED**  
VOTE 6 – Unanimous

**00:12:51**

**ITEM C-1** (1) Approve five grants of available funds from the Fiscal Year 2025 Land Conservation fund for the acquisition of interests and rights in specific parcels of land having value as a resource to the State (total area approximately 2,711 acres), subject to standard conditions and special conditions, including contingencies for redistributing unaccepted, non-encumbered, or unexpended funds from a Fiscal Year 2025 grant award to one or more other Fiscal Year 2025 grant awards approved for initial, partial funding (C, D, and E below):

- A. North Shore Community Land Trust, up to \$3,000,000 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 170.913 acres at District of Ko'olauloa, Island of O'ahu (Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila), Tax Map Key numbers (1) 5-6-003:011, :019, :020, :021, :022, :023, :024, :026, :030, :031, :046, and :049, with a conservation easement held by the City & County of Honolulu or other suitable entities, and a special condition concerning Tax Map Key number (1) 5-6-003:049.
- B. The Nature Conservancy, up to \$2,000,000 (full funding) for the acquisition of approximately 1,916.058 acres at District of Ka'ū, Island of Hawai'i (Hīlea), tax map key number (3) 9-5-018:001, with a grant of exemption for any easement required pursuant to Section 173a-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- C. Makahanaloa Fishing Association, up to \$4,704,750 (with initial, partial funding of up to \$1,000,000) for the acquisition of approximately 81.19 acres at District of South Hilo, Island of Hawai'i (Kawainui Makai), Tax Map Key numbers (3) 2-7-010:027 and (3) 2-7-011:001, with a conservation easement held by the County of Hawai'i or other suitable entities.
- D. Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, INC., up to \$1,000,000 (with initial, partial funding of up to \$700,000) for the acquisition of approximately 1.26 acres at District of Kona, Island of Hawai'i (Kōkua Kealakekua), Tax Map Key numbers (3) 8-1-009:007 and :008, with a conservation easement held by the County of Hawai'i or other suitable entities.

E. DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife, up to \$3,310,000 (with initial, partial funding of up to \$300,000) for the acquisition of approximately 542 acres at Ko'olau, District of Hāna, Island of Maui (East Maui Coastal Forest), Tax Map Key numbers (2) 1-2-001:001 (por.), :027, and :045 and (2) 1-2-003:002 and :018, with a grant of exemption for any easement required pursuant to Section 173a-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(2) For each grant approved under item (1) above, exempt the award of state funds from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment, under Chapter 343 Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

(3) Delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve one or more suitable entities to hold a conservation easement over a property that the Board approves for acquisition by way of the Land Conservation Fund whenever (a) Board approval includes a requirement for conveyance of a conservation easement to a suitable entity, and (a) a suitable entity, other than that specifically identified in the Board's approval, is needed to complete the approved conservation transaction.

00:48:38     **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION     (Smith, Canto)

00:49:59     **PASSED**  
VOTE         6 – Unanimous

**00:52:34**  
**ITEM D-8**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Bumper Productions LLC, for Film Production, Kawailoa, Waialua, Oahu: TMK: (1) 6-2-001: seaward of 001.

01:46:10     **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION     (Char, Ono)

01:51:25     **PASSED**  
VOTE         6 – Unanimous

**01:51:42**     The Board took a 10-minute break.  
**02:10:00**     The Board returned from their recess.

**02:10:02**  
**ITEM D-5**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Beach Every Friday from June 6, 2025 through May 29, 2026, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021.

02:29:15      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

02:29:27      **PASSED**  
VOTE      6 – Unanimous

**02:29:30**  
**ITEM D-6**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Private Event Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021.

02:32:59      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

02:33:09      **PASSED**  
VOTE      6 – Unanimous

**02:33:18**  
**ITEM D-1**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Kaikeha, Inc. for 7th Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic, Prince Kuhio Beach, and Centers Surf Breaks Poipu, Koloa, Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 2-6-005: seaward of 026 and (4) 2-6-005: seaward of 010.

02:34:40      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Ono, Smith)

02:34:37      **PASSED**  
VOTE      6 – Unanimous

**02:34:54**  
**ITEM D-2**

After-the-Fact Consent to Sublease under General Lease No. S-4308, KAR Property, LLC, Lessee, to Keone Smith dba HK Landscaping Clearing, Sublessee, Lot 4, Hilo Industrial Development, Pohaku Street Section, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-058:002.

02:36:49      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Smith, Ono)

02:36:59      **PASSED**  
VOTE      6 – Unanimous

**02:37:04**

**ITEM D-3**

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense for Due Diligence Purposes for State Veterans Home, Pulehunui, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-008:038 (por.).

02:51:15      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Canto, Ono)

02:51:24      **PASSED**  
VOTE          6 – Unanimous

**03:11:35**      Member Yoon left the meeting.

**02:51:55**

**ITEM D-4**

Grant of Term, Non-Exclusive Easement, Immediate Right-of-Entry and Revocable Permit to Association of Apartment Owners of Paki Maui for Seawall, Stairs, and Metal Railing; Grant of 60-Day Right-of-Entry to Association of Apartment Owners of Paki Maui for Removal of Unauthorized Stairs, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 4-4-001: seaward of 050 and 051.

03:41:50      **To DEFER**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

03:42:36      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous (Chang, Char, Ono, Canto, Smith)

**03:43:10**      The Board took a 5-minute break.

**03:48:10**      The Board returned from their recess.

**03:48:13**

**ITEM D-7**

Grant of Term, Non-Exclusive Easement, Immediate Right-of-Entry and Revocable Permit to AJ Beach LLC and JB Beachside LLC, for Seawall and Filled Land, Wailupe, Honolulu, Oahu, Identified as TMK: (1) 3-6-002: seaward of 009.

03:57:13      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Ono)

03:57:26      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**03:57:40**

**ITEM D-9**

Cancellation of Governor's Executive Order No. 3399 and Reset Aside to Department of Education, Hawaii State Public Library System for Library and Educational Purposes, Wahiawa, Waialua, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 7-4-004:070.

04:01:35      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Ono)

04:01:47      **PASSED**  
VOTE      5 – Unanimous

**04:02:04**

The Board recessed the meeting for lunch.

**04:40:56**

The Board returned from their lunch break.

**04:41:03**

**ITEM F-1**

Request Approval to Add Funding and Extend Through September 30, 2026, an Existing Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Investigation of Estuarine Habitats."

**04:41:50**

**ITEM F-2**

Request Approval to Add Funding and Extend Through September 30, 2026 an Existing Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Statewide Marine Resources Assessment."

**04:42:04**

**ITEM F-3**

Request Approval to Add Funding and Extend Through September 30, 2026 an Existing Federally-Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishing Survey."

**04:42:33**

**ITEM F-4**

Request Approval for a Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Community-Based Monitoring Hui Expansion."

**04:42:47**

**ITEM F-5**

Request Approval for a Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research

Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled “Waiakea Public Fishing Area (PFA) Fishery Monitoring and Enhancement.”

04:52:13      **To Approve Staff Recommendations for  
Items F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, and F-5**  
MOTION      (Ono, Smith)

04:52:28      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**04:52:39  
ITEM F-6**

Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Native Hawaiian Practices Permit Renewal to Pelika Andrade, Nā Maka Onaona (Formerly Nā Maka o Papahānaumokuākea) and the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, for Access to State Waters to use Traditional Ecological Knowledge to Conduct Intertidal Surveys and Monitoring to Advise and Direct Management Strategies for Intertidal Fisheries Activities at Nihoa.

04:58:47      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Ono, Canto)

04:59:03      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**04:59:28  
ITEM J-1**

Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Honolulu Transpac, Ltd., for Temporary Support Areas and Mooring Sites, for the 2025 Transpacific Yacht Race from Los Angeles, California to Honolulu, Hawaii, Situated at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037:012 (Portion); And

Declare Project Exempt from Requirements of Chapter 343, HRS and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

05:00:52      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

05:01:07      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**05:01:15  
ITEM J-2**

Issuance of Revocable Permit to Cates Marine Services, LLC for Equipment Staging, Storage, Mooring of Vessels, Marine Salvage and Aquaculture

purposes including Coral Propagation, Situated at Keehi Small Boat Harbor, Kalihi-Kai, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 1-2-025:022 (por.), 023 (por.), 032 (por.), 038 (por.) and 043; And

Declare Project Exempt from Environmental Assessment Requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

05:06:49      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted.**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

05:08:00      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**Comments:** Amendment to title to represent AG title changes as shown below:

2. Issuance of Revocable Permit to Cates Marine Services, LLC for Equipment Staging, ~~and~~ Storage, Mooring of ~~V~~vessels, Marine Salvage and Aquaculture purposes including Coral Propagation, Situated at Keehi Small Boat Harbor, ~~Kalihi~~-Kai, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (1) 1-2-025:022 (por.), 023 (por.), 032 (por.), 038 (por.) and 043; And

Declare Project Exempt from Environmental Assessment Requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Character of use to read “Equipment staging and storage, mooring of vessel for marine salvage, and aquaculture purposes including coral propagation.”

**05:08:08**  
**ITEM J-3**

Approve Mediated Settlement of Rental Reopening Dispute Commencing Retroactively on July 30, 2024, and ending July 29, 2034; for Boating Lease No. B-99-1, Waikiki Yacht Club, Lessee, Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map: (1) 2-3-037:006 and portion of :012.

05:18:08      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

05:18:25      **PASSED**  
VOTE          5 – Unanimous

**05:18:30**  
**ITEM J-4**

Consent to Sublease under Harbor Lease No. H-82-4, GKM, Inc., Lessee, to Harbor House Kona, LLC dba Harbor House, Sublessee, Kealakehe, Kona, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-4-008:042.



05:30:20      **To DEFER**  
MOTION      (Canto, Smith)

05:32:56      **PASSED**  
VOTE      5-Ayes (Canto, Chang, Char, Smith, Ono)

**05:33:05**  
**ITEM K-1**

Second time extension request for a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) OA-3858 for the Ala Moana Park Beach Restoration project by the City and County of Honolulu, Dept. of Design & Construction located in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key (TMK): at and makai of (1) 2-3-037;001 & 025.

05:56:30      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Char, Smith)

05:57:25      **PASSED**  
VOTE      5 – Unanimous

**05:57:37**      There being no further business, Chair Chang adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Reeana Wright*

Acting Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



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Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Department of Land and Natural Resources