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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**HAWAI‘I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
**6:30 pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee  
Trustee Keola Lindsey  
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

**BOT STAFF:**

Colin Kippen, COS  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Kama Hopkins, Trustee Aide

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO  
Casey Brown, COO  
Ramona Hinck, CFO  
Raina Gushiken, CC  
Everett Ohta, CC  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Erin Nakama, IT Support

**GUEST:**

Jeff Gilbreath  
Robin Aguiar  
Lehua Ahsam  
Kaimi Kaupiko  
Mike Hodson  
Kekoa Kealoha  
Britney Hedlund  
Sarah Fujii  
Kaylen Taomia  
Loa Patao  
Puanani Faleofa  
Laila Kaupu Kalanihale

## **Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees' Hawai'i Island Community Meeting to order for Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls for a roll call.

| MEMBERS     |                    |         | Present | TIME ARRIVED |
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| TRUSTEE     | LEINA'ALA          | AHU ISA | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | DAN                | AHUNA   | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | KALEI              | AKAKA   | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | KELI'I             | AKINA   | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | LUANA              | ALAPA   | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA | LEE     | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | KEOLA              | LINDSEY | X       |              |
| TRUSTEE     | JOHN               | WAIHE'E | X       |              |
| CHAIRPERSON | CARMEN HULU        | LINDSEY | X       |              |
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At the Call to Order, **nine ( 9 )** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha kākou everyone and welcome to our Hawai'i Island community meeting, I can't tell you the warmth I feel for that island, my home island, born and raised in Kohala.

As a reminder for everyone here on Zoom - Please mute your mics when you are not speaking. Trustees and our CEO, please enable your cameras if you are able to do so. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

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Before we start our presentations, I would like to ask our CEO-Sylvia Hussey to introduce our staff that is present this evening.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Good evening Trustees and to our beneficiaries, we have online tonight our CFO-Ramona Hinck, Senior Legal Counsel-Raina Gushiken, and as well as our IT support staff, Kevin and Erin.

## **Introductions**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I would like to ask each trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

**Trustee Ahu Isa** Aloha kākou to all the beneficiaries watching, I am so sorry we can't be there on your beautiful island. I wanted to say hello, first to my girlfriend who lives out there in Kealahou and Kapua

Roberts. Sorry I can not meet with you, maybe next time when we go up. I want to say how glad I am, at least virtually, we can see, we can talk to you online and we can have this meeting. And like we were telling Trustee Keola Lindsey, we are going to miss all the good food that we eat up there. But aloha from the bottom of my heart. We love you all. Maybe next year we can be with you. And my Trustee Aide is Nathan. Mahalo.

**Trustee Ahuna** Welina mai me ke aloha, my name is Trustee Dan Ahuna and I reside from the island of Kaua'i, representing Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. Tonight, with me are my two Aides, Anuheia Diamond and Claudine Calpito. I would also like to say thank you to our Trustee from the Big Island, Trustee Lindsey, for hosting us tonight, allowing to us to listen to all the concerns from our beneficiaries from Moku o Keawe. Mahalo.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha, my name is Kalei Akaka. Joining me this evening is my team, Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe. Aloha to all those tuning in this evening. Mahalo to our host, our Hawai'i island Trustee Keola Lindsey, to his staff, Kama and Kau'i, and our administration for making this possible. Mostly, to our Board Chair for hosting us as well. I also want to give a mahalo to our Hawai'i island offices, both on the east side and on the west side, for all your work that you've been doing. It is very much appreciated.

**Trustee Akina** Aloha mai kākou to everyone that is here tonight. I am accompanied by Maria Calderon, my Trustee Aide. I am Trustee Keli'i Akina. I just want to say how special Moku o Keawe is for all of us. For me in particular, because my ancestors come from Ka'u district, and this has been a very special island to us. We continue to hold it in our hearts always. Your concerns are very important. I want to thank Trustee Keola Lindsey for all that he does for the island. Mahalo to you and thank you for assembling presenters today. Mahalo to those who are going to speak this evening. I look forward to learning from you. We need your mana'o. Much aloha to all of you.

**Trustee Alapa** Aloha mai kākou, I am Luana Alapa, Trustee for Moloka'i/ Lāna'i. Thank you so much for joining us. My Trustee Aide is with me this evening, her name is Pohai Ryan, also a Moloka'i girl and Kamehameha graduate. Both of us are graduates of Kamehameha Schools and I am proud to have her here. I am looking forward to meeting you this evening, everyone. Thank you.

**Trustee Lee** Aloha mai me ke aloha, I am Trustee Lee, Trustee At-Large. Joining me this evening are my two Aides, Lei-Ann Durant and Dayna Pa. I am looking forward to hearing from the beneficiaries this evening. I would also like to thank Trustee Keola Lindsey and his staff, Kama Hopkins and Kau'i Waialehua, for all their hard work putting together all of our presenters this evening. I look forward to hearing from everybody. Aloha.

**Trustee Waihe'e** Aloha mai kākou, I want to thank everyone from Hawai'i island. I really want to thank our colleague, our friend, Trustee Keola Lindsey for hosting us tonight. Thank you to all the staff that worked hard to put this meeting together. We will try to be there next year in person. Representing me tonight are my staff, Crayn Akina and Melissa Wennihan. Once again, thank you everybody for making this meeting possible.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I am Carmen Hulu Lindsey. With me this evening is the Chief of Staff, Colin Kippen, our Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu, and my Aides – Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. I want to say aloha to all my 'ohana on the Big Island. A special aloha to Uncle Bob if you're watching us. A really special mahalo to Trustee Keola Lindsey who is going to be hosting us next and his staff. We will certainly miss the good food that you would've prepared for us this evening. Mahalo to all of you tuning in this evening. We are anxious

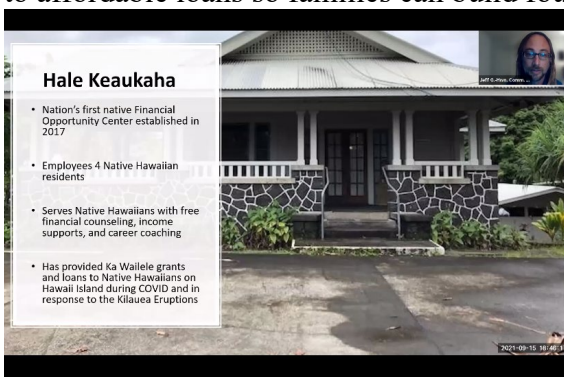
to hear your concerns and how OHA can help the community. Without further ado, the Chair would like to recognize your Trustee Keola Lindsey for the island of Hawai'i. He will be conducting the meeting for the remainder of the night.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Thank you Madam Chair. Aloha to our beneficiaries and everyone connecting to us tonight, thank you for joining us. My name is Keola Lindsey and I have the honor serving as the Hawai'i Island Trustee. It seems that I blink my eyes and one year has gone by already. It has been exciting and we have a lot of work left to do. Joining me tonight is my team, Kama Hopkins and Kau'i Waialehua. I would like to thank our Board Chair's staff, Kama, Kau'i, and our Administrator, Community Engagement team, and our on island staff (Kona and Hilo) for all your hard work and putting this meeting together. It could not happen without all of you. Like all of you, I look forward to meeting in person as soon as possible. Like our people have always done, we adapt, and we find a way to get our work done and to take care of each other. Mahalo to everyone who is tuning in tonight, especially our community presenters and those who might be offering testimony, for taking time out of your schedule to be with us. I am looking forward to listening to the great things happening in our community. With that, we will move right into our agenda, III.A.

## **Community Presentations**

### **Hawaiian Community Assets**

**Jeff Gilbreath** Aloha Trustees, mahalo for having us. My name is Jeff Gilbreath and I am the Executive Director of Hawaiian Community Assets and I'm joined here by Robin Aguiar, our Manager on island doing the real work with the community. We have a presentation for you folks, but I think, right off the bat, I just want you to know that since 2010, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) has invested heavily in our work. The community, we have seen significant progress. And in the face of COVID, Kilauea, and other crises, we continue to see your dollars, your investment, be leveraged and matched at a rate of about 5 to 1. Every dollar you put in, returning five. It's not just about the dollars, but it is about the families we're serving. Currently, about 500 Native Hawaiians are in our pipeline right now so I mahalo you. I welcome Robin, as I said, really doing the real work. I do want to share a presentation and give you some visuals. Presenting to you folks tonight, yes it's Hawaiian Community Assets, but also Hawaii Community Lending. I'm Executive Director of both nonprofit organizations. Hawaiian Community Assets is a Hawaiian controlled nonprofit organization that focuses on community development, and we are the largest HUD approved housing counseling agency in the state. We own Hawaiian Community Lending, which is a Native Hawaiian Community development financial institution. Essentially together we provide financial education and access to affordable loans so families can build foundations and we don't say no, we say how.



I am going to take you to our hale on the Big Island in Keaukaha. The building you see is on the fee simple side, the makai side of Keaukaha. We purchased this building from 'Aha Pūnana Leo in 2017. This is the nation's first Native Financial Opportunity Center. This is a national evidence model for helping families increasing building wealth and access to affordable homes. I think it's powerful to note that in this relationship and purchasing this building, 'Aha Pūnana Leo and Hawaiian Community Assets came together to make sure that land and assets that were in Native Hawaiian hands, stayed in

Native Hawaiian hands. This center employs four Native Hawaiian residence, all wāhine who are fighting hard every single day in the trenches to help families address crisis and follow the next opportunity that may

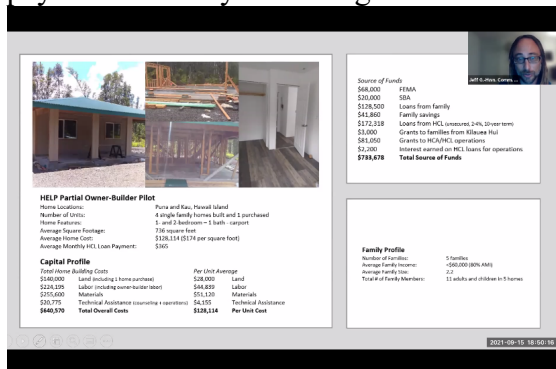


come up. They provide free financial counseling, income support and career coaching, and recently with Hawai'i Community Lendings assistance, we've been providing Ka Wailele grants and loans during COVID and in response to the Kīlauea eruption.



This data shares with you the number of Native Hawaiian families we've gotten into homes or helped sustain homes on Hawai'i island specifically with your funding. This doesn't include the leverage funding that we receive from other entities, but this is specifically what OHA can say, we did this in partnership with folks like Robin and her team. Our model is simple, in a capitalist society, families need access to capital, but also the education to go along with how you manage these financial resources so it's education from Hawaiian Community Assets with access to credit capital from Hawaiian Community Lending (HCL) and that's how we get families into homes.

What sets us apart is how we do what we do. Kahua Waiwai is our philosophy, that roots everything we do at our organization; how we connect with our families, how Robin and her team see each other, how we engage with multi-generational households if the home is viewed as the kahua of this foundation and the 'ohana is connected to the 'āina. All too often, our families are disconnected from 'āina. This is a place of feeling, spirituality, and the ability to share cultural, social, financial, and environmental resources. The work that we do at Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) is to help get people into affordable homes but it is really to help heal and reconnecting to the 'āina, the homelands of our Hawaiian people. Next, I'll speak on the most recent issues we've been facing on Hawai'i island. Hawai'i island has faced some major struggles, with Kīlauea and COVID, but the response from our HCA and HCL team has been powerful. We did a pilot project called the Hawai'i Emergency Loan Program, a partial builder owner pilot. HCA worked with families who were displaced by the lava and helped get access to loans by HCL, so that they could rebuild on their land. You can see the families we are serving make less than \$60K annually, but I want to point to the average monthly payment that they're making to us for this home.



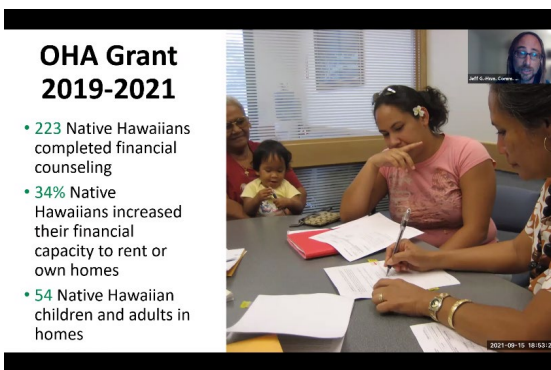
You can't find a home to rent for \$365 a month, but these families have found it and they're living in it, and it is their asset. The projects that we have done are just piloted at this point. We're looking to expand it and just share with you the source of funds, the capital profile, and the families we've served. I think this shows Native Hawaiian ingenuity from a contractor who is building it, to the family that's the owner. When we get together and do it together, we can do it in a way that's extremely affordable. This is possible and revolutionary.

We are looking to expand this out even further. Trustee Hulu Lindsey, I know I shared previously in a meeting with you folks last, which was many years back, that we helped the folks that were misplaced by fires in Maui on kuleana lands do the same thing using this model. There are legs to this and when you let Native Hawaiians lead, it will be affordable. I also pointed out to you that our organizations have taken a lead role, not just a serve Native Hawaiians but to serve everyone on Hawaii island, through the rent and mortgage assistance programs, HCA and HCL with Federal funding. I worked with 6 nonprofits on island to help 734 Native Hawaiian 'ohana stay stably housed throughout COVID-19. Robin and her team are in the trenches every day since March 2020. We currently have \$5M left in the program. I'm proud to say that with this aggregated data, we can show that Native Hawaiians need this assistance the most and they're getting it the most in the program. They've been approved proportionally based on the number of applications that

they're submitting. Recently, you folks did provide us a grant and we're closing this out in the midst of COVID. It's been a struggle to find homes for families, whether it's rental or purchase.



Robin and her team have served 223 Native Hawaiians just through financial counseling under this program. 1 out of the 3 Native Hawaiians increased their financial capacity to rent or own homes. That is increasing income, building savings, improving their credit, and reducing their debt to income so they can qualify for a mortgage or they can qualify for that rental. And 54 Native Hawaiian children and adults have gotten into homes during this campaign just with a lot of money, it has been leveraged with \$683K from the federal government administration for Native Americans.



Robin and her team have over 500 Native Hawaiians in our Hawai'i island Financial Opportunity Center and they're looking for an opportunity. We know, from these emergency assistance programs, is that the homes on island are being purchased outright, cash by offshore buyers and they're being rented out in amounts that our families can not afford. I don't know anybody that can afford it. What we need to do now, we need to not just prepare the families, so they can qualify for the home, we have to get that Hawaiian contractor, the Hawaiian owner, the financial counselor who is Native Hawaiian and the Hawaiian Institution to

make these homes truly affordable for the families to move into. We must lean into the fact that the federal government is going to make the largest investment in affordable housing ever if we can leverage that. It can't just be about preparing families to go nowhere, it's got to be about how do we build these homes so families and get connected to the land. At this time, I will stop sharing my screen and hand it over to Robin.

**Robin Aguiar** Aloha Trustees and mahalo for giving us this opportunity to share with you, I am the Program Manager of Hawaiian Community Assets on Hawai'i Island. I have been serving our community for two years. Our mission and philosophy gives families a gift that we serve. We give them hope, help build their confidence, and empower them with skills and techniques. This brings healing, connection, and strength to their families. I just want to mahalo all of you, it is a joy to serve the people on this island.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I want to express my mahalo to Jeff and Robin for the work they've been doing. Jeff, all the work you have been doing for the State of Hawai'i; and Robin, for the work on the Big Island. What you are doing is what our people really need. We mahalo you for taking the lead on this. Mahalo to Blossom and her team in Maui. I see our OHA money working in the community. Mahalo nui.

**Trustee Akina** I am just astounded. I want to say mahalo. Here in Hawai'i, the median home prices have hit a million dollars or more and you are delivering them for \$128K to people who can own a home. This is incredible. I saw your capital cost broken down and I see what you have done. How is this possible?

**Jeff Gilbreath** I appreciate your comments. If I didn't see it on paper, I would not believe it either. There was a lot working in our favor. One, the homes that families we're building we're pre-approved, which means they didn't have to go through six to twelve months of permitting. The families could go and in 48 hours, be approved for a package home from HPM or Honsador Lumber. We had a Native Hawaiian contractor that said *you know what, I'm going to make a little bit of money, but I don't need to make a ton of money.* So, he

did a cost plus build. Basically said well, here's my cost and I'm going to plus 5% on it. He wants to deliver that to the family for an affordable price. The homeowners themselves leverage money. They leveraged FEMA, family savings, retirement accounts, and whatever they could get with our small loan. I am talking a very small loan from us in the amount of \$50K. What was critical was the subsidy that was involved. You know you can't deliver a price point like this without having the counseling subsidized, our loan team subsidized, and that's where OHA came in. Your folks paid for the time that Robin spent with the families to get this done, otherwise we would have to pay for that somewhere else. You were our first investor in 2010 to give loans to the homeless families. The interest we are earning off that is covering the cost of our loans to be able to do this again at an interest rate and price point that works for the families. If you get Native Hawaiian Families with Native Hawaiian contractors, Native Hawaiian Service providers, and Native Hawaiian lending institutions, you are going to deliver an affordable product.

**Trustee Akina** Congratulations and keep up the great work.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha Jeff and Robin, mahalo nui for that wonderful presentation. It is always great to hear all of the amazing work you folks do. Robin, your words were so moving and uplifting. Hearing how you are out there with our people and raising our 'ohana up. Jeff and Robin with your team it is always good to hear that you're making, what would feel impossible to most of our people, making that happen.

It is also good to see what we are sharing, our collaborations, our partnerships, that you are returning it at three, four, five times if not more fold. I remember your presentation in Maui a few years back and I was blown away then, yet again, I am blown away seeing the results that you are able to do especially during these times. So, mahalo for putting our people into really good homes. Please continue to do all the good work that you are doing for our people. I look forward to hearing all the good work you are doing in the future. Mahalo.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Jeff, can you speak a bit more to the network that you are talking about from the contractors all the way up to the lenders, how formal is that network? The more you work with people, do their names pop up? Can you speak a little more to that?

**Jeff Gilbreath** I would say it's about interrelationships. The contractor who has been building these homes was a client himself. He came in because he was in hardship. Once he was tied in with Robin and the team, he wanted to do something to forward this mission. It became formalized, but at first it was just a relationship and I think we connect deeply in trust. That is what allowed us to go forward. Robin, feel free to speak to this, all of our work is about building trust. The Western financial system has been extremely extractive. It's been a source of pain for many families who have been disconnected from the land. When you do it in a way where Hawaiian values are the root of everything, that relationship, we can build trust. They know we are not here to extract but to lift. So, it has become more formalized. I wish I could tell you we have everything lined up to take to scale but we are not there yet. We do have a model, we know it can work and not just here on Hawai'i island, but statewide.

**Robin Aguiar** Culturally speaking, it is hard for us as Native Hawaiians to share what really happens with our finances. That is something we don't really talk about. So, sitting down with them, getting to know them, where are they from, where did they grow up, and just being able to relate to their everyday struggles in a safe and judgement free space helps to build that trust. I work with them at their pace and provide them with techniques, knowledge, and different skills. There is no one specific way to get there but we are always moving in a forward motion. One small action can cause a ripple effect in that person's entire future, it starts with one small action. By supporting and empowering them and by giving them that knowledge so that when the time comes to have the need to go into a financial institution, they can do so with confidence. They will

know their credit, their finances, and they will know what they want. Many want to stay here and be on their own land. I find joy in educating them and empowering them to get them where they want to be.

**Jeff Gilbreath** I think that's the example of the real assets for the families we are working with. There are so many people bringing different skill sets to the table and to the financial opportunity center. So, the network is 500 Hawaiians in Robin's shop but they just don't know each other yet or that they need each other yet. Once they do, we are like matchmakers.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** I would like to say mahalo to you, Jeff and Robin, for being with us tonight. Mahalo for all the work that you are doing. Our community needs this more than ever. The results you shared with us tonight are hopeful and we look forward to talking to you folks again soon. Thank you very much, aloha.

### **Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club**

**Lehua Ah Sam** I will be passing it over to Kekoa who will be presenting for us, mahalo.

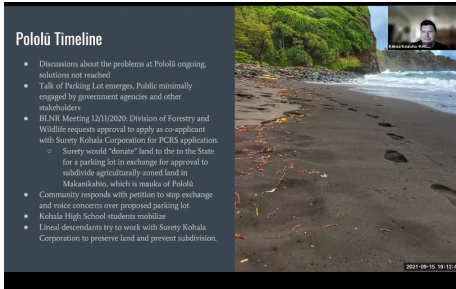
**Kekoa Kealoha** I want to say mahalo to Trustee Lindsey and all the Trustees at OHA and particularly, Lehua Itokazu who helped us coordinate this for tonight. I also want to mahalo the other Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club members who are here tonight. I will start my presentation



We are subcommittee within the Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club. We will talk about the issues surrounding Pololū, what has happened, and how we, as a village kauhale, have come together to find solutions to some of the problems that have been around for awhile. We as a Pololū 'ohana are lineal descendants of this wahi pana and we live in the area surrounding Pololū. We recognize we have special and unique kuleana to this area, which is why we have taken personal ownership.

The issue around Pololū have been kind of ongoing for a while, but it's plagued by over tourism, poor management at the entrance, and the constant threat of over development. Pololū to this day remains one of the most inaccessible places and one of the most dangerous places on the island where a lot of rescues have happened, which puts a lot of first responders at risk and paints the need for a more informed presence at the valley. These problems at Pololū did not happen overnight, they have been ongoing throughout the community. There have been a lot of meetings between the different stakeholders in the community to really identify what the solutions are. One of the solutions that has come up is a parking lot. Recently, last December, out of the DLNR meeting, the division of forestry and wildlife requested approval to apply as a co-applicant with Surety Kohala Corporation for a parcel consolidation and re-subdivision application. The most important thing to remember about Surety Kohala is that they are one of the biggest landowners in Kohala. What this boils down to is that Surety would donate land for a parking lot and a comfort station in exchange for approval of this PCRS application to subdivide one of their lots into 13 smaller lots. This particular action was not supported by the community. The community as a whole jumped into action. The students at Kohala High School mobilized and created a video that talks about why they do not support a parking lot. Lineal descendants worked with Surety Kohala to preserve the land and prevent that subdivision.





As a kauhale, we have been involved in things that are happening in the area but we recognized this time, we had to step forward to make it known that we are the proper stewards of this area. We took action as a kauhale to do several different things. We organized community volunteer-based cleanups at the lookout, the trail, and on the valley floor. We maintained the trailhead and community events. We are involved in different community action meetings, problem solutions

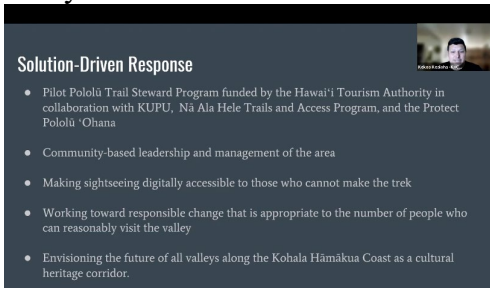
development, and really building the broader community support, and engaging our youth. If you have not been to the lookout recently, this a daily occurrence.



The road is much more narrow than these pictures paint it to be. What are the solutions to these issues? We recognize that if we do not want this PCRS application to go through, we need to know what we are going to do as a community. We just started a pilot program for the Pololū trail steward position, I believe we have four positions. I will turn it over to Auntie Sarah to talk about this program.

**Sarah Fujii** Aloha, my name is Sarah Pule Fujii and I've lived in Kohala all my life. My grandparents are Akoni Pule and Sarah Pule. The main highway going through our town is named after my grandfather, Akoni Pule. I love Pololū, I am a steward there and there are four of us. We are there from 8am in the morning to 12 noon. I am so happy that I can educate visitors about the safety of the trail, the sacred burial sites of ancestors, about trespassing into private property, safety, and parking. I think this pilot program educating our visitors, we will be able to be successful. The visitors are happy that we are sharing this information with them. Mahalo.

**Kekoa Kealo** I do want to highlight some of things Auntie Sarah spoke about, educating visitors and safety. These were never addressed until now with the pilot program.



People come to the valley, not with the intention to be disrespectful or to litter, but it sometimes happens because they just don't know. This pilot program allows us to educate people and give them the tools they need to make the right decisions. One of members created a digital tour of Pololū Valley allowing people with no access here, the opportunity to visit this place. We believe in community-based leadership and management of the area.

We envision a future for all of the valleys along the Kohala and Hāmākua coast as a cultural heritage corridor. When we look at OHA, we think about how can we open pathways to supporting programs that build on education, make things safer for people who are coming in, and allow the kuleana and the tradition of kuleana to rest with the people of this kauhale. I hope it is more collaboration in the future and more innovation. I am happy that we had this opportunity to share this piece with you. At the end of the power point there are many links that offer more information on Pololū Valley. At this time if anyone from the Protect Pololū 'Ōhana would like to say anything, I would like to open it up.

**Loa Patao** Aloha Trustees, one thing I would like to touch basis on is we are really against development at

Pololū, whether this is a parking lot or a subdivision. I think it's really important to know that. You want to keep it as pristine and as sacred as possible, without any further development over there. So, regardless if that's a bathroom or rest stop, we are totally against any development there. I just wanted to share that.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Mahalo, Trustees any questions or comments?

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Before I ask Kekoa a question, I want to say aloha to my 'ohana, Sarah Pule. My mother's brother is married to her aunt, so we are 'ohana. Kekoa, what are you folks doing to achieve your goal?

**Kekoa Kealoha** Right now we have some grassroots movement. The pilot program is the initial step. We demonstrate real stewardship at the top of Pololū because that's where most of the impact is going to happen at the lookout. We acknowledge that better stewardship and leadership is needed, particularly in that area, but we have plenty of ideas about different educational programs that we would like to do. We are kind of in the formative stages of a lot of those programs, but we are currently looking for support.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you.

**Trustee Akaka** I just want to mahalo you folks for your presentation. There's so much more to learn about what you folks are doing and what you're wanting more to do. I also want to say aloha to Loa Patao, long time no see. Please give my aloha to your mom, your dad, and your brother guys. Being that this is such a remote area, I imagine that there are so many risks for those, the malihini and the kama'āina, to visit this area. How are the rescues happening for those in need? Is this by air, firefighters, and so forth? Is that still the case?

**Kekoa Kealoha** Yes, absolutely. A lot of those firefighters and first responders are 'ohana too. The visitors do not understand the rain and what is happening up mauka and what happens down on the makai side. So, people will sometimes get isolated, or they don't know the ocean currents. Places with a bit more information and a more personal connection would make a huge difference.

**Trustee Akaka** Do you feel more signage would be needed?

**Kekoa Kealoha** I think we need more physical presence, which is why we are so happy about the stewardship program. Signage can only go so far. We don't expect government to step in because we recognize we're rural and to be perfectly honest, we would be better stewards of the area than the county or the state. Our connection to the space and the different things that are happening in this area.

**Lehua Ah Sam** HCA has provided some funding through Nā Ala Hele for some signage. To Kekoa's point, not only are signs not read but they are vandalized quite often. Signs put up by the State like the "no camping" are often taken down, moved or covered over. That is why the presence of the stewards are so important because they enforce the idea of people are there not just enjoy the place, but to mālama the place. In terms of number of rescues, there has been an uptick this year. At the beginning of the year in a two-week period, we had six rescues, many resulted in serious injuries. Usually, these are individuals that do not know their own physical abilities or unaware of the trail's slipperiness. We understand the State does not have the funds to maintain it and it's considered a wilderness trail and yet, the idea it is public and anyone can access it, that is what we are challenging. The valleys were never accessed by the public, they were always there for the community, the hunters and gathers, and the families of the area. That is why Kamehameha was hidden there because the public was not allowed there. We are looking towards positive ways that we can manage

better human presence and that will mean we will have to limit the amount of people that can access there everyday.

**Trustee Akaka** Mahalo, I also want to mahalo all the Tūtū, sharing your presence there because I imagine that you being there, the respect they have for you, they are going to look to you as their elder. You are guiding them along the way on what is best to do there and what not to do there, so mahalo for that.

**Lehua Ah Sam** I also want to mention the presence of the youth he mentioned. They really stepped up and stepped out in January. They made a public awareness video about the issue and about how they felt on their kuleana. Kekoa has mentioned that it really is a multi-generational village effort. It is encouraging to see the youth are so passionate about this.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** How long is the pilot program?

**Sarah Pule** It will go till January.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Okay, for Aunty Sarah and for the others that are a part of the stewardship program and having that engagement with visitors, can you share how that experience goes?

**Sarah Pule** We greet them, we say *Aloha, welcome to Pololū*. We tell them where to park and as they come towards the trail, we ask them if they've been there before. If their answer is no, we tell them about the safety of the trail. I always tell them to please be careful going down and that it takes about twenty minutes to get down to the valley. I also tell them not to take other trails because those trails will take them to private properties. I tell them about the sand dunes, the strong ocean currents, and there are no restrooms. We always make sure they have water.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Are most people receptive to that interaction with you folks?

**Sarah Pule** Yes, they are. They usually ask if I live here. I always reply that I have lived here all my life and I share stories of the highway being named after my grandfather. They will ask if I am Hawaiian and I say yes, I am Hawaiian. They feel good, they always feel like they are talking to a celebrity.

**Lehua Ah Sam** One of the best parts of this project for me has been the community stepping up as stewards. It is amazing having Pololū have this presence. We see the hō'ailona all the time about how happy the ancestors of the place are to have their family there. These are not people who just moved here, the four stewards are 'ohana to those places. They are fishermen and hunters of the places. We hired them because they are true stewards, they are kupa 'āina. It is a six-month project from HTA. I think this would be something that we would continue on, hopefully through collaboration with State agencies like HTA, OHA, and private partnerships or non-profits.

**Trustee Ahuna** Aloha, thank you for your comments. I wanted to share a little bit about the island of Kaua'i. The reason I am saying thank you for what you folks are doing because often times, the tourism authority will show commercials of these areas but yet, there is no facilities or bathrooms for these areas. People will make their way down to these places and many of these areas is sacred. It has been a big problem on Kaua'i. I want to thank you guys for being there and showing a presence, that is very important.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** I want to say mahalo again for joining us tonight. Speaking to Trustee Ahuna's point, the community really stepping forward to establish a new paradigm. We've all seen where visitors and



residents alike, go into communities. I have been to Pololū and I hold myself to that same responsibility, if I get to go again, I need to be a better visitor. This is not my area so, if I get to go again, I look forward to seeing you folks out there and being educated. We look forward to staying in touch with you folks. Mahalo for everything you are doing and thank you for being with us tonight.

## Kalanihale

**Kaimi Kaupiko** Aloha Trustees, there are two of us tonight, with me is Laila Kaupu. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you this project that we are doing in Miloli‘i.



I was born and raised in Miloli‘i and I wanted to share a little bit about our Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA). I am also the Director for Kalanihale, that is a non-profit in Miloli‘i and works with the community to create this management plan for Miloli‘i. I would like to thank OHA, for the article last month called *Residence of the Last hawaiian Fishing Village-Look to preserve their ice box*. Thank you for the continued support all these years to malama our resources here in our community. Laila, would you like to introduce

yourself too?

**Laila Kaupu** Sure, aloha kākou, mahalo nui for providing this space and time for us to present our initiatives here in Miloli‘i. I am kupa ‘āina of Miloli‘i and Omaka‘a, here to kako‘o to Kaimi. I am also part of his outreach coordinators to Kalanihale. Mahalo

**Kaimi Kaupiko** The CBSFA already is designated area within a state and now we're sharing the whole rules package and management plan, this proposal's plan to preserve the traditional fishing practices of Miloli‘i. Included in our presentation will be a brief overview of what a CBSFA is, frequently asked questions, feedback from the community, and an overview of the administrative process.

So what is a CBSFA? The CBSFA became law in 1994 under HRS 188-22.6 and it states the Department of Land and Natural Resources designate community-based assistant fishing areas and carry out fishing management strategies for such areas through administrative rules adopted, pursuant to Chapter 91, for the purpose of reaffirming and protecting fishing practices, customary and traditional, exercise for purposes of Native Hawaiian subsistence culture and religion. That is the brief history of the CBSFA. Some of these frequently asked questions are some of the questions that many people don't know so I wanted to share some of these with you. Throughout the last few years, we have done consultation in the community with fishers, educators, kūpuna, keiki, and landowners. The CBSFA is being proposed by the community of Miloi‘i. The kākā, who are lineal descendants of this fishing village which 90% of the families we have consulted, have said they have seen so much change, there is not much fish in the water and the resources have been depleted. They are in agreement with some type of management plan, that is the premise of why we are proposing a management plan.

A little bit about my non-profit, our mission is to improve the education, environmental, and cultural well-being of our community. Our vision is for Miloli‘i and South Kona to be a thriving, Hawaiian fishing community with a healthy environment with abundant resources, successful families that have a strong sense of place, identity, and pride in their Hawaiian culture. Some think we are closing down areas from fishing and that is not true.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- Why is a CBSFA being proposed?
- Why do we need a CBSFA?
- Who is behind the Management Plan & proposal?
- Will the area be kapu to all fishing? No
- Do these rules exclude people from fishing? No
- What information & science informs these rules?
- How will this area be enforced?
- Is this CBSFA a done deal?
- How was the site selected?
- How were the species selected?

We are not excluding anybody. Everybody in our families and outside can fish in our community. A lot of the data comes from our 'ohana, the fishermen from this community. We are working with partners who create some of the monitoring for our fishing area. We worked a little with everybody to create the proposal. I want to share a bit of the management plan that we submitted to the state on

August 21st. We are already in public scoping which is critical for us to get this passed in the next six months, which will create the law for us to have these fishing rules enacted. Our management plan has seven objectives and these objectives are how we will manage our resources according to our 'ohana in the community and the core group that has been working towards building this management plan and the rules and the boundaries.

Objective one, our goal for our CBSFA is to secure quality fishing. We want to ensure that residents and visitors to Miloli'i have excellent fishing and abundant stocks for practicing respectful and responsible fishing.

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

#### Obj 1. Secure Quality Fishing

Ensure that residents and visitors to Miloli'i have excellent fishing and abundant stocks

#### Activities:

- Document traditional approaches used to maintain abundance
- Develop a set of pono practices that reflect Hawaiian values of mālama 'āina
- Share pono practices during Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp, Mōhala Nā Konohiki, other events
- Integrate pono practices through Makai Watch outreach

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 2. Perpetuate Traditional & Customary Fishing Practices  
Families and residents learn and continue fishing practices and have abundant catch now for generations to come.

#### Activities:

- Host annual Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp
- Promote other opportunities to learn about fishing through the year during events (fishing tournaments, celebrations, La 'Ohana)
- Promote traditional 'ōpelu fishing and implement training and education programs
- Share konohiki based observation and monitoring principles and practices with families and youth

Objective two, is about traditional and customary fishing practices. Our goal for objective two is that our families and residents learn and continue fishing practices and have abundant catches now and for generations to come. The critical thing here is that we fish lawai'a pono. The pono way our community has practice for generations.

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 3. Conduct Education & Outreach  
Residents and visitors learn about fishing practices, rules & reasons for them.

#### Activities:

- Place signage to raise awareness of the regulations, pono practices & key features of the CBSFA
- Conduct media announcements when the management plans and regulations are approved
- Hold individual consultations and talk stories with community and visitors to help share information
- Provide educational materials about the importance of the CBSFA and its rules
- Host an annual community meeting to seek community input on the progress
- Share fish sustainably harvested in the CBSFA (periodic distribution to kūpuna, 'ohana)

Objective three, is outreach and education. We want our residents and visitors to learn about our fishing rules and the reasons for them. The way we come up with these rules will be through meetings and signages. You will be able to check on updates through our website. We also have community events, we are very active and have been active in the last three years.

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 4. Implement Integrated monitoring  
Biological & traditional Hawaiian (konohiki) monitoring provides an on-going understanding of the abundance and condition of the resources.

#### Activities:

- Conduct community based biological monitoring (coral, fish, invertebrates)
- Continue konohiki and traditional Hawaiian observations through the Mōhala Nā Konohiki program
- Work with DAR or other researchers on developing scientific monitoring of the CBSFA area
- Finalize a guiding principles for researchers to follow
- Develop a community-based research plan and prioritize key research needs

Objective four is mostly about monitoring. A critical element is to integrate biological and traditional Hawaiian konohiki monitoring. It provides an ongoing understanding of the abundance and condition of the resources. We have a research plan, a baseline, and biological monitoring that we have established since 2015. We understand the coral, the fish, and the invertebrates. These are some of the methods that we want to continue in our management plan.

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 5. Creation of Rules  
Community-based subsistence rules are implemented that incorporate community testimony, best available scientific guidance to reduce threats to priority species.

#### Activities:

- Provide outreach and awareness on the draft rules
- Review and adapt proposed rules based on feedback from community and stakeholders
- Support DLNR-DAR to translate proposed rules into official language
- Work with DLNR-DAR during the Ch 91 process to clarify information



scientific guidance.

Objective five, one of the most important of all objectives, is the creation of the rules. We have about 18.6 miles of coastline that surround Miloli'i, that is in the proposal with the state to protect for our CBSFA. Within the 18.6 miles, we do have areas closed like a Pu'u honua. You can still do certain types of fishing, but these areas are protected. We have rules on bag limits and gear restrictions. The objective here is our community subsistence rules incorporate our community testimony and the best available

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 6. Voluntary compliance  
Residents and visitors willingly comply with rules with fewer violations as a result of strong outreach.

#### Activities:

- Take proactive steps to encourage compliance and prevent violations before they happen
- Implement Makai Watch Program
- Track violation as part of Makai Watch Program



we hope to work with DOCARE to make sure these rules are enforced. This gives us the ability to co-manage and control our natural resources in Miloli'i. The goal is that our 'ohana and visitors will follow these rules.

Objective six, a key element to our management plan, is voluntary compliance. As a community, we are only residence that care for the place, stewards, and we can only hope that the people that come here and our own 'ohana will voluntarily comply with the rules. That is a critical element to many of the CBSFA's that are out there in other communities. We work with the Division of Aquatic Resources to put these rules together and

### Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 7. Address land-based sources of pollution  
Understand and address land-based sources of pollution that are impacting the nearshore marine environment.

#### Activities:

- Conduct studies for land-based sewage effluent and other sources of pollution
- Develop strategy and work with County and State to address land-based sewage and other pollutants
- Work with government and private sector to help with transition of cesspools to septic systems



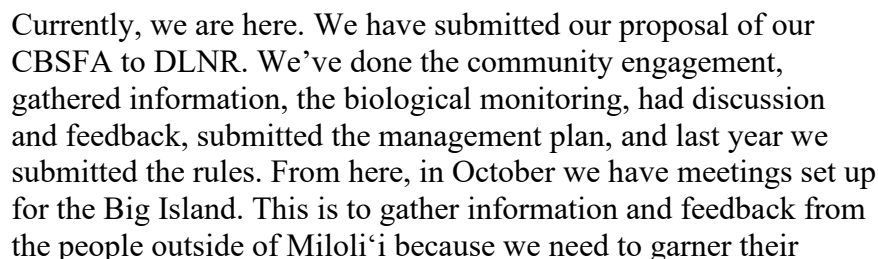
Objective seven is our last objective and it is based on pollution. We understand and address many land-based sources of pollution that are impacting the nearshore marine environments. This is a critical environment that we want to understand. These are the seven objectives that I wanted to share with the Board regarding our management plan that we worked on. I do want to share some of the feedback that we have received. The biggest take away from the feedback was, the majority of people supported our proposal.

They were excited and hopeful. For us, this was a very long overdue process. We got designated in 2005 as a CBSFA, but it is now 2021 so its been 15 years that it took us as a community, to come to this point. We hope to get this passed in the State as they go through the public scoping, hopefully a public hearing, and then the Governor will sign in early next year. I will hand it over to Laila to speak more on the feedback.

**Laila Kaupu** A lot of the initiatives were done through the hui in Miloli'i and alot of outreach was done in the past three to four years. I recently just got on board, about two years ago, with Kalanihale. Listening to the people as we pushed the initiatives, help set the foundation. With the feedback we received, we took it back to our management plan and made sure the 'ohana voices are being heard. Our people are our foundation. With all the feedback, we wanted to know how things can work better for us. Is this management plan set in stone? The answer is no because we are still gathering that feedback from all the presentations we have given. Adapting what feedback has been given, will be implemented within the plan along with any feedback coming from you folks and any other outreach we continue to do. The monitoring plan came mostly from the community. This came by 'ohana interviews and kūpuna interviews that set the foundation. Who is going to enforce it? This is usually a top topic. In Miloli'i, we reactivated our makai watch. We asked in objective six that it complies to voluntary compliance and doing it in a pono way. Activating our presence will be helpful. Signage is good too, but it just gets read. Creating this effort between the 18.6 miles of coastline, we do not want to close anything off at all to anyone. We want to make sure harvesting, practicing lawai'a is available to all. We want to push the efforts of our traditional practice of 'ōpelu fishing. In case you



# Kaimi Kaupiko



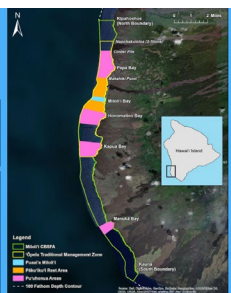
## Proposed Boundaries

Entire CBSFA - Kīpahoe to Kaunā  
(18.6 miles) to a depth of 100 fathoms  
\*existing State regulations continue to apply

All fishing access will remain open in the entire area. Different gear restrictions and seasonal rules will help ensure stocks are abundant for this and future generations.

### WHY THESE AREAS?

- We want to replenish these areas for this and future generations.
- These are good grounds for our coral and fish resources.
- Pu'uhonua are distributed along coast to replenish multiple areas.
- Open fishing areas support fishers to harvest sustainably.



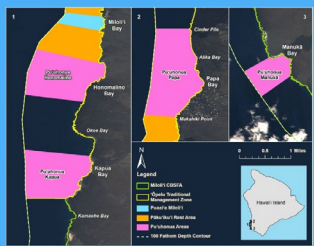
## Proposed Boundaries

In these Pu'uhonua, the following will be ALLOWED:

- Fish with throw net and scoop nets from shore,
- Fish with hook and line from shore or from a vessel
- Fish with 3-prong

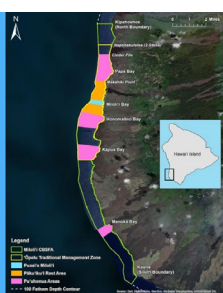
In these areas, the following will NOT BE

- ALLOWED:**
- No harvest of 'opihī of all 3 species.
  - No use of fishing gear other than throw net and scoop net from shore and hook and line from shore or from a vessel (so important to remember: no fishing using speargun or arbollet and no use of gill or cross net)



## Proposed Boundaries

- **Pu'uhouua Pape:**  
From Cinder Pile in Papa Bay to Makahiki Pt.  
Approx. 1.95 miles or 1.19 sq. miles
- **Pu'uhouua Honomalinio:**  
From Honomalinio (North side of bay) to Pukekoe (near kiawe bush).  
Approx. 1.24 miles or 1.1 sq. miles
- **Pu'uhouua Kapua:**  
From South of Okole Bay to Kaupō.  
Approx. 1.2 miles or 0.98 sq. miles
- **Pu'uhouua Manukū:**  
From Manukū Bay North point to Manukū Bay South point.  
Approx. 0.86 miles or 0.37 sq. miles



## Proposed Boundaries

'Ōpelo Traditional Management Zone

- Closed to fishing 'ōpelu during the traditional 'ōpelu kapu o closure time (Feb 1 – August 31 annually)

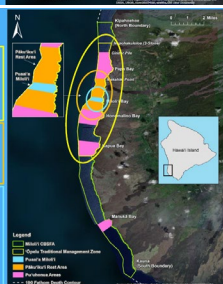
Pāku'iku'i Rest Area

- Rules:
- No harvest of pūku'ila'i (achilles tend: *Acanthurus achilles*)

Puaa'i'a Miloli'i (special zone for keiki to learn to fish)

Miloli'i Lighthouse (North) to Laeloa Point (South)

- Use 3-prong to spearfish non-regulated species
- Use hook and line from shore or vessel
- Use thrownet or scoopnet from shore
- Use lay/gill net
- See existing state rules
- Use speargun or airbollette
- No spearing (with any gear) of:
  - Uluu
  - Pāku/ku'i
  - Weke 'Ūla
  - Moamakai
  - ʻŪ (ʻŪ māmāhā)



**Trustee K. Lindsey** Trustees, any questions or comments?

**Trustee Ahu Isa** I also want to mahalo Kaimi and Laila. I am impressed with all the work you have put into this. Mahalo for your dedication and commitment.

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hearing. This could all end if it doesn't go well in the hearing. So OHA, we should continue supporting them with a resolution. That is what we did on the island of Kaua'i. Thank you.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I want to add, Trustee Ahuna has good experience in Kaua'i with this.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha Kaimi, please send my aloha to your family. Laila, you're 'ohana to Lei Kaupu?

**Laila Kaupu** Yes, that is my tita.

**Trustee Akaka** Oh, please give her my aloha, we are all cousins. Mahalo for all that you folks are doing. I wanted to ask for more information on your lawai'a camp.

**Kaimi Kaupiko** As part of our outreach, we do a fishing camp for the 'ohana every summer for about a week. It teaches the youth about the traditional practices. The goal is to have our lawai'a come and share their knowledge so that they can prepare the next generation. The camp has been happening for ten years. We are very proud of it and it encapsulates what we do as a community. We announce our camp date in the beginning of the spring.

**Trustee Akaka** How does someone qualify to participate in the camp?

**Kaimi Kaupiko** It is open to everybody. We have had people from all over the island, as well as, the outer islands. We try not to limit it but it has been hard with everything going on. We don't have any age limit. We ask if you have little kids that a parent stays so that they can assist in watching their kids.

**Trustee Akaka** In terms of funding, is that all volunteer?

**Kaimi Kaupiko** We have gotten funds from OHA in the past to do the camp. We used it to buy the food in the past. We're always look for funds, but we try to manage with what we have and seek funders.

**Trustee Akaka** Is there any specific ask from OHA besides the resolution?

**Kaimi Kaupiko** Well, the goal is once we get the proposed rules passed, there will be a need for support from the community. We will need to do outreach and compliance and we will need support and funding. I would love to talk more about that to help our position and get everyone on board. To do the monitoring will cost money as well as many other things. In the past, we have done partnering with other agencies and have gotten support that way. When we get to that point, we hopefully can get more support.

**Trustee Akaka** I am think of the signage as well.

**Kaimi Kaupiko** Yes, the bulletin board, we will have comment boxes and do more outreach in the community, that will be critical.

**Trustee Akaka** Have you folks talk story with Shane Palacat-Nelson on these things?

**Kaimi Kaupiko** Yes, I usually will speak to him and he will pass it along to Trustee and the CEO.

**Trustee Akaka** We look forward to hearing more and how we can collaborate. Mahalo.

**Kaimi Kaupiko** Thank you.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** This process is a monster. Congratulations to you folks for pushing this far for your ‘āina. We obviously are at a critical point; scoping, hearings, and the rule making. OHA has always been involved with the CBSFA, so I’ll have my team work with the CEO and the Board Chair for any support that OHA can provide. Maybe if we get the invite, we got to ask Trustee Ahuna to come down south and go to Miloli‘i. Obviously, I am very interested in following the process in this and support in any way that we can. You guys are doing great work. We will stay in touch. Aloha.

### **Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association**

**Mike Hodson** Aloha everybody, aloha Trustees, aloha to the lāhui. What awesome presentations and kuleana from the last three organizations. Mahalo nui to you guys for mālama that kuleana. I first want to thank you, OHA, for reaching out to Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association of Waimea Nui and inquiring how you could assist us, that was affected by the wildfires on July 30th. The immediate response from Trustee Lindsey to help provide us with assistance has been greatly appreciated, both at the shelter with your kind donations and assisting us with the funding for the restoration and consideration of our lāhui. Unless you are familiar with the government process, to include OHA as a State entity, our people are under the impression that the Board of Trustees make the decision and the funding is received immediately. They are unaware that the decision was brought through a very lengthy administrative process before funding is actually released. I would like to add that the process and timeframe at the administrative level needs to be shared with our beneficiaries to avoid misunderstandings for it is nowhere close to being immediate. This is really rare for me to speak outside of the Waimea Nui lāhui. I will share tonight just a small piece of who we are. We are a vibrant Native Hawaiian ahupua‘a, 7000 kānaka. Over the past ten years, we have built our capacity to bettering the living conditions of our people. We have made great strides in providing benefits and services to our kānaka in divisional areas of healthcare, kipuka o ke ola, agriculture farming for the working class, burial and historic preservation, and cultural education with hula dramas of our history presented throughout the State, and you’ve watched them in New York at Runway Seven for fashion week. Our public safety, our community development through the Waimea Nui community development initiative of our hundred sixty one acres of homestead community lands, homestead services, and public relations to include our ‘umeke ‘ai in its sixty ninth week of feeding over 350 families. Finally, our individual solar energy community project. We continue our efforts with the build out of our engine division and we have over 50 divisional board members, nine-member homestead Executive Board, nine member Waimea Nui counsel, and a seven member ahupua‘a with a membership of over 500 adults. This is just a brief introduction of who we are in Waimea Homestead in Waimea Nui.

As to the recent fires devastating our ranch lands and losing three homes, I want you to know that it is the resiliency of our homestead community that has worked diligently towards our recovery. That makes us who we are, a true ahupua‘a working together. Thank you to the kānaka, from throughout the state, that took immediate action to come to our aid and fight the fire with us. The number of kānaka outside of our ahupua‘a was extreme, actually too much to count. Once again, mahalo to the kānaka from all over our Moku o Keawe for kokua-ing us. To our ranchers living out this devastation, our homestead ranchers are vulnerable out in the open plains, at Pu‘ukapu. As we build up our ranching division to provide resources and the technical assistance to make the 250 homestead ranchers vibrant and successful, utilizing every potential resource available to us, we’ll build a ranching community that will be stronger than ever before.

As to government agencies arguing jurisdiction and responsibility on homestead lands as to who should be helping in this emergency fire situation, that reaction delayed their emergency response by a day and half and caused three homes to burn down. It is evident that we, the kānaka of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act trust lands set up by our Prince, are still the evil step child in the State that they truly wish we would go away. It has become more evident. We will not go away, we will not forgo our sovereignty, we expect that continuation of repression by our government agencies that make it so difficult for us to imua but through it all, the Kīpu‘upu‘u warriors of Waimea Nui have emerged, have been gathering, and have been preparing for our future.

As to our Waimea Nui kānaka, we are led by our kūpuna people now, we are led by our ancestors, we are led by the kānaka who understand kuleana. It is more than just responsibility, it is the ability to take one's talent gifted to them and using it for the betterment of the whole ahupua‘a. Waimea Nui ahupua‘a has very talented kānaka. The understanding of kuleana is growing and it is very exciting to see. We imua even though we get resistance from just a few of our own, even with others that nīele and maha‘oi in our ‘ahupua‘a. The indoctrination as american citizens will have a long lasting affect on the way we think, the way we do things, and the way we see other kānaka. In closing, let us kānaka not forget who we are. We are kānaka first and sovereign to our kingdom. It's been over 120 years of continuous repression and indoctrination, we need to stop waiting for a knight in shining armor to come to our rescue because we don't need to be rescued. We need to remember the ways of our kūpuna and step up to the plate and take kuleana for the betterment of our people, one ahupua‘a at a time. Stop fighting within ourselves, support all things Hawaiian, take kuleana in your ahupua‘a. It is then, we will thrive as a people. We, the kānaka of Waimea Nui, are not waiting. We understand what we need to do, we are putting action to our words. I say this to our kānaka, you can, we can rise up. The warrior within you, pick up your kuleana and imua o Hawai‘i nei. Aloha no.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Mahalo Mike. Trustees any questions or comments?

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I want to say mahalo Mike, I know what you do for the Waimea Community. Mahalo nui for your leadership. They are fortunate to have that in Waimea. I know how the Waimea people are, they are resilient. I know because I was raised there. Mahalo.

**Trustee Akaka** Mahalo to Uncle Mike, Trustee Lindsey, Ka Pouhana, and all the staff that worked so diligently on all of this. Mahalo.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Mike, can you speak a bit more about your agriculture and ranching divisions? Maybe some of the challenges you are facing and some of the initiatives you are trying to push forward?

**Mike Hodson** Under the Abercrombie Administration, we were able to secure a 3.5M CIP. The way they mapped it out for us didn't come to realization. By the time the money was available, I believe the Abercrombie Administration left and we were with the Ige Administration. When he went to the Department of Ag., they decided to spend the money by putting in a road on our community lands and a couple of water tanks so, the money meant for the Ag. park was never spent on the Ag. park. We had no say in the matter because it was in the State Ag. Division's budget. They basically kicked us off our land and said they would execute the fundings the way they see fit. Recently, we got an 800,000K grant in aid to put in a water infrastructure for safe drinking water on our community lands, 1.2 miles long. We are in the construction stage right now. We will be stretched really thin and we're hoping that we can squeeze through with the many volunteers in our homestead to make this a reality and finalize the water line and gravel road. This will allow us to process establishing our community as part of 30 acres build out for our comprehensive Native Hawaiian Clinic. First and most of all, establishing our homestead cemetery. There is no place to bury in



Waimea so that was a number one priority given to us by our community, that is where we are at with our Ag. Our farmer's market is starting to grow again. We created our 'umeke 'ai program of Native Hawaiian foods with fresh vegetables, fruits, 'uala , poi, fish, kālua pig, smoked meat, hamburger, laulau, and variety of things that we provide for 350 families. We've done this for 69 weeks now, it is a labor of love for our people. My attitude is kind of pohō, build one health center to take care of our Hawaiians and they're not eating the right food. If we can change the mindset to have our kānaka eating the right foods for our DNA, then maybe we can prevent some of the ailments that our people go through. As we all know, we are the highest in every category.

The ranching division is kind of forgotten but this fire brought to life the need. More than 80% of our homestead lands in Waimea Nui, nearly 30,000 acres, is ranch lands. We had over 250 lessees that occupied ranch lands. We created our ranching division, our ranching board, experience ranchers, five generational ranching chairman providing goals and objectives and create a resilient ranching community. We're excited about that. We're on a campaign right now for funding. We're working with FSA and the NRCS federal programs that require an upfront cost. For example, in fencing a 20-acre ranch lot, we would need to front about \$20-25K cost to fence the property according to the FSA specs. Then through the reimbursement process, they would reimburse anywhere up to 75%-95%. We realize that through this process of learning, the reason why many of our ranchers are not in the program is because they do not have the financial means to front that kind of money. It's a long process of understanding, researching, educating, and then coming up with a solution. I think our ranching division came up with a great solution to create a self help, similar to a co-op ranch division, that would provide the fencing and the labor to front our homestead lessees; and upon them being reimbursed, then they come back and pay for the material after the fact. So, that is kind of our goal right now is to build a fund to get that program started. We are looking between \$3-400,000K to get the program running. It sounds like a lot of money but in this fire, we lost 300,000 feet of fence line in the fire. We know that if we can go outside of the State into maybe to the manufacturer and buy in large quantities of fencing, we can reduce the costs which will also reduce the cost to our lessees. There's a program that we're working on that we're developing. We're working on establishing a business plan to make this a reality, but that's kind of the ongoing things in the ranch division that we're working on at the present time.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Mahalo Mike.

**Trustee Akaka** With mention to the 'umeke 'ai, I just wanted to say my 'ohana truly enjoys driving on Saturday to pick it up. All the vegetables, the meats, the variety, it's like a pandora's box every week. They very much enjoy it and I enjoy it when they bring it over to 'Oahu to share with us here.

**Mike Hodson** We enjoy seeing them every week.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** Mike, listening to you, we know there is great work going on there. Whatever challenges come up, you folks are pushing through it and finding a way to succeed. Thank you for everything you've been doing. The board has an action on our meeting agenda tomorrow regarding the Pu'ukapu fires. Hopefully, we can take the next step and finalize the contract. I know our Administration is working very hard on that. We will stay in touch. We look forward to hearing about the great work you folks are doing.

**Mike Hodson** Mahalo Trustees. Aloha Brendon and Aunty Hulu. Mahalo nui.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** That concludes our community presentations, we know that was only a fraction of all the great work going on around our island. I hope in future meetings we have other presentations about the

other issues going on around our island. We will now move on to our community concerns portion of the agenda.

### **Community Concerns**

**Susie Osborne** Aloha honorable Trustees, ‘o Susie Osborne ko‘u inoa. I am the co-founder of Kua O Ka Lā Charter Schools, now located in Pana‘ewa, Hilo. We also have a second preschool located in Puna and of course, our Hīpu‘u Academy in Miloli‘i. I am here tonight representing Kua O Ka Lā and all of the Hawaiian-focused charter schools to simply express our profound gratitude to you for your continued support of our Hawaiian-focused charter schools. This support is essential to our continued operations as sadly, our Charter and equities continue 20 years later, for example, we still receive no funding for facilities. That’s a challenge, we can tell you that. Really, I am here to say mahalo, mahalo, mahalo, and as always, extend an invitation to our new campus at the Nani Mau Gardens. Many of you know we lost our campus to the Kīlauea eruption, but the phoenix has risen from the ashes, we persevere with grace and aloha. So, we just want to extend an invitation to you and to say mahalo.

**Terri Shibuya** Aloha honorable Trustees, mahalo nui for allowing me this opportunity to speak on behalf of our Ka‘ū community and Hana Laulima Lāhui O Ka‘ū. I will be giving an update on where we are with Hana Laulima. I reinstated our 501c3. We have a board now and we continue to fulfill our mission. Hana Laulima Lāhui O Ka‘ū is a nonprofit 501c3 organization. Hana Laulima is to support the development of a new economic base for districts in Ka‘ū. We are presenting a Ka‘ū Hawaiian cultural center.

*Terri’s husband speaks:* I’m losing my voice. What she mentioned, the cultural center will consist of a different multi-purpose rooms, an open stage, a botanical garden, and so on. The idea is to promote some kind of economic stimulus for Ka‘ū. We’re rural, left in the dark, and we are trying to move forward.

With COVID, Hana Laulima was in the front line. We were passing out food, partnering with HCOC, Kamehameha Schools, and Hope Services for the past nine months. We also partnered with the churches passing out food from Pāhala to Ocean View. We continue our Kāhea Maka‘āina program, educational cultural integrated with sustainability programs. With what little we have, we continue to strive and we work together. Mahalo to the kūpuna, the community, and the families. This is something that is needed here in Ka‘ū. Everyone says it will be hard. My dad said it is going to get harder. You have to get something together for the keiki, the next generation. We want to continue to help Ka‘ū and build this Hawaiian Cultural Center. We want to help small businesses, educate, and perpetuate. Everybody would be a part of this and we would be the hub. We are losing our Hawaiians and we need invest in our keiki, teach them and mālama them. I ask that we continue to work together and let us know what we need to do and what is the process. Working with Senator Drew Kanuha, we have grant writers, and we are ready to go and move forward. Mahalo nui to all the trustees. I know you folks have so much kuleana, but thank you for giving us this opportunity on presenting our Ka‘ū cultural center. I will continue to work on fulfilling this dream for our keiki and their future. Imua Ka‘u, we will continue to move forward. A hui hou, mālama pono, be safe.

**Mililani Trask** Aloha Chair and Trustees, tonight I am coming before you as a member of the Kūpuna Advisory Board of Wai Wela Wela, our Big Island nonprofit, that has come together for the very purpose of protecting and preserving the sacred wahi pana of Kumukahi and the many traditional burials of ‘iwi kūpuna that have been placed there over the years. I wanted to thank OHA for the very strong pointed and accurate letters that you sent in behalf of Kumukahi ‘ohana in 2020 and 2021. You didn't get a response, no one has since the university took these lands in 1988, but your two letters prompted President Lassner to finally hire someone to do a burial treatment plan. It is ASM from Hilo, the same group that did the work for the Maui

sand dunes and the hotel issue. We will be sending a letter to DLNR, President Lassner, and all the Board of Regents in the coming week, calling them to have a zoom meeting with us so that we can move forward. A burial treatment plan is a component of a preservation plan. The University has no intent on doing a preservation plan, like your letters to force them to do the burial treatment plan. We are seeking a role for stewardship and co-management, we're not trying to take the 58 acres. Our board is comprised primarily of lineal descendants of this area and of the whole lands beyond which is known as Cape Kumukahi. The maps just show the promontory as being the point of Kumukahi, but really it is the whole of that area. We are working with the University, but we have not been able to get a response. We have worked for five months with Bob Matsuda of DLNR, the SHOPO's office, SHPD office online, Sean Naleimaile, our burial council, and also with the city and county of the Big Island. The FEMA money will come through for opening the road for tourism and others to visit. The road comes all the way to Kumukahi and ends there. We're briefing you at this time to let you know that we decided we will not only talk with Mr. Lassner, we will begin discussions with Chancellor Erwin on the Big Island and the full Board of Regents as well. Along with that, we will have your letters as attachments and the PowerPoint that we put together at the community level so people will know who we are. I am not a lineal descendant, but I have practiced the sunrise there for 40 years when I went years ago with my kumu, Aunty Pua Kanaka'ole and many others. I want to thank OHA for those letters. We have not come to you for financial support, we have not received any money, and we operate on a small grant from the Indian sisters under the Spirit Align program. We want thank Ka Pouhana, Sylvia. Whenever there is a request or need for information data, she always responds promptly to us. And the boys in the basement, we know are doing work for our community, and that is Kai Markell and a lot of work from Kamakana Ferreira. We will keep you posted, look for our letter. The University is unresponsive, but we will not take silence when it comes to the commitment that we have to the protection of wahi pana and 'iwi kūpuna. Thank you so much for putting that commitment towards 'iwi kūpuna right in our master plan. You folks take care, be healthy and safe. When some type of access opens to Kumukahi, I hope the Trustees will come. It is a sacred place, only one of its kind, and the 'iwi kūpuna rest there and guard that place. Mahalo and aloha.

**Trustee K. Lindsey** That was our last speaker. Thank you to our Board Chair for giving me the honor of running tonight's meeting. I will give it back to you Chair Hulu.

### **Announcements**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We have our Board meeting tomorrow morning, centralized on Hawai'i Island. It will start at 10:00 am.

### **Adjournment**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

**Trustee Akaka** Moves to adjourn.

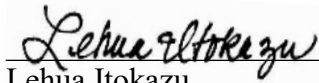
**Trustee Ahu Isa** Seconds the motion.

| Adjournment |         |   |   |              |               |                      |         |
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| BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA      | LEE     |   |  | X        |  |  |  |
| KEOLA                   | LINDSEY |   |  | X        |  |  |  |
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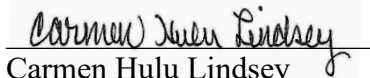
**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Hawaii Community Assets - PowerPoint
2. Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club - PowerPoint
3. Kalanihale - PowerPoint



*Building Foundations for Future Generations*



*We Don't Say No, We Say How*

# Hale Keaukaha

- Nation's first native Financial Opportunity Center established in 2017
- Employees 4 Native Hawaiian residents
- Serves Native Hawaiians with free financial counseling, income supports, and career coaching
- Has provided Ka Wailele grants and loans to Native Hawaiians on Hawaii Island during COVID and in response to the Kilauea Eruptions





# OHA Funding Puts 'Ohana In Homes Since 2011

**30**

rentals obtained

**11**

rental evictions prevented

**54**

homes purchased

**7**

foreclosures stopped

HAWAIIAN  
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Building Foundations for Future Generations  
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# Our Model is Simple

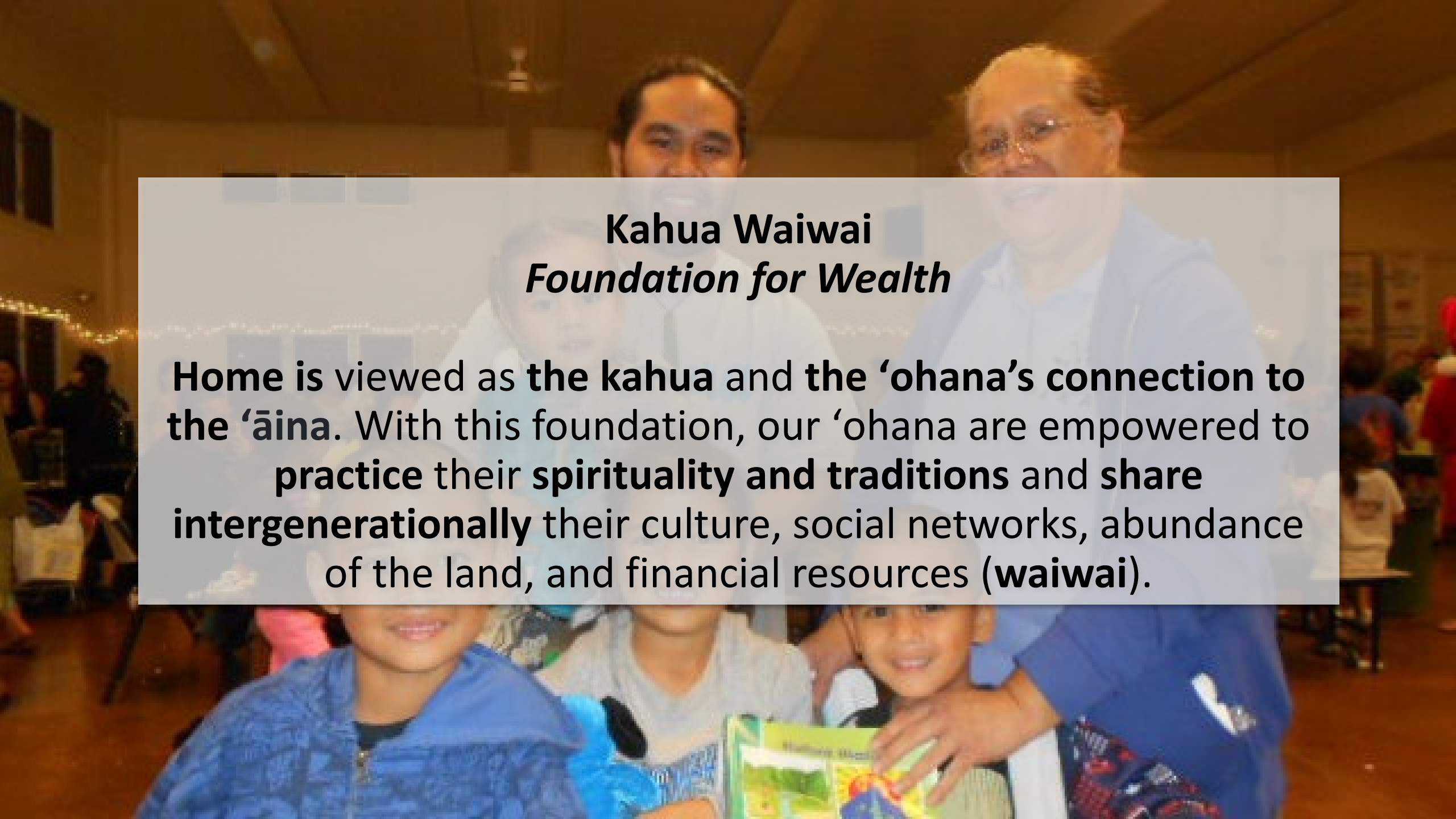
Education



Credit & Capital




Home



## **Kahua Waiwai** *Foundation for Wealth*

**Home is viewed as the kahua and the ‘ohana’s connection to the ‘āina. With this foundation, our ‘ohana are empowered to practice their spirituality and traditions and share intergenerationally their culture, social networks, abundance of the land, and financial resources (waiwai).**



## 2018-20: Center Pivots to Address Kilauea + COVID





## HELP Partial Owner-Builder Pilot

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Home Locations:                   | Puna and Kau, Hawaii Island                 |
| Number of Units:                  | 4 single family homes built and 1 purchased |
| Home Features:                    | 1- and 2-bedroom – 1 bath - carport         |
| Average Square Footage:           | 736 square feet                             |
| Average Home Cost:                | \$128,114 (\$174 per square foot)           |
| Average Monthly HCL Loan Payment: | \$365                                       |

## Capital Profile

| Total Home Building Costs |  | Per Unit Average |                      |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|
| \$140,000                 | Land (including 1 home purchase)               | \$28,000         | Land                 |
| \$224,195                 | Labor (including owner-builder labor)          | \$44,839         | Labor                |
| \$255,600                 | Materials                                      | \$51,120         | Materials            |
| \$20,775                  | Technical Assistance (counseling + operations) | \$4,155          | Technical Assistance |
| <b>\$640,570</b>          | <b>Total Overall Costs</b>                     | <b>\$128,114</b> | <b>Per Unit Cost</b> |

## Source of Funds

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| \$68,000         | FEMA   |
| \$20,000         | SBA  |
| \$128,500        | Loans from family                              |
| \$41,860         | Family savings                                 |
| \$172,318        | Loans from HCL (unsecured, 2-4%, 10-year term) |
| \$3,000          | Grants to families from Kilauea Hui            |
| \$81,050         | Grants to HCA/HCL operations                   |
| \$2,200          | Interest earned on HCL loans for operations    |
| <b>\$733,678</b> | <b>Total Source of Funds</b>                   |

## Family Profile

|                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of Families:        | 5 families                        |
| Average Family Income:     | <\$60,000 (80% AMI)               |
| Average Family Size:       | 2.2                               |
| Total # of Family Members: | 11 adults and children in 5 homes |



# Hawaii County Rent & Mortgage Assistance Programs

734

Native Hawaiian 'ohana stably housed during COVID-19



# OHA Grant 2019-2021

- 223 Native Hawaiians completed financial counseling
- 34% Native Hawaiians increased their financial capacity to rent or own homes
- 54 Native Hawaiian children and adults in homes





# Needs We See Now

- 500+ Native Hawaiians working with HCA Hawaii Island Financial Opportunity Center to become financially ready to rent or own a home
- Island homes being purchased cash and rented at high amounts
- We need the affordable homes for our 'ohana to move into.







399 NAHALE'A  
AVENUE

**APPLICATION FOR  
CONSOLIDATION/RE-SUBDIVISION**

**REQUEST: SUBDIVISION OF LOT 35-A INTO LOT  
35-A-1 AND LOT 35-A-2 KUHIO SETTLEMENT  
LOTS, KEAUKAHA TRACT NO. 1 WAIKAE,  
SOUTH HILO, ISLAND OF HAWAII, HAWAII**

TWO (2)





# Protecting Pololū

Ka hana a ke Kauhale

# ‘Ohana of Pololū and Background

## Who we are.

We are lineal descendants of this wahi pana and residents of the surrounding areas in Makanikahio, Niuli ‘i, Makapala, and Halāula. We have kuleana to this area.

## What's the issue?

Pololū is plagued by overtourism, poor management at its entrance, and the threat of overdevelopment. Pololū is also one of the most dangerous areas on the island that is inaccessible by car.



# Pololū Timeline

- Discussions about the problems at Pololū ongoing, solutions not reached
- Talk of Parking Lot emerges, Public minimally engaged by government agencies and other stakeholders
- BLNR Meeting 12/11/2020: Division of Forestry and Wildlife requests approval to apply as co-applicant with Surety Kohala Corporation for PCRS application.
  - Surety would “donate” land to the to the State for a parking lot in exchange for approval to subdivide agriculturally-zoned land in Makanikahio, which is mauka of Pololū
- Community responds with petition to stop exchange and voice concerns over proposed parking lot
- Kohala High School students mobilize
- Lineal descendants try to work with Surety Kohala Corporation to preserve land and prevent subdivision.







## Kauhale action

- Organized community and volunteer-based cleanups at the lookout, on the trail, and on the valley floor
- Maintenance of the trailhead
- Creating and posting 'āina-based signs, requesting public's respect of wahi pana
- Community events, including a lineal descendant's initiative to string a single Lei Lā'ī to separate public access from private areas
- Community action meetings
- Problem-Solution Development
- Building broader community partnerships with local organizations
- Youth involvement and civic engagement.





# Solution-Driven Response

- Pilot Pololū Trail Steward Program funded by the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority in collaboration with KUPU, Nā Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, and the Protect Pololū ‘Ohana
- Community-based leadership and management of the area
- Making sightseeing digitally accessible to those who cannot make the trek
- Working toward responsible change that is appropriate to the number of people who can reasonably visit the valley
- Envisioning the future of all valleys along the Kohala Hāmākua Coast as a cultural heritage corridor.

# Resources

Stewardship Pilot Program:

<https://www.hawaii tourism authority.org/news/news-releases/2021/hawaii-tourism-authority-supports-program-to-mitigate-visitor-impacts-at-pololu-valley-on-hawaii-island/> (Hawai‘i Tourism Authority Press Release)

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/hawaii-tourism-authority-funds-pilot-program-to-mitigate-visitor-impacts-at-pololu-valley/>

Media coverage of the parking lot:

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/historic-hawaii-valley-site-of-controversial-parking-lot-residential-subdivision-proposal/>

Rescues, deaths in Pololū

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/nine-hikers-rescued-in-pololou-valley/>

<https://www.hawaii tribune-herald.com/2021/05/20/hawaii-news/injured-hiker-rescued-from-pololu-valley/>

<https://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2018/12/04/two-hikers-rescued-from-pololu-valley-cliff/>

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2017/01/how-a-big-island-family-s-tragedy-is-saving-lives-today/>

<https://www.kohalamountainnews.com/assets/files/2013-06.pdf>

Community Events

<https://kohalamountainnews.com/assets/files/2021-08.pdf> (Trailhead cleanup, Page 4)

<https://kohalamountainnews.com/assets/files/2021-05.pdf> (E Lei ‘O Pololū, Page 1)

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# Miloli'i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area Management Plan

September 15, 2021



# Overview

Review Frequently Asked Questions

Miloli'i Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Feedback & Comments from people

Stewardship Efforts

Proposed Boundaries & Rules

Chapter 91 process

What's Next

How To Support

# What is a CBSFA?

“(a) The department of land and natural resources may designate community-based subsistence fishing areas and carry out fishery management strategies for such areas, through administrative rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91, for the purpose of reaffirming and protecting fishing practices customarily and traditionally exercised for purposes of native Hawaiian subsistence, culture, and religion.” CBSFA Statute - Act 271 - HRS § 188-22.6 (1994)



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Why is a CBSFA being proposed?
- Why do we need a CBSFA?
- Who is behind the Management Plan & proposal
- Will the area be kapu to all fishing? No
- Do these rules exclude people from fishing? No
- What information & science informs these rules?
- How will this area be enforced?
- Is this CBSFA a done deal?
- How was the site selected?
- How were the species selected?



# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

## Obj 1. Secure Quality Fishing

Ensure that residents and visitors to Miloli'i have excellent fishing and abundant stocks

### Activities:

- Document traditional approaches used to maintain abundance
- Develop a set of pono practices that reflect Hawaiian values of mālama 'āina
- Share pono practices during Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp, Mōhala Nā Konohiki, other events
- Integrate pono practices through Makai Watch outreach





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

## Obj 2. Perpetuate Traditional & Customary Fishing Practices

Families and residents learn and continue fishing practices and have abundant catch now for generations to come.

### Activities:

- Host annual Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp
- Promote other opportunities to learn about fishing through the year during events (fishing tournaments, celebrations, Lā 'Ohana)
- Promote traditional 'ōpelu fishing and implement training and education programs
- Share konohiki based observation and monitoring principles and practices with families and youth





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

## Obj 3. Conduct Education & Outreach

Residents and visitors learn about fishing practices, rules & reasons for them.

### Activities:

- Place signage to raise awareness of the regulations, pono practices & key features of the CBSFA
- Conduct media announcements when the management plans and regulations are approved
- Hold individual consultations and talk stories with community and visitors to help share information
- Provide educational materials about the importance of the CBSFA and its rules
- Host an annual community meeting to seek community input on the progress
- Share fish sustainably harvested in the CBSFA (periodic distribution to kūpuna, 'ohana)





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 4. Implement Integrated monitoring  
Biological & traditional Hawaiian (konohiki)  
monitoring provides an on-going understanding  
of the abundance and condition of the resources.

## Activities:

- Conduct community based biological monitoring (coral, fish, invertebrates)
- Continue konohiki and traditional Hawaiian observations through the Mōhala Nā Konohiki program
- Work with DAR or other researchers on developing scientific monitoring of the CBSFA area
- Finalize a guiding principles for researchers to follow
- Develop a community-based research plan and prioritize key research needs





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

## Obj 5. Creation of Rules

Community-based subsistence rules are implemented that incorporate community testimony, best available scientific guidance to reduce threats to priority species.

### Activities:

- Provide outreach and awareness on the draft rules
- Review and adapt proposed rules based on feedback from community and stakeholders
- Support DLNR-DAR to translate proposed rules into official language
- Work with DLNR-DAR during the Ch 91 process to clarify information





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

## Obj 6. Voluntary compliance

Residents and visitors willingly comply with rules with fewer violations as a result of strong outreach.

### Activities:

- Take proactive steps to encourage compliance and prevent violations before they happen
- Implement Makai Watch Program
- Track violation as part of Makai Watch Program





# Marine Management Plan Goals & Activities

Obj 7. Address land-based sources of pollution

Understand and address land-based sources of pollution that are impacting the nearshore marine environment.

Activities:

- Conduct studies for land-based sewage effluent and other sources of pollution
- Develop strategy and work with County and State to address land-based sewage and other pollutants
- Work with government and private sector to help with transition of cesspools to septic systems



# Feedback & Questions

## Mahalo & Support Comments

- The plan Thank you Lei & Ka'imi for sticking with our children and community. Mahalo, mahalo, mahalo very much. Keep up the good work.
- Thank you for protecting this place.
- Really needed! South Kona shows the greatest declines in shallow water resource fish in the last decade compared to other regions.
- We need to protect this valuable fishery that has been in my family for generations
- I support this community in their efforts to mālama I ke kai. They are the stewards of their area and through observations over generations.
- I think this is a great idea and this project has by support.



# Feedback & Questions (continued)

## Management Plan:

- How often will this plan be looked at and possibly revised?
- How can we allow only lineal dependents and property owners in adjacent subdivision to fish within the CBSFA? Similar to the Kalapana family restrictions.
- Who will develop the monitoring plan?
  - Will it be developed and implemented by the community?
  - How will data be shared between the community and scientists who might be involved in the monitoring and assessment?

## Enforcement:

- I would hope that this management is facilitated in part by the Hawaiian residence of Miloli'i. Also, that these rules have structured timelines that can be re-evaluated accordingly.
- Will the community have enforcement capabilities?

# Feedback & Questions (continued)

## Suggestions:

- The plan looks good and is badly needed. The only suggestion is to include the north end of Okoe Bay with Kapua Bay as a single pu'uhonua. Okoe Bay is a critically important coral habitat that is depleted in herbivore fish. Otherwise, I fully support this plan.
- The boat ramp is not maintained by the state and users are not required to pay a fee to use area.
- Incorporate 'ike kūpuna, Hawaiian Newspaper, interviews into MMP
- Wanted to see mauka/makai connectivity & how it impacts ocean resources

## Rules:

- I don't agree with the 12 in size limit on 'ōpelu
- Pu'uhonua restrictions are confusing, would rather see a rest for everything
- What is the rationale for 5 pāku'iku'i/ per person/ per day?



# Timeline of Miloli'i Community Stewardship Efforts

1980-2000

- 1980 Miloli'i Master Plan created
- Pa'a Pono started
- 1984 Act 62 allowed 'ohana to develop in village
- 1994 HRS §188-22.6 to designate CBSFA
- Feasibility study and interviews conducted

2000-2015

- Makai Watch Trainings
- Marine Monitoring w/ TNC
- 2003 Managing Better Together (E Alu Pū)
- Oral history fishing traditions w/ kūpuna
- 2005 Leg passed Act 232 to establish the Miloli'i CBSFA
- 2008 DLNR holds initial scoping meetings
- 2011 First Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp
- 'Ōpelu Project
- 2013 Construction started on Community Center

2015

- Interviews with 'ohana & fishers about threats & solutions & status of the resources
- Overwhelming amount said they want better management

2016

- Started Management planning process for CBSFA
- Biological Monitoring (fish, coral, intertidal)
- Community discussions
- Fisher outreach
- 1st annual Lā 'Ohana – community wellness event

2017

- Focused meetings to discuss Management plan and CBSFA rules
- Biological monitoring (fish, coral, intertidal)

2018

- Mohala Nā Konohiki workshops with Uncle Mac & CI
- Biological Monitoring (fish, coral, intertidal)

2019 - present

- Submitted CBSFA Letter of Inquiry to DAR
- Mohala Nā Konohiki workshops & continued monitoring
- Community meetings and outreach with stakeholders
- Makai Watch Trainings
- Biological monitoring (fish, coral)
- 11 years of Lawai'a 'Ohana Camps



# Proposed Boundaries

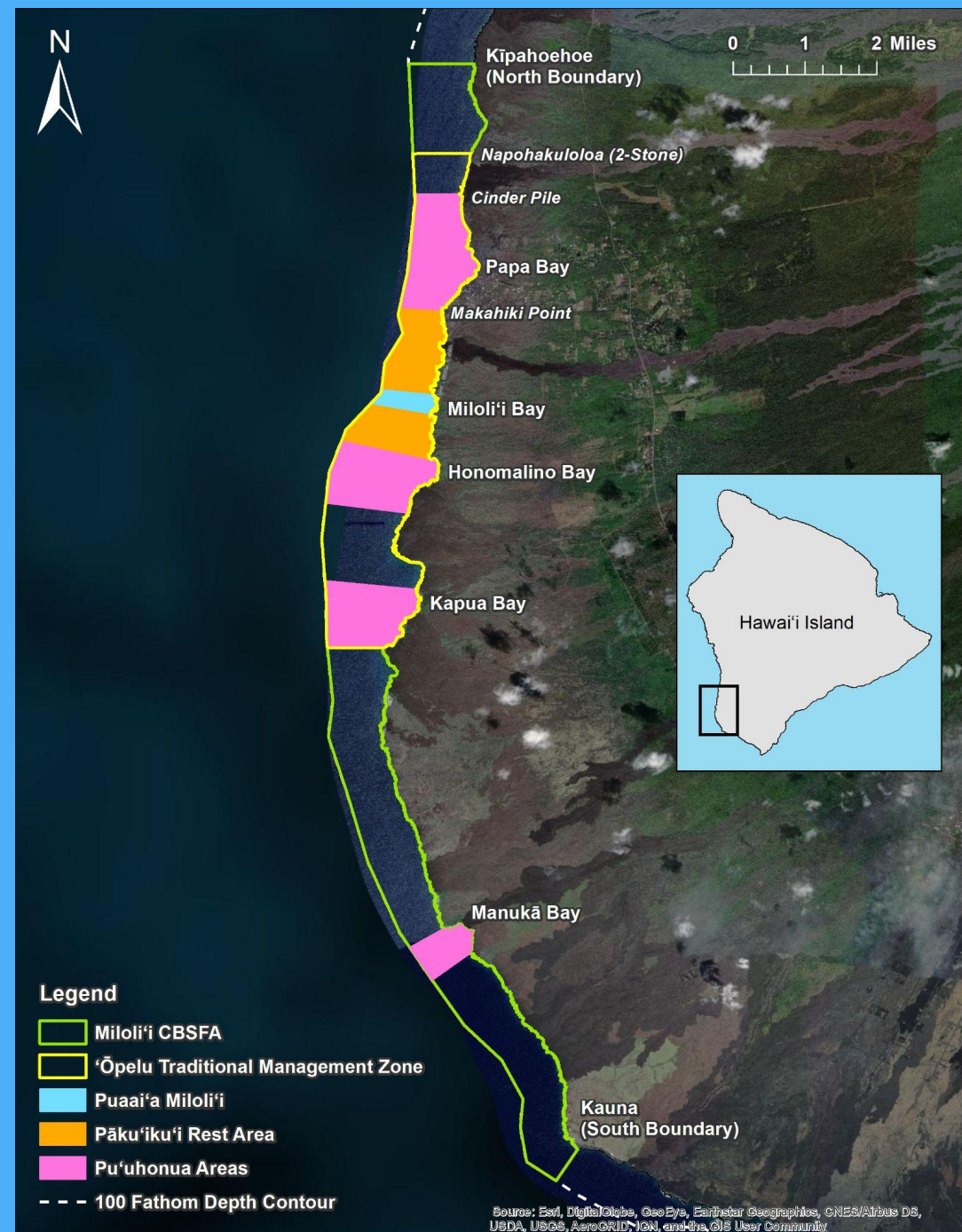
Entire CBSFA - Kīpahoe to Kaunā  
(18.6 miles) to a depth of 100 fathoms

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All fishing access will remain open in the entire area.  
Different gear restrictions and seasonal rules will help  
ensure stocks are abundant for this and future  
generations.

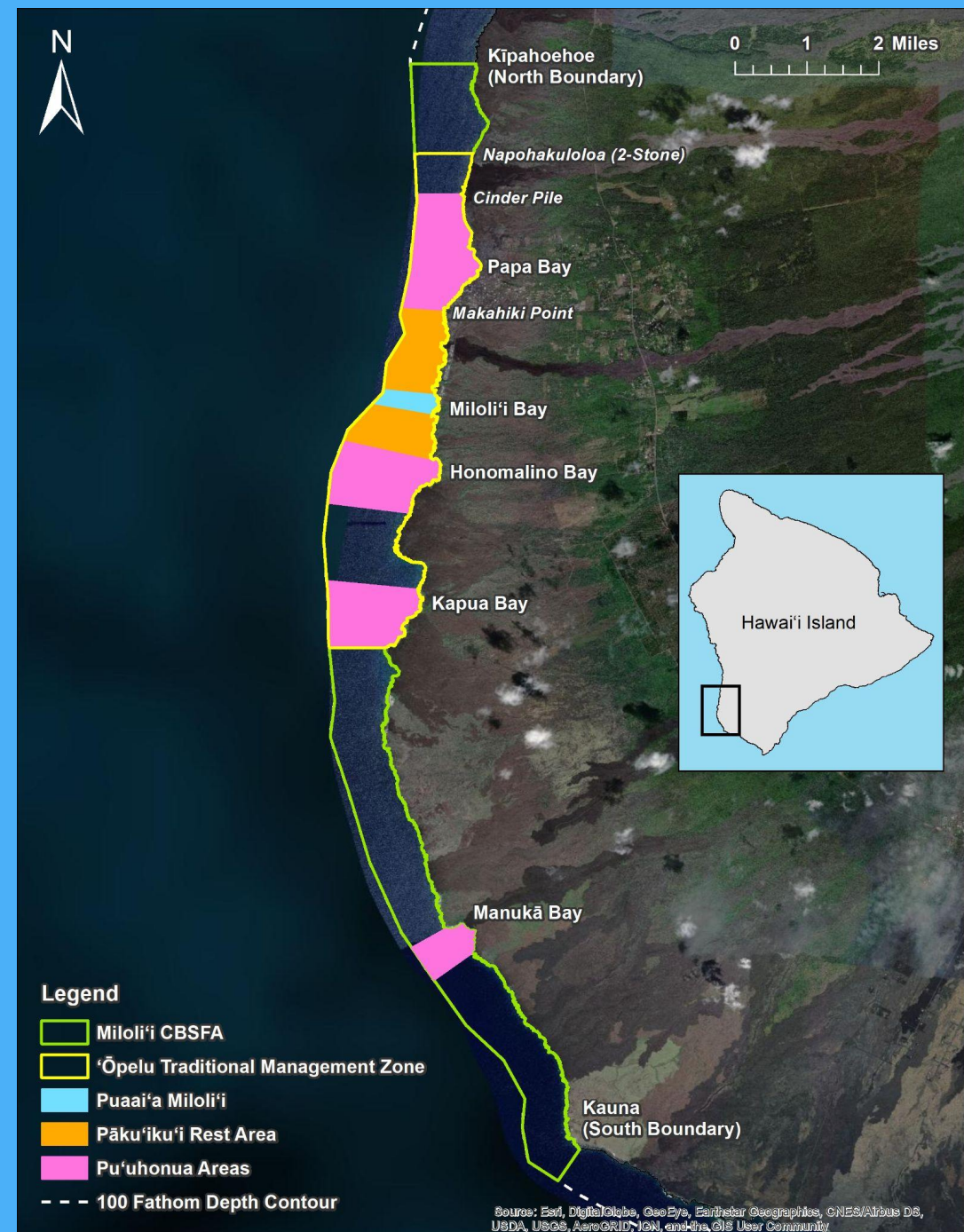
## WHY THESE AREAS?

- We want to replenish these areas for this and future generations.
- These are good grounds for our coral and fish resources.
- Pu'uhonua are distributed along coast to replenish multiple areas.
- Open fishing areas support fishers to harvest sustainably.



# Proposed Boundaries

- Pu'uhonua Papa:  
From Cinder Pile in Papa Bay to Makahiki Pt.  
Approx. 1.95 miles or 1.19 sq. miles
- Pu'uhonua Honomalino:  
From Honomalino (North side of bay) to  
Pukeokeo (near kiawe bush).  
Approx. 1.24 miles or 1.1 sq. miles
- Pu'uhonua Kapua:  
From South of Okoe Bay to Kaupō.  
Approx. 1.2 miles or 0.98 sq. miles
- Pu'uhonua Manukā:  
From Manukā Bay North point to Manukā  
Bay South point.  
Approx. 0.86 miles or 0.37 sq. miles





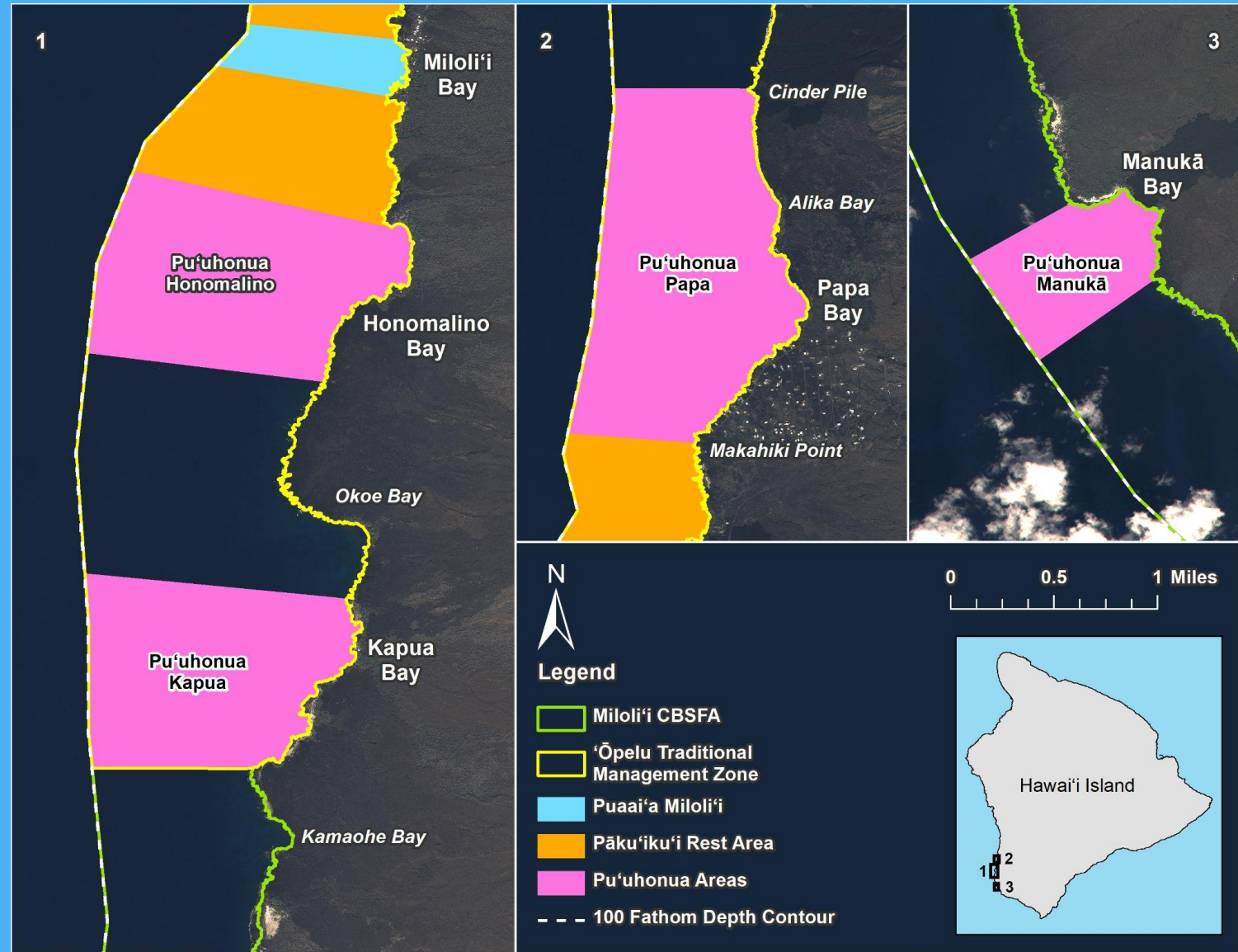
# Proposed Boundaries

In these Pu'uhonua, the following will be ALLOWED:

- Fish with throw net and scoop nets from shore,
- Fish with hook and line from shore or from a vessel
- Fish with 3-prong

In these areas, the following will NOT BE ALLOWED:

- No harvest of 'opihi of all 3 species.
- No use of fishing gear other than throw net and scoop net from shore and hook and line from shore or from a vessel (so important to remember: no fishing using speargun or arbollet and no use of gill or cross net)





# Proposed Boundaries

## ‘Ōpelu Traditional Management Zone

Napohakuloloa 2-stone (North) to Kapua Point (South)

### Rules:

- Closed to fishing ‘ōpelu during the traditional ‘ōpelu kapu or closure time (Feb 1 – August 31 annually)

## Pāku‘iku‘i Rest Area

Makahiki Point (North) to Honomalino Point (South)

### Rules:

- No harvest of pāku‘iku‘i (achilles tang: *Acanthurus achilles*)

## Puaai‘a Miloli‘i (special zone for keiki to learn to fish)

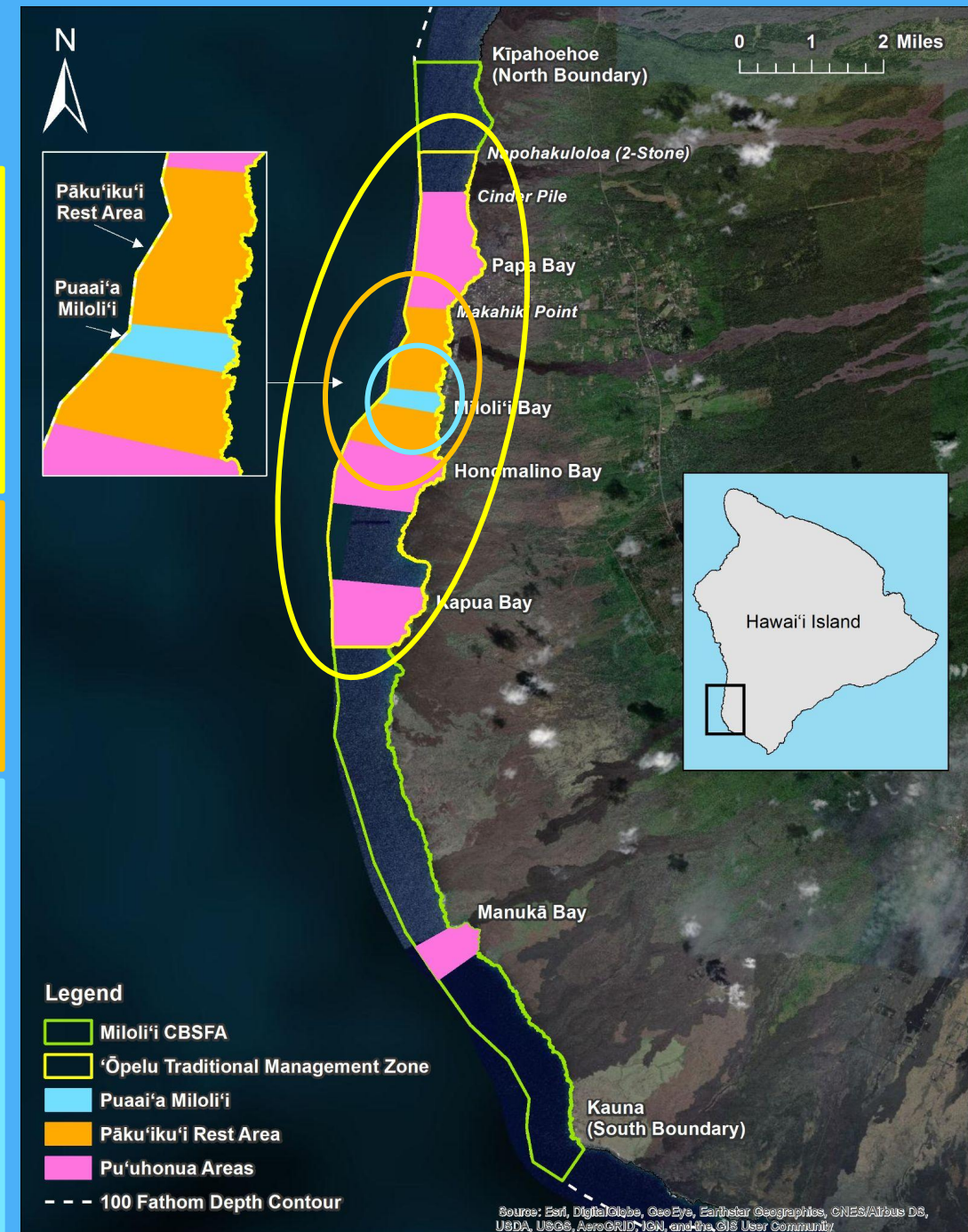
Miloli‘i Lighthouse (North) to Laeloa Point (South)

### Can:

- Use 3-prong to spearfish non-regulated species
- Use hook and line from shore or vessel
- Use thrownet or scoopnet from shore
- Use lay/gill net
- See existing state rules








### Cannot:

- Use speargun or arbollete
- No spearing (with any gear) of:
  - Uhu
  - Pāku‘iku‘i
  - Weke ‘Ula
  - Moanakali
  - Ū‘ū (menpachi)








# Proposed Species Rules

\*existing State regulations continue to apply

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|   | <p>Pāku'iku'i<br/>achilles tang<br/>(<i>Acanthurus achilles</i>)</p>  | <p>1.Limit of 5 fish per day per person<br/>2.At least 5 inches (FL)<br/>3.Prohibited from taking in the Pāku'iku'i Rest Area from Makahiki Point to Honomalino Point</p> |
|   | <p>Kole<br/>(<i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>)</p>   | <p>1.Limit of 20 fish per day per person<br/>2.At least 5 inches (FL)<br/>3.No harvesting during spawning season (March 1 – June 30)</p>                                  |
|   | <p>'Ōpelu<br/>mackerel scad<br/>(<i>Decapterus macarellus</i>)</p>  | <p>1.Prohibited from taking in the 'Ōpelu Traditional Management Zone from 2-stone to Kapua during spawning season (February 1 – August 31)</p>                           |
| <div><div><p>uliuli</p></div><div><p>'ahu'ula</p></div></div> <div><div><p>'ele'ele</p></div><div><p>palukaluka</p></div></div> | <p>Uhu<br/>Parrotfish</p> <p>1.Limit of 1 red uhu (female) per day per person<br/>2.At least 14 inches (FL)<br/>3.Maximum 20 inches (FL)<br/>4.No harvest during spawning season (March 1 – May 31)<br/>5.No harvest of blue uhu<br/>6.No night spearfishing<br/>Spectacled: uliuli-male, 'ahu'ula-female (<i>Chlorurus perspicillatus</i>)<br/>Red-lipped: 'ele'ele-male, palukaluka-female (<i>Scarus rubroviolaceus</i>)</p> |   |



# Proposed Species Rules continued

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|  <p>Uhu<br/>Parrotfish<br/>all other species</p>                               | <p>1.Limit of 1 blue and 2 red per person per day</p>   |
|  <p>‘Ū‘ū<br/>soldierfish<br/>(<i>Myripristis spp.</i>)</p>                     | <p>1.No harvest during spawning season April 1 - June 30</p>  |
|  <p>‘Opihi<br/>limpets<br/>all species</p>                                     | <p>1.Makaiāuli (blackfoot / <i>Cellana exarata</i>), ‘Ālinalina (yellowfoot / <i>Cellana sandwicensis</i>) - 1 gallon size bag per day/ per person (with shell)<br/>2.Kō‘ele (<i>Cellana talcosa</i>): No take in entire CBSFA.<br/>3.Prohibited from taking (All 3 species) in all Pu‘uhonua (Papa, Honomalino, Kapua, Manukā)</p> |
|  <p>‘A‘ama<br/>thin-shelled rock crab<br/>(<i>Grapsus tenuicrustatus</i>)</p> | <p>1.No take females with eggs in entire CBSFA</p>  |
|  <p>Ula<br/>spiny lobster<br/>(<i>Panularis spp.</i>)</p>                    | <p>1.Limit 2 per day per person</p>   |

# Proposed Prohibited Fishing Practice

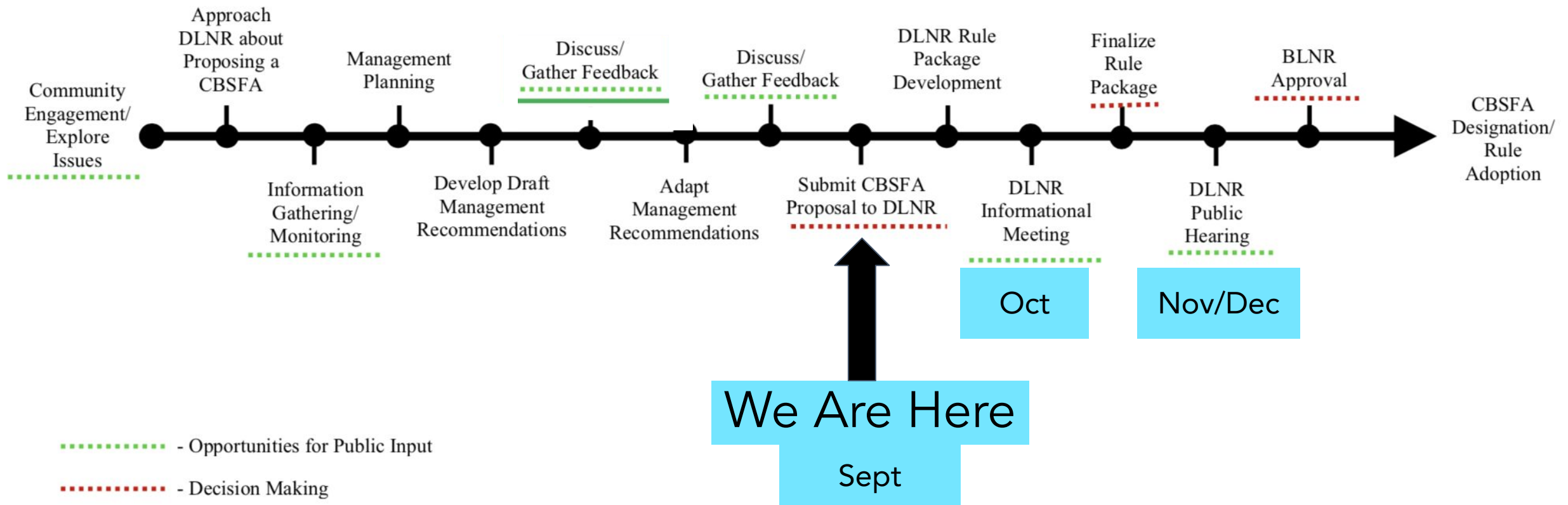
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NO Aquarium Fishing in the  
entire Miloli'i CBSFA (18.6 miles)





# Ch 91 Process Timeline



# What's Next

## August

- Aug 21st - Submitted Marine Management Plan & Admin Record to DAR

## September

- Work with DAR to plan public scoping

## October

- Oct 4th - Hawai'i Island Public Scoping (virtual)

## November/December

- Public Hearings & Ch 91





# How to Support

- Provide comments
- [Sign petition](#)
- Submit Letter of Support
- Attend public scoping & public hearings
  - provide oral or written testimony





# Mahalo Nui! Questions?

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