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**HAWAII COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP NETWORK RECEIVES FIRST  
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AWARD**

The Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC) will present an award to the Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network (HCSN), a nonprofit agency that works with local communities to care for their environmental heritage. This is the first MACZAC Douglas Tom "Thumbs-Up" Award, which was established to recognize organizations that preserve and protect Hawai'i's marine and coastal environment and actively engages the community, especially youth.

**WHO:** Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC) Chairperson Robin Kaye  
State Office of Planning Director Jesse K. Souki  
Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network Director Debbie Gowensmith

**WHAT:** Presentation of the first MACZAC Douglas Tom "Thumbs-Up" Award

**WHEN:** **Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, 9:45am**, during the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials' annual conference

**WHERE:** Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa  
1571 Poipu Road, Koloa

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The **MACZAC Douglas Tom “Thumbs-Up” Award** was established to recognize Hawai'i organizations that further the goals of MACZAC, advance the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program and its Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP), and actively engage community, especially youth. The award is named in honor of Douglas Tom, Hawai'i's long-serving, recently retired CZM Program manager whose tireless work as a steward of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources serves as a model for MACZAC's Thumbs-Up recognition effort.

“This perpetual award is a fitting tribute to Mr. Tom,” said Jesse K. Souki, Director of the Office of Planning. “His passion for coastal zone issues and the positive work he has done for the State of Hawaii will have a lasting impact for current and future Hawai'i residents and visitors.”

Also nominated for the award were:

- **Coral Reef Alliance**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving coral reefs.  
<http://www.coral.org/>
- **Ka Honua Momona**, a Molokai nonprofit whose mission is to be a model of sustainability *mauka a makai* (from mountains to the sea).  
<http://www.kahonuamomona.org>
- **Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo**, a nonprofit organization formed to co-manage the Honu'apo Park, a 225-acre shoreline park located in Na'alehu on Hawai'i Island. <http://www.honuapopark.org/>
- **Mahuahua 'Ai O Hoi**, a project established to protect the marine and wetland environment of Kāne'ohe Bay in a way that fosters traditional conservation practices and community education. <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/hawaii/explore/the-nature-conservancy-in-hawaii---taropy.xml>

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- **Malama Maunalua**, a Hawai'i Kai-based nonprofit organization that enhances the marine environment of Maunalua Bay through partnerships with multiple agencies, schools, paddling clubs, businesses, government agencies and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program. <http://malamamaunalua.org>
- **West Hawai'i Fisheries Council**, a nonprofit organization that works to preserve ocean ecosystems from Upolu Point to Ka Lae, Hawai'i Island, by managing fishing activities to ensure sustainability, enhance near shore resources, and develop and implement plans to minimize resource depletion. <http://malama-kai.org/management/whfc.htm>

MACZAC is administratively attached to the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program within DBEDT's Office of Planning. Its mission is to advocate for a comprehensive management system which restores, preserves and protects Hawaii's marine and coastal environment.

For more information, visit <http://www.state.hi.us/dbedt/czm/maczac/maczac.php> (MACZAC) and <http://www.hcsnetwork.org/about> (HCSN).

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