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**“TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT AT HUNGER”
-- HAWAI‘I HUNTING AND FISHING DAY SUPPORTS
NEEDY ISLAND FAMILIES VIA HAWAI‘I FOOD BANK**

HONOLULU — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) invites the public to take part in the 38th national and Hawai‘i’s 19th annual Hunting and Fishing Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, at the Koko Head public shooting range in East O‘ahu.

This annual event provides opportunities for people to help their neighbors while experiencing safety education and hands-on activities that highlight the shooting sports and recreational hunting and fishing.

Participants are encouraged to bring a canned good or make a donation to support the Hawai‘i Food Bank. For every can of food or \$1 donated, an activity coupon is provided that is good for the various firearms, archery or fish casting activities.

NEW: Each attendee will receive a fluorescent orange survival bandanna that promotes outdoor safety and survival.

"We salute the commitment of Hawai‘i’s sportsmen and women, who recognize the increasing need for food donations in these challenging times. They care about not only our precious natural resources but also about hunger and its effect on families," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

Children (and adults) can participate in archery with lightweight compound bows provided by the National Archery in the Schools Program; and fly, spin and surf casting, courtesy of the Kaka‘ako Kasting Club. Adults are able to participate in various firearms activities, such as muzzleloading, handgun, trap and skeet shooting, with instruction. Participants who complete every "hands-on" activity will receive a certificate of recognition.

Educational displays will be presented by members of: the Safari Club International – Hawai‘i Chapter, the Hawai‘i Historic Arms Association, Hawai‘i Friends of the National Rifle Association, Wahiawa Middle School, Hawai‘i Freshwater Fishing Association, Kaka‘ako Kasting Club, O‘ahu Pig Hunters Association, Pacific Islands Fisheries Group, Watson T. Yoshimoto Foundation, and the DLNR Divisions of Aquatic Resources, Forestry and Wildlife, Conservation and Resources Enforcement and Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Hunting and Fishing Day is supported by in-kind contributions from local organizations and by federal grants from license fees and special taxes on purchases on firearms, ammunition, archery gear, fishing equipment and boating fuel.

Last year, the Hunting and Fishing Day raised more than 1,400 pounds of food contributions and \$2,600 in monetary donations for the Hawai‘i Food Bank.

Koko Head shooting range is located off Kalaniana‘ole Highway, from Hawai‘i Kai going towards Waimanalo, take the first left driveway past Hanauma Bay.

For more information about Hunting and Fishing Day, call the DLNR Hunter Education Program at 587-0200.

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Volunteer instructors teach Hawaii's children how to use the bow and arrow at Hawaii Hunting and Fishing Day. Photo by Clifford Inn.

Mahalo to these Hawai‘i Hunting and Fishing Day participating organizations:

Department of Land and Natural Resources: Divisions of Aquatic Resources, Boating and Ocean Recreation,
Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Hunter Education Program, Forestry and Wildlife,
Crusader Rifle and Pistol Club
City and County Department of Parks and Recreation
Eddie Eagle Program
Hawai‘i Food Bank
Hawai‘i Freshwater Fishing Association
Hawai‘i Historic Arms Association
Hawai‘i Rifle Association

Hawai'i Metallic Silhouette Shooters
Honolulu Shirt Shop
Kaka'ako Kasting Club
Koko Head Archery Club
Koko Head Public Shooting Range
Langer Hawai'i Corporation
Lessons in Firearms Education
National Turkey Wildlife Federation
Muzzleloading
Nicky Drive Inn
O'ahu Pig Hunter Association
Pacific Islands Fisheries Group
Safari Club International-Hawai'i Chapter
Single Action Shooters of Hawai'i
Wahiawa Middle School



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ABOUT THE HAWAI'I HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

DLNR's Hawai'i Hunter Education Program offers free classes year-round to educate outdoorsmen and women about firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, hunting rules and regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Completion of the hunter education class is a prerequisite to obtain a Hawai'i hunting license. For more information about free hunter education classes go to <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dcre/home.htm>.

Hunters and anglers were among the first to recognize, nearly a century ago, that the privileges of hunting and fishing carry the additional responsibility of conserving our state's natural and wildlife resources.

Hunters are also our first line of defense in perpetuating Hawai'i's native species and in controlling non-native introductions.

Sportsmen and women help support the conservation of our wildlife and aquatic resources, and in part through license fees and special taxes on purchases on firearms, ammunition, archery gear, fishing equipment and boating fuel.

Since 1995, the Department of Land and Natural Resource's Hunter Education Program and hunting and fishing clubs have donated many tons of food and thousands of dollars in contributions to the Hawai'i Food Bank. This event celebrates the contributions of sportsmen and sportswomen who pay for 80% of the nation's wildlife conservation, restoration and endangered species programs.

Many of these wildlife species that benefit from sportsmen's monies are not hunted, such as the nene, 'alala and palila.

In addition, hunting and fishing activities have a significant economic impact.

According to the latest information from the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, one out of 10 Hawai'i residents hunts or fishes, and together they support total annual spending of \$154 million annually in revenue, taxes and jobs.

