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**Ka'ena Point Advisory Group and North Shore Neighborhood Board
seek public comment on potential management recommendations to DLNR**

HONOLULU -- The Ka'ena Point Advisory Group (KPAG) will present potential management recommendations for the Mokuleia portion of this O'ahu wilderness area, and is seeking public comment at next week's meeting of the North Shore Neighborhood Board, on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Hale'iwa Elementary School Cafeteria, 66-605 Hale'iwa Road.

In recent years, the unimproved/unpaved portion of Ka'ena Point State Park has experienced an increase in off-road activity resulting in severe erosion, damage to sand dunes, endangered plants and cultural resources. Degradation of natural, cultural and historical resources have also been caused by illegal bonfires, rave parties, and other inappropriate use.

The Ka'ena Point Advisory Group was formed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in April 2009 to work with the public in forming recommendations for a Ka'ena Point Management Plan. The group is comprised of representatives from conservationists, cultural practitioners, fishermen, Friends of Ka'ena Point, North Shore Neighborhood Board, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, O'ahu Island Burial Council, Wai'anae Neighborhood Board, and the YMCA Camp Erdman.

The advisory group aims to engage in constructive discussion to find a balance between various interests and user groups and to advise DLNR on preferred management solutions for Ka'ena Point.

Its mission is to better utilize integrated natural and cultural resources management approaches to increase protection and restoration of coastal areas at Ka'ena Point while supporting sustainable, low-impact recreational opportunities for the public that retain the natural feel of the area and honors its cultural significance.

In the past year, KPAG has conducted several site visits and dune protection work days at Ka'ena Point, discussed park issues and reached consensus on several recommendations and options for the state park. The group also had access to DLNR staff from several related divisions to provide clarification on rules, policies and resources at every meeting and event.

Please visit the Ka‘ena Point Advisory Group Website for more information and updates: <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/kpsa>. Comments will be accepted in writing at the meeting and by email at KPAGcomments@gmail.com.

KPAG will review public comment and present its management recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Land Board), at which time the public will have additional opportunity for input. Once the Land Board adopts a management plan for the area, the advisory group will assist DLNR with its implementation.

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