

Pupukea Task Force Meeting Notes
February 1, 2000
6:30-9:00 PM
Waimea Falls Park, Oahu

The meeting began at about 6:45 pm with an explanation that Linda Colburn had injured her back and was not able to attend. Athline Clark led the meeting after getting approval from the TF members. Of the ten groups, representatives from eight groups were present. Lester Choi (commercial fishers) and Bully Gemeno (boaters), nor their group's representative, did not attend.

Wayne Holu said a pule to begin the meeting on a positive note.

Wayne's Address to the TF.

Why are we here?

- To bring back and replenish the fish. Everyone brings a different perspective to the group so that in-depth discussions can occur. We come together so that we can discuss these other points of view and come up with decisions that we can be happy about. We need to respect the opinions of others.

Marlu's Presentation included a guest speaker Sofia from "Save the Sea Turtles"

- Pacific Islands Conservation (handout)
- Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) work to replenish areas and more are needed
- Fish also "spill-over" to replenish adjacent areas
- Can experiment with no taking areas for a short time (5 years) to see if effective

Carl Myer's Presentation "Movement and Dispersion of Reef Fishes"

- Made presentation on a study he's doing on where fish move during the daily cycle to assess if current boundaries of designated MLCDs in Kaneohe & Waikiki are adequate
- Will provide outline and write-up later

Group Reports

Carl Vincenti (commercial dive tours)

- group suggests moving entire Pupukea MLCD, consider other more appropriate & less highly used area
- boundaries should be based on use
- maybe not establish MLCDs in areas with public facilities (restrooms, showers, etc.)

Bob Lineau (Neighborhood Board)

- took straw vote of board members on three proposals
- 16 voted for proposal C, 2 for proposal B, 4 wants area boundaries left as is

Bob Kerns (recreational divers)

- did not address proposed boundary expansion

- his group did **not** propose expansion of MLCD to Haleiwa Harbor as was indicated in an article in Hawaii Fishing News

Carl Myers (scientific)

- Held meetings with American Fisheries Society (AFS) to bring them up to date on the Pupukea TF meetings; posted information on AFS website

Ken Nichols (conservation)

- need no take area on North Shore; no other area exists now; continues to receive input to set this area aside

Wayne Holu (Hawaiian)

- taxes on hunting and fishing equipment help to pay for conservation efforts nationwide; this is an effective conservation method

Marlu Oliphant West (North Shore community)

- generally supports current discussions of the TF

David Hara (recreational fishers)

- an increase in the turtles has caused more grazing on the limu and decreased limu abundance

Three Boundary Proposal Discussions

Athline explained each of the three boundary proposals to the TF. She also explained that the areas all included the other fishing and boating proposals discussed and agreed to in earlier meetings (limu picking, no spearing, no nets, no anchoring, etc)

The TF took a vote of the members to identify the preferred proposal. Each member (eight present) was given three stickers numbered “1”, “2”, & “3” and told to put the “1” on the first proposal they supported. The second and third choice would follow accordingly.

- Proposal A included expanding seaward boundary out to sixty foot depth; no fishing in Shark’s Cove half; pole and line fishing in other half
- Proposal B included expanding the shoreward boundaries to the sand beaches to Waimea Bay (to the south) and past Kulalua Point (to the north)
- Proposal C included expanding the boundaries to the offshore islands off “Jump Rock” on the south side of Waimea Bay
- Proposal A received 2 - #2 votes & 4-#3 votes; proposal B received 5 - #2 votes & 2-#3 votes; proposal C received 8 - #1 votes
- **Expansion into Waimea Bay was unanimously approved**

The TF then focused on Proposal C

- Discussed and approved (all 8 members approving) moving the seaward

boundary of the MLCD from the shoreline at Kulalua Point to a point 100 yards offshore

- Discussed and approved clearly marking the seaward boundaries with markers or buoys during summer months
- Discussed and acknowledged that moving the seaward boundaries offshore would limit citizen involvement and make enforcement of the offshore seaward boundaries more difficult

Pole and Line Discussions

- TF members still need to discuss types of pole and line and where in Waimea Bay it will occur during next meeting

Next steps/Recommendations

- The TF then discussed their thoughts on the need to fund more scientific studies in the modified MLCD before & after amendments
- Have DOBOR attend the next meeting
- Continue discussions on commercial dive operation in the MLCD
- Have City & County involved in discussions
- Discuss need and development of community based education program
- Time frame for reviewing draft regulations
- Next meeting is February 16, 2000 Wednesday at 6:30 pm