

MINUTES
TEMPORARY HAWAII INTER-ISLAND
FERRY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE MEETING
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, INTER-ISLAND TERMINAL
7TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 4

December 3, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael D. Formby (DOT designee)
Domingo Cravalho (DOA designee)
Laura Thielen (BLNR Chair)
Michael Lau (AG designee)
Richard Houck (large capacity ferry vessel company designee)
Sara Peck (Hawaii county)
Michael Matsukawa (Hawaii county)
Dennis Chun (Kauai county)
Lynn McCrory (Kauai county)
Randy Awo (Maui county)
Colette Machado (Maui county)
William Aila, Jr. (Oahu county)
Kauila Clark (Oahu County)

OTHER ATTENDEES

Margaret Ahn (AG's office)

CALL TO ORDER

Member Formby, as Oversight Task Force (OTF) facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Thirteen members were present representing a quorum.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2008 OTF MEETING

Member Peck asked Member Formby for clarification regarding the \$40 million that was allocated for Harbors renovations. She asked if all the money was spent. Member Formby explained that was made to not go past the \$40 million dollars appropriated by the legislature. Member Peck also asked if all the money was spent on Kahului. Member Formby stated that \$38+ million was spent mostly on the three barges (Kahului, Kawaihae and Honolulu) and the ramp at Nawiliwili.

Member McCrory moved that the minutes of November 6, 2008 be adopted. Member Peck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Handouts to all OTF members included the following:

Proposed language from Lynn McCrory, Randy Awo, Rick Houck and DOT Harbors.

DLNR-DOCARE UPDATE ON INSPECTIONS/FINDINGS BY MEMBER RANDY AWO, (DOCARE POWERPOINT ATTACHED HERETO)

Presentation covered November 1-30 Inspections.

2 bags of marijuana confiscated (almost 1 kilo). The individual was arrested.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DOA) UPDATE ON HSF INSPECTIONS/FINDINGS BY MEMBER DOMINGO CRAVALHO

The shipment of 117 'a'ali'i plants were presented for inspection at the Alien Species Action Plan building at Kahului Airport before checking in at HSF. The plants were found infested with nettle caterpillar (*Darna pallivitta*) including feeding damage, and was rejected for shipment interisland. According to the landscaping nursery, the plants had originated from a Hilo nursery. The consignor was to implement a pest management program to eradicate the nettle caterpillar on the premise. Follow-up inspections will be conducted by HDOA.

Nothing significant found on Oahu. No powerpoint presentation

HAWAII SUPERFERRY (HSF) UPDATE ON OPERATIONS BY MEMBER RICHARD HOUCK (HSF POWERPOINT ATTACHED HERETO)

November 2008 Update with Alakai Voyage Statistics.

HSF started their winter schedule on November 1, 2008 with 7 runs a week with 2 runs on Friday and none on Tuesday.

Thanksgiving Sunday was sold out on both trips. Fourteen farmers applied for the agricultural discount and are starting to use it. More Maui people are coming to craft fairs and farmer's market around Oahu to sell their goods.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Handouts from Irene Bowie representing Maui Tomorrow and Pacific Whale Foundation:

- March 12, 2005 – Collision Course – Sperm Whales and Fast Ferries in the Canary Islands

- Public Testimony from Gregory D. Kaufman, President, Pacific Whale Foundation
- Maps of alternative route around Penguin Bank

UPDATE FROM RANDY AWO TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE DOCKET TO HEAR DLNR ENVIRONMENTAL CASES

Member Awo met with Judge Rhonda Loo and spoke to her about establishing a separate docket. Although she indicated interest for that type of specialty docket, the Judiciary simply does not have the infrastructure (space and staff) to accommodate the request at this time.

Member Machado arrived at 11:09 a.m.

Member Clark arrived at 11:19 a.m.

Member Chun arrived at 12:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING OTF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PER ACT 2 MANDATE (ACT 2, PAGES 44 AND 45); DISCUSSION REGARDING FINAL REPORT FORMAT

All OTF members worked to complete the December 2008 final report. Discussion followed.

NEXT MEETING/LOCATION/DATE/TIME

December 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Honolulu International Airport, Inter-island Terminal, Conference Center, Room 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Awo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cravalho seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.