

Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council Meeting
Agenda
December 10, 2024
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Online or call-in via ZOOM
(Zoom info listed below)
or

In-person at:
Windward Community College
Hale ʻĀkoakoa 101
45-720 Keaʻahala Rd., Kāneʻohe HI 96744

****Please note that the in-person meeting venue has changed

1. Call to Order (Non-Action Item)

Brian Neilson – DLNR DAR, Chairperson (nonvoting member)
Elena Bryant – Legislative Chair of KBRC and Kāneʻohe Neighborhood Board Representative (voting member)
Cedric Bertelmann - Kāneʻohe Bay Fishing Panel (voting member)
Fred Reppun – Hawaiʻi Institute of Marine Biology Representative (voting member)
Liko Kaluhiwa – Kāneʻohe Bay Recreational Boating Association (voting member)
Kristi Kaluhiwa
Rocky Kaluhiwa
John Cates
Josh Hekekia – Office of Planning
Elizabeth Monaghan- DLNR/DAR
Kendall Tucker- DLNR/DAR
Kimberly Fuller-DLNR/DAR

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm on Tuesday December 10, 2024

2. Approval of the December 10, 2024 Agenda (Action Item)-

Council member Bertelmann motions to approve, Council member Reppun seconds, All approve
Agenda passes

3. Approval of Council minutes of the October 15, 2024 meetings (Action Item)

Item deferred until January 21st meeting. The minutes were not uploaded to the DAR website in time.

4. Division Aquatic Resources briefing on an invasive anemone, *Anemonia manjano*, outbreak on a patch reef in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)

Presentation by Lizzy Monaghan-DAR/DLNR- Manajo anemone.

May 2020- introduced corals on Reef 8, removed on July 2020, Sept 2023 another non-native corals discovered. April 2024 corals removed. October 2024 another non-native coral with majano anemone was found on the introduced corals as well as native corals. The anemone reproduces rapidly can asexually and sexually reproduce. The navy also has an infestation in Pearl Harbor.

Removal options- engaged partners in working group to discuss removal options. Tarping and chlorination may be effective. NAVFAC is using this method in Pearl Harbor.

This can not be hand removed. They can create new organisms from fragments, and they tend to spawn when stressed.

Restoration efforts for corals in the area are also in discussion.

Don't Let it Loose- Aquarium release Outreach flyers as well as flyers for this are being handed out at Dive shops, the MCBH, HIMB, Harbors etc.

Council member Reppun asked Is there any downsides to tenting and chlorination and what other alternatives are there?

- Tarping does come with coral loss. Try to get rid of this as effectively as possible now. Coral loss now vs. coral loss later. A lot of what works in the aquarium won't be effective in the field. Predation from Butterfly fishes isn't feasible quickly.

How big of an area? Area affected is 10x10m (30x30ft).

Council Member Reppun suggests that dollar amount be included on the outreach material how much this incident is costing (i.e man hours, surveys, removal).

It is important to get the word out to people. This was reported from a community member.

This item will remain on the agenda for future updates.

5. Update on the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan Update (Non-Action Item)

Council member Reppun- Funding was received to hire a facilitator so that council members can fully commit to the meeting. Work with the facilitator on strategies to draw more participation in from the public. Looking to finish up what was started in 2019.

Some of the NERRs staff will help make notes to allow more facilitation time.

Intention of the update is still to be community led like the 1993 master plan.

Questions came up on EAs for the commercial permits.

- There were none originally done, but we need something to provide baselines. Recent court case in Kanapali was that no permits would be renewed until they did EA's

Community concerns and confusion on the selling/transfer of the commercial permits and how that is allowed under the current Master Plan.

Chair Neilson will follow up on the transfer of the permits.

6. Approval to form a Temporary Committee to update the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan (Action Item)*

The Kaneohe Bay Regional Council Will form a Temporary Committee to continue to process of renewing the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan. The NERR will contract a Facilitator to lead group discussions. The Temporary Committee will leave in place the broad community consensus achieved in the 1992 plan on limiting commercial activity, focusing

updates on

New organizations or partnerships that currently or could potentially play a role in stewarding the bay.

Clarifying Statutes, Administrative rules, and planning documents

New Educational strategies to assist with the implementation of the plan.

The Temporary Committee will come up with a list of recommended updates to the plan to present to the council.

Add baselines for all human impacts including cesspools

Hawaiian Knowledge and practices from the Kaneohe Bay Community to help guide management efforts including consultation with lineal descendants.

Make recommendations on enforcement A temporary committee has less restrictions than a PIG. No more than 3 voting members, but the Temp. Committee allows you to present findings. If we want to have more than 3 voting members, we will have to notice the public similarly to how the notice goes out for KBRC. Member Reppun reminds everyone that it doesn't have to be the same 3 members they can be rotated.

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Concerns from the council members and community that the people that may attend are not from the Bay and any changes should come from those in this area; especially those with lineal descent.

Legislative Chair Bryant thinks that there are parts of the Master plan that need to be updated; especially things that were never included like climate change, or things that have been overlooked (i.e. the states ability to sell the permits)

Legislative Chair Bryant approves as amended. Member Bertelmann seconds. All approve, motion passes.

Defer who the 3 members will be until next meeting

7.Update on the Marine Corp Base Hawaii (MCBH) Boat Rental Operation in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)

Kristi Kaluhiwa provides updates for MCBH.

- There are 24 (ten-person capacity) there are always 2-3 that are doing maintenance. They have 10 Boston whalers. They currently have no space for more boats at there docks. They have increased their dry dock space (retirees/active duty that use personal boats).
- No GPS onboard the boats, but they have employees that guide them out to minimize possibilities to hit the reef.
- There is an online and in person component that renters have to go through to rent.

Member Bertelmann raises concern is there is no cap on how many boats they can have. It started at 5 boats and was at 40 a couple years ago. Would like to have something in place with the state to limit to number in fleet.

- .Kristi will take back the concerns to MCBH and try to get something in writing for the Council that states they will not increase.
- Councilmembers agree that something should be put in writing to present to MCBH and this should be added to a later agenda

7. Update on reef damage of Navy P-8A aircraft grounding in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)

DAR Kim Fuller provides update to the Council.

- 5300-5400 corals were likely damaged. *Montipora capitata* and *Porites compressa* were the most common corals damaged. Conservative estimate is 4300.
- Colonies were typically 40cm or less.
- Penalty matrices would put this that be 500k.
- Navy was willing to pay for the surveys, emergency mitigation and how they could mitigate the ecological value. This discussion will happen sometime in the New Year. DAR will be looking into ecological equivalent practices.

Chair Neilson reminds the Council that this was an accident in bad weather, and it sounds like the Navy is willing to come to the table to not pay a fine but mitigate for coral loss.

8. Update from the Division of Aquatic Resources in pursuing Ch. 91 Rule Making to ban commercial aquarium harvest statewide (Non-Action Item)

DAR is planning on taking some rules to the Land Board potentially in February. The Environmental Notice does not have the Aquarium fisher EIS.

9. Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council legislative priorities for the 2024/2025 legislative session to support legislation to restrict commercial fishing for aquarium purposes in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)

Legislative Chair Bryant would like to make a petition to make this an action item.

No items to bring currently but should have some as legislative items as things get ready for January.

Action item for the council to take a general action so that it allows flexibility for if a legislator comes up with a bill to allow language from the Council.

10. Community concerns (Non-Action Item)

11. Announcements (Non-Action Item)

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting January 21, 2025

***AGENDA ITEM 6, Additional Information**

The Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council will form a Temporary Committee to continue the process of renewing the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan. The Heʻeia National Estuary Research Reserve (NERR) will contract a facilitator/planner to lead group discussions. The Temporary Committee will leave in place the broad community consensus achieved in the 1992 plan on limiting commercial activity, focusing updates on:

- New organizations or partnerships that currently or could potentially play a role in stewarding the bay
- New statutes, administrative rules, zoning changes, or planning documents affecting the bay
- New knowledge of environmental threats to the bay, including climate change
- New educational strategies to assist with the implementation of the plan
- New understanding of Hawaiian knowledge and practices that may guide management efforts

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To provide in person testimony:

Attend in person at:

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To provide video testimony:

Attend the scheduled Zoom meeting (details on how to join below)

To provide written testimony:

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting.

Submit electronic written testimony (email) to DLNR.aquatics@hawaii.gov

Submit written testimony by mail to the following postal mailing address:

Department of Land and Natural Resources:
Division of Aquatic Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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DAR is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Time: Dec 10, 2024 18:00 Hawaii

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