

**MINUTES**  
**FOR THE MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019  
TIME: **9:15 A.M.**  
PLACE: KALANIMOKU BUILDING  
LAND BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM 132  
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Case at 9:24 a.m. Member Gomes read the contested case statement. The following were withdrawn from the agenda; Items F-3, F-4 and M-8.

**MEMBERS**

Suzanne Case  
Tommy Oi  
Sam Gon  
Keone Downing

Jimmy Gomes  
Chris Yuen  
Stan Roehrig

**STAFF**

Russell Tsuji-Land Division  
Brian Nielson-DAR  
Kim Harding-DAR  
Richard Howard-DOBOR

Richard Howard-Land  
Ryan Okano-DAR  
Annette Tagawa-DAR  
Cal Miyahara-Land

**OTHERS**

Linda Chow/AG  
Mike Vitousik/D1  
A.D. Ackerman/D1  
Alton Miyasaka/F1  
Jay Suemori/D5  
Roy Morioka/F1  
Stan Fujimoto/D2  
Jamie Barlow/F1  
Carl Jellings/F1  
Makati Christensen/F1  
Davis Yogi/D4

Ross Smith-DOT-AIR  
Peter Olson/D1  
Steve Hicks/D1  
Fredrick Berg/D7  
Allene Suemori/D5  
Ed Watamura/F1  
David Itano/F1  
Ronald Tam/F1  
Marlowe Savater/F1  
Bonnie Rice/D9

Revocable Permit No. S-5407; Kaneohe, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, Tax Map  
Key: (1) 4-4-022: seaward of 032.

Russell Tsuji, Land Division, the applicant has requested to keep their rate nonanimal. We could not find a legal way to do this.

#### Board Discussion

They do not qualify for public purpose. This is a membership. There have been improvements made and an appraisal will be done to help determine what is fair and equitable.

#### Public Testimony

Fredrick Berg, Kaneohe Yacht Club, is open to discussions when the appraisal is done.

#### **Amendment:**

- 1) Approve Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of the staff submittal**
- 2) No action on Recommendations Nos. 4 and 5.**

#### **MOTION**

**Approve as amended (Gon, Gomes) unanimous.**

10:15 break

10:25 back in session

#### **181214\_010401.00**

**ITEM F-1** Request to open Four of the Existing Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas and Request to delegate to the Chairperson the authority to implement the decision.

Brian Nielson, Reg Kokuban, Kimberly Harding, Ryan Okano, Division of Aquatics. DAR provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding Bottom Fisheries, Management, and the BRFAs. It touched upon the status of the main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Stock, Prioritization of which BFRAs to open, implementations and monitoring the open BRFAs.

#### Board Discussion

The Board engaged in a question and answer conversation with the those who testified. They talked about the Annual Catch Limits (ACL), commercial fishing versus the recreational fishing and what impacts they had for the Deep 7. The lack of Enforcement and regulation. The discussion turned to the submittal before them and that was to open four BERTAs. They all agreed that that it was a start, and this is an adaptive management approach. In addition, during the discussions they came up with a timetable to revisit opening the other BERTAs.

### Public Testimony

*Alton Miyasaka*, retired DAR employee. Submitted written testimony and is here today because it is very important to him. He is in favor of opening all the BRFAs. All the science indicates it's doing well. The BRFAs have outlived their usefulness.

*Roy Morioka*, passed out a copy of a letter he previously sent to the Chair in September 2018. It includes highlights of the stock assessment and recommends opening all of the BRFAs. The Deep 7 stocks are healthy. Noted the current harvest rate is 4 percent of the standing stock. The 2018-2019 ACL is more than 400,000 pounds. We have landed 74,363 pounds. That's 15.1 %, they have never exceeded the ACL.

*Ed Watamura*, Waialua Boat Club, the oldest boat club in the State, testified in support of opening all the BRFAs.

*Fred Chang*, stated he wanted all the BRFAs opened.

*David Itano*, wears two hats, fisheries scientist, and fisherman. He provided information on the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council process and the Scientific and Statistical Committee process. He has seen the stock assessment go from questionable to robust.

*Jaimie Barlow*, he has spent an extensive amount of time on data collection in the field and supports opening the four.

*Ronald Tam*, supports opening all.

*Carl Jellings*, supports opening the four BRFAs.

*Marlowe Sabater*, clarified some technical questions regarding recreational catch. He said the estimate came from specific small-boat studies done but NOAA. It is not coming from non-commercial data collection from the State. There were three studies conducted and the all came up with almost similar non-commercial ratio. Supportive of opening all BRFAs.

*Makani Christensen*, asked the Board to make solid, rational decisions. He is opposed to the closing of the other areas with no data.

### **Amendment:**

***DAR to report back in 3-years on further information on the Bottomfish assessment and review any recommendation regarding opening other BRFAs and the evaluation of the four BRFAs for this submittal.***

### **MOTION**

**Approved as amended (Yuen, Oi) unanimous.**

12:45 pm: Lunch Break