



Western
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AGENDA

Moloka'i Fishing Community Consultation Meeting

Date: Monday, December 1st, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Moloka'i District Office
600 Mauna Loa Hwy, Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Recap of April 2025 Consultation – Molokai

Community Observations Heard:

- *Shark numbers increasing; heavy depredation on paka and onaga grounds*
- *Mixed views on sharks as aumākua vs. impacts to livelihood*
- *Concern about growing monk seal population reducing local fish*
- *Desire for balance in predator management such as sharks, seals, and humans*
- *Ta'ape identified as major problem; calls to open targeted fishery and remove taxes*
- *Community-based management respect for ahupua'a boundaries & catch sharing*
- *Frustration that research is conducted on Molokai without returning benefits or funding*
- *Concern about outside fishers and commercial activity taking local resources*
- *Recognition that land issues (deer, mangroves, runoff) directly affect ocean health*
- *Strong interest in restoration projects including limu gardens and youth involvement*
- *Hope to preserve Molokai's resources before large-scale development occurs*

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | PIFG |
| 2. Report and Information on Prior Meeting outcomes | PIFG |
| a. Overview of Molokai Small Boat Fisheries | DAR |
| b. Report on Shark Depredation in pelagic and bottomfish fisheries | DAR |
| c. Status update on cultural take of Green Sea Turtle | Council Staff |
| d. Translating Community Consultations to Action | Community |
| e. Restoring Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Fisheries | Council Staff |
| 3. Closing comments | PIFG |

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