



**Western
Pacific
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Fishery
Management
Council**

AGENDA

O'ahu Fishing Community Consultation Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria
67-020 Waialua Beach Rd, Waialua, HI 96791

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | PIFG |
| 2. Report and Information on Prior Meeting outcomes | PIFG |
| a. Overview of O'ahu Small-Boat Fisheries & Trends | DAR |
| b. Environmental Changes & Fisher Observations | PIFG |
| c. Report on Shark Depredation in Pelagic & Bottomfish Fisheries | Council Staff |
| d. Status Update on Cultural Take of Green Sea Turtle | Council Staff |
| 3. Open Public Feedback & Other Community Voices | PIFG |
| 4. Closing Comments | PIFG |

Recap of Spring and Fall 2025 O'ahu Community Consultation

Community Observations Heard:

- *Harbor access and slip availability remain major challenges for small fishers*
- *Rising costs and unclear licensing rules make it difficult to stay commercial*
- *Younger generation disconnected from traditional fishing knowledge*
- *Frustration with management processes that limit local decision-making*
- *Interest in reopening the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) fishery*
- *Shared desire to balance conservation with community food security and culture*

Key Themes Identified:

- Importance of sustaining local seafood and cultural practices
- Equity in fisheries access and management
- Strengthening community participation in decision-making
- Expanding opportunities for next-generation fishers

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