



Western  
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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

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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