



Save Honolua News

Revitalize the health of the Honolua Ahupua'a through community-based management utilizing Hawaiian values and practices.

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Save Honolua Coalition Update

From the Executive Board of the Save Honolua Coalition. The new year brings with it a new schedule and expanded efforts to "Save" Honolua. We will still be having informational/educational meetings for the public, however they will be held once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at Lahaina Civic Center Social Hall, 6:45-8 pm. On the first and third Wednesday's of each month we will meet to continue



Kahu David Kapaku

work already started on a community based management plan. Under the new leadership of Kahu David Kapaku as President we have been in contact with Maui Land and Pineapple as well as the Honolua Advisory Council and are committed to finding a way to work together so that we may move forward to achieve our vision of a healthy Honolua.



Upcoming Events

Public meeting:
Wednesday, February 13 at
Lahaina Civic 6:45 pm.

Speaker to be
announced.

Akaku TV: Weekly SHC News Updates

Samantha Sunn and Dave Coennen anchor The Maui Daily News on Channel 52 or streamed live from akaku.org. SHC updates appear weekly. Check savehonolua.org for TV schedule.

SHC Named by Maui News as 2008 People who Made a Difference

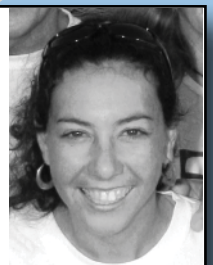
Mahalo to the community for all that you have done. This award is a testament to your hard work and love of Honolua. Mahalo for the signatures, donations, testimonies, attendance, letters, prayers, and all the countless things you all have done. Mahalo! - SHC Board

"SHC, in a short period of time, has made such a powerful and important impact as far as getting information out to the public about the precarious health state of Honolua and impending development. The recognition by the Maui News signifies how important and meaningful bringing the community together is. It is all of us, the community, that has made the difference. The truth is, the future of Maui is dependent on the community and so groups like SHC are the ray of light for Maui and Hawaii."

Hannah Bernard - Hawaii Wildlife Fund

Editorial

Aloha and Welcome to the Save Honolua Coalition's first monthly newsletter! My name is Tamara Paltin and I am the 2007-2008 Secretary for this organization as well as the Public Awareness Committee Chairperson--so when the idea for a newsletter came up, it found its way to my desktop. I must confess that initially, the thought of spearheading this project paralyzed me with fear, but with the ushering in of a New Year, I feel the time has come to dive right in. I'm ready for new possibilities and opportunities. So here goes, hope you like it? Please address any feedback to me at tamara@savehonolua.org



Tamara Paltin

Last Public Meeting Summary



Public speaker for Dec. 11, 2007 meeting - Marine Biologist - Dr. Mark Vermeij. Having studied collapsed coral reef ecosystems in the Caribbean as well as living ones at 20 sites on Maui and Lanai, Dr. Mark Vermeij presented his valuable mana'o. He indicated that there are a number of signs telling us that there is something very wrong at Honolua-the presence of cholera an indicator of raw sewage is extremely elevated at Honolua and not the surrounding bays.

Everything in our ecosystem is interconnected and each component fills a niche, changing the microbial communities, changes functional relations and it often leads to the decline like what we are witnessing at Honolua. Dr. Vermeij emphasized that we do not know what will be the straw that breaks the camel's back; we don't know what specific factor will trigger a collapse of the ecosystem and thus should take a more conservative approach.

Donations

The Save Honolua Coalition is a not for profit organization and we are in the process of getting our non-profit 501c3 status. We appreciate any donation; however we are not yet set up for donations to be considered tax-exempt. We know everyone out there has millions they would like to give to the cause so getting this done is a definite priority.



How Can I Help?

The success of the Save Honolua Coalition is a direct result of community efforts and we need help to keep the momentum going. If you are unsure of how to help, my advice is to tap into your own strengths and creative energy to help support the cause. If you are a musician, a writer, a teacher, an artist, a planner, a wall street banker whatever- if you are interested in collaborating with us to fulfill our vision for a healthy Honolua please contact us at kokua@savehonolua.org or me personally at tamara@savehonolua.org.

Coming Soon:

- A tribute to Ron Cassidy Honolua surfing legend
- Black Tank Tops



Mahalos

Each newsletter we would like to send a shout out to those who have helped the cause. This month, the spotlight shines on **Doug from Dragin'Ink** for all he does with t-shirts; Melissa and staff at **The Coffee Store** in Napili, **Hawaiian Village Coffee**, **LiveWire Café**, as well as the **Farmers Market** crew for continuing efforts with petitions and last but not least you the public for caring. Stay tuned for more next month.

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2008 International Year of the Reef