



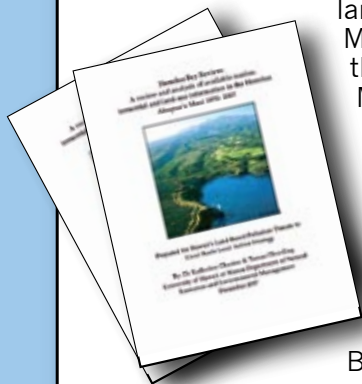
Save Honolua News

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

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Important Reports Released

Dr. Katherine Chaston of Hawaii's Local Action Strategy has just released two very important reports. Recreational Carrying Capacity Evaluation of Honolua Bay July 2007 and Honolua Bay Review: A review and analysis of available marine, terrestrial and



land-use information in the Honolua Ahupua'a Maui 1970-2007. These reports represent the latest summary; it was funded in part by Maui Land and Pineapple and directly quotes many of MLP's employees. The report contains many good suggestions to assist in future management planning of the area but seems to under represent the harmful effects of the toxins DDT and DBCP which were used until 1986 when the EPA finally revoked all permits and the company switched to Methyl

Bromide then Telone until 2006. The report never mentions the use of ecologically harmful black plastic and also seems to over emphasize the effects of best management practices (BMPs) but never specifically says what the BMPs are. It states that with the implementation of these mysterious BMP's, cultivation techniques improved but for some odd reason the health has been in decline. So what's the reason, too many snorkelers? Surfers? Read the report to find out the latest, although we do not agree 100% with all that is included in this report, it's a great starting point for discussion and creation of our community based management plan. We would like to gather the community as well as expert feedback and critique on these reports to assist us in creating a community plan and maybe even a more accurate report for 2010.

Donations
We rely on donations and t-shirt sales for all our operating costs. No one in SHC gets paid, but things like this newsletter, brochures, meeting space, etc all cost \$. Our non-profit status is being processed so while donations are greatly appreciated, they are not yet tax deductible.
Mahalo



Ron Cassidy Art T-shirts available

Ron will always be loved and remembered in Maui. He is a surfing icon and Honolua was very special to him. Ron's family says that if Ron were here he would be in full support of Save Honolua and he would be proud to have his paintings support the cause.

Check out our website and click on Ron's logo to buy a t-shirt, view his paintings, and see pics and video of him surfing Honolua and other places. Mahalo to Ron's family and Doomas Photos for thier support.



Editorial



Tamara Paltin

So here's the scoops, this month I made a network connection with a super cool Special Agent for the EPA. Soon after, observant county workers alerted me to a Federal Clean Water Act violation happening in our literal backyard. Opaque white liquid had been dumped down the drainage pipe from Maui Land and Pineapple properties (currently undergoing renovations) and ended puddling up in Honokahua stream bed which opens in to D.T. Flemings and had been flowing as recently as one week earlier. The experience for me has been like a crash course in stream monitoring and reporting. It got me to realize the very real need for a community streambed monitoring program (SOS-save our streams) read more about it in the "How Can I Help" section.

Last Public Meeting Summary



Public speaker for January 9, 2008 meeting - Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner - Uncle Les Kulolo'ia. Uncle Les challenged the audience to think of themselves as a Hawaiian; to experience the changes throughout history from a Hawaiian perspective-from the beginning of creation to modern times. Pre-contact Hawaiians knew without satellites or modern technology about the currents

and the corals, they were aware of the interconnectedness of all things; they understood what they observed and lived in balance with their environment. To effectively plan for our long term future, we must learn our complete history. These islands are still alive, still changing and by paying attention, we can still learn from nature. If we are going to save Hawaii, we need to be islanders, we need to know our history, our creation, we need to employ 360 degree learning and take everything into account, learn how to think, it's not only about the science- talk story, learn the story. We are entering a critical time in resource management where we can not afford to fail. We must learn to protect our wao Akua better than we have protected our streams and nearshore waters. Hawaiians considered watershed areas as sacred, should we now be leading guided tours in watershed areas and grade trails above our aquifers? You decide.

How Can I Help?

The Coalition would like to ask the ocean going community to take part in a streambed monitoring program. The idea behind the SOS-save our streams program is based on a simple community driven idea: We the public who swim in the ocean would rather not see construction or other types of pollutants in our streams that flow into the sea. Participation is simple, whenever you go to a beach with a river mouth



opening, go check out the streambed. If you notice any suspicious colors, liquids or odors, or witness any construction or other corporate debris being dumped inform EPA Special Agent Kahi Kahakui right away and she will try to get an environmental agent out asap. The basic information she needs: What specifically was witnessed, when and where. Also, pictures are key if you can get them; send all info to kahakui.kahi@epa.gov or call the office at 808-541-2721. My hope is once word gets out to the construction companies that such a program has been created and they may start getting fined, they will begin to consistently employ the best management practices required by law. The Coalition hopes to have Agent Kahakui as a public speaker in the near future.

Mahalos

This month, the spotlight shines on **Christy** and the folks at **Napili General Store** for all their support through petitions and t-shirts.

Also to the family of the late **Ron Sturtz**, Water quality specialist **Robin Knox**, Special Agent **Kahi Kahakui** of the EPA, and Clean Water specialist **Roland Asakura** for their roles in investigating the recent pollution of Honokohua stream.

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