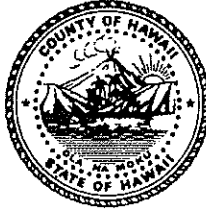


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February 27, 2023

Honorable Mayor Mitch Roth
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603
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Re: GMAC 2022, 3rd and 4th Quarterly Report

Dear Mayor Mitch Roth,

Per the County of Hawai'i Charter, Section 6-9.3 Game Management Advisory Commission – "the commission shall provide reports or legislative recommendations to the council as necessary, or at least quarterly."

Please find enclosed the summary of the meetings that were held during the last two quarters of 2022 for your review and submittal to the County Council.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 808-217-0679.

Respectfully,

Abraham Antonio
Chairperson
Game Management Advisory Commission

Cc: Sylvia Wan

Hawai'i Island Game Management Advisory Commission
Q3-Q4 2022 Report

July 19, 2022

- Commissioners listened to testimony from members of the public with regard to Hog Stop, a contraceptive bait used to control feral hogs on pastures, rangeland, forests, and non-crop areas.
- Commissioners listened to a presentation from Hawaii County Parks and Recreation Director Maurice Messina regarding the Laupahoehoe Boat Ramp closure.
- Vice-Chair GMAC Commissioner Brian Ley reported on the Pohoiki Boat Ramp and the Kumukahi Lighthouse access.
- Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Acting Pesticide Program Manager, Greg Takeshima discussed the "HogStop" issue.
- Chair Abraham Antonio provided an update regarding the Volcano Transfer Station boulders blocking the State Forest Reserve access and parking. A motion was made by L. Turalde, District 3, to draft a letter to DOFAW for an accessible parking area at the Volcano Transfer Station.
- Commissioners discussed and approved sending a unanimously-approved letter advising Mayor Roth and the County Council to stop the sale of HogStop.
- Under Announcements:
 - Per Chair Antonio, the GMAC-supported bills in the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature Session, HB1872 and SB3298 passed over into law.
 - Kean Umeda shared an update regarding the Shooting Range - Development Bill, SB3298.
 - Teresa Nakama provided an update regarding the "Hunter, Fishing Day Expo" September 24, 2022.

August 16, 2022

- Approval of the minutes was postponed to the next meeting.
- Commissioners heard a presentation by Kalena Blakemore, OHA Land Manager Representative, about the history and OHA activities in the lowland wet forest of Wao Kele O Puna.
- GMAC District 9 Commissioner George Donev led a discussion regarding a proposed advisory letter to the government agencies in support of Laupahoehoe Boat Ramp and seawall reconstruction. He motioned for GMAC to make a draft letter in support of the boat ramp, with a second by Cortney Okumura, the motion passed.
- Chair Antonio provided an update on the Volcano Transfer Station Forest Reserve access blockage and hunter parking issue.
- Chair Antonio led a discussion about the GMAC June 2023 Hunting/Fishing Expo. A request was made to rename the event "Outdoors Day." Chair Antonio also requested a motion to draft a letter for Mayor Roth's approval. With a motion by Leomana Turalde,

and a second by George Donev, the motion passed with Leomana Turalde and Teresa Nakama to start working on the letter.

- Chair Antonio led a discussion about the reassessment of GMAC committees and proposed that we cancel all existing committees at this time. Per the Deputy Corporation Counsel, committees can be formed to work on certain issues as they come up. Brian Ley made a motion to disband all current GMAC Committees for 2022 until we have a reason to start another committee at a later date. With a second by Leomana Turalde, the motion passed.

September 20, 2022

- A motion was made by Robert Duerr to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022 and August 16, 2022 meetings. With a second by Brian Ley, the motion passed.
- The Commissioners heard a presentation by Hawai'i County Corporation Counsel Sylvia Wan - Game Management Advisory Commission: Role & Purpose, Parliamentary Procedure. The presentation was followed by discussion, questions and answers.
- The Commissioners heard a presentation by DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources, Aquatic Biologist Troy Sakihara will present/discuss the new Administrative amendment to lay net rules. The presentation was followed by questions and answers.
- A motion was made by Robert Duerr to create a PIAG for the DAR rules change. With a second by Cortney Okumura, the motion passed.
- DOFAW Wildlife Biologist Kanalu Sproat made a report on changes to Administrative Rules in adherence to HCR17, for Puuanahulu and Puuwaawaa hunting areas. The presentation was followed by questions and answers.
- A motion was made by Brian Ley to form a committee to draft a letter stating any concerns of issues that GMAC may have with the proposed rule changes and submit the letter to DOFAW, Kanalu Sproat. Seconded by Leomana Turalde, the motion was carried.
- A motion was made by Robert Duerr to move the Old Business which is to discuss a) Laupahoehoe Boat Ramp and Seawall Investigation Committee, b) GMAC development and finalization of Draft Rules, and, c) Letter to Mayor Roth for approval of GMAC's "Out Doors Day" event. Also, New Business, a) Chair recommendation for an HCR17 GMAC representative. The motion was seconded by Leomana Turalde. Motion carried by voice vote.

October 18, 2022

- DOFAW West hawaii Wildlife Biologist Kanalu Sproat discussed general Administration rule changes in public hunting areas - specifically those proposed for Mauna Kea Unit A, Unit G, and Pohakuloa Training Area. This was followed by questions and answers.
- Under Old Business, Commissioners voted to create a committee for the Laupahoehoe boat ramp and seawall investigation. The motion passed; Robert Duerr, Teresa Nakama, and Brian Ley volunteered to be on the committee.
- Commissioners discussed the development and finalization of Draft Rules. It was postponed to the next meeting.

- Commissioners discussed a proposed Letter to Mayor Roth for approval of GMAC's "Out Doors Day" event. With a motion by Robert Duerr, and a second by Brian Ley, the discussion was tabled.
- Commissioners discussed finalization of the Puuanahulu/Puuwaawaa Rules Change Committee. Commissioners Cortney Okumura and Brian Ley volunteered along with members of the public, Stanley Mendes and Natalie Reynolds.
- Under New Business, Commissioners discussed the effects of the changed meeting time. With a motion by Robert Duerr and a second by Leomana Turalde, the Commission approved writing a letter to the Mayor Office regarding the meeting timing.
- Commissioners discussed the GMAC 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Report. With a motion by Cortney Okumura and a second by Leomana Turalde, the approval was tabled until the next meeting.
- Commissioners discussed recommendations for a GMAC representative for the HCR17, West Hawaii Ungulate Control Force.
- Announcements:
 - Fall bird hunting season runs from November 5, 2022 to January 30, 2023
 - Rule changes to lower Puna hunting areas.
- Committee Reports:
 - GMAC Investigatory Committee - Laynet Rule Changes - Chair - Commissioner Robert Duerr. Cortney Okumura provided the report to the Commissioners on behalf of Robert Duerr which offered two recommendations: 1) that the forfeiture provision should be limited to fishing gear and net permits and 2) they should remove the \$25.00 fee as part of the registration for lay nets.

November 2022

- A motion was made by N. Reynolds to investigate the rules and penalties regarding manta ray tours and their effects on the manta ray populations. Seconded by, L. Turalde. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Chair Antonio led a discussion on creating a draft letter to the Mayor asking for support and restoration of scheduled 6:00-8:00 evening meeting times. A motion was made by C. Okumura to table the draft letter to Mayor Roth for additional edits. Seconded by R. Duerr. Motion carried unanimously by roll voice vote.
- Under Old Business, L. Turalde motioned to table GMAC development and finalization of Draft Rules to next month's agenda. Seconded by R. Duerr. Motion carried unanimously by roll call voice vote.
- A motion was made by A. Antonio to form a permitted inter-action group entitled legislative committee to identify bills that affect hunting, fishing, and gathering rights for the 2023 legislative session. Seconded by L. Turalde. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The motion passed with 7 ayes, 2 excused.
- A motion was made by A. Antonio to table the the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Report to the next meeting. Seconded by L. Turalde. Motion carried by roll call vote. (5 ayes, 2 abstained, 2 excused.)

- Under Announcements, Troy S. Sakihara, Division of Aquatic Resources, DLNR, State of Hawai'i Regarding Proposed Amendments to HAR 13-75.
- Robert Duerr provided a report regarding the Laupāhoehoe Boat Ramp and Seawall Investigation Committee.
- Cortney Okumura read the committee report regarding recommendations for the Pu'uana'hulu/Pu'u Wa'awa'a Administrative Rules Changes.