

Name of agency/organization: DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

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Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

1. In your experience, how prevalent is the issue of squatting and adverse possession?

We don't really have an issue with adverse possession of our facilities because most of them are well maintained and occupied. Squatting may be an issue because of homeless individuals who take up residence in areas of the small boat harbor facilities such as Waianae harbor and Kailua Pier

2. In what communities and districts do squatting and adverse possession appear most prominent?

Hawaii - Kona District, Oahu - Waianae District

3. When you receive notice or a complaint about these situations, what is your normal course of action?

When we receive notice of individuals loitering or sleeping/camping on our facilities we inform DOCARE officers who investigate the complaint.

4. What kinds of complications have arisen in the past that have prevented a successful resolution of the situation?

We have not been able to prevail in court on our citations for sleeping/camping because a judge found our rule to be too broad/vague and therefore unconstitutional since camping was not

5. For those situations that have been successfully resolved, please describe what happened.

6. What happens when you contact or try to contact the owner of record?

We do not have this issue because we are the owner of record.

7. What solutions would you recommend?

We think that for state lands and public facilities, posting clear signage and closing public areas in the evenings etc. help to prevent squatting. Maintaining a regular presence in any areas helps to dissuade squatters.

8. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

We are not sure that the scope of this survey actually applies to us because we have a lot of issues with loitering and people sleeping/camping on our property but not as it relates specifically to long term squatting or adverse possession. We hope these comments have been helpful.