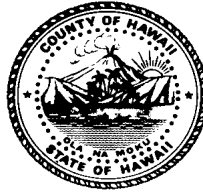


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Robert Nishimoto
Tawn Keeney

County of Hawai‘i

HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following matters to be considered by the Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 92-7, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS). This meeting will be held in-person at the location listed in this notice and by Interactive Conference Technology (ICT) through Zoom.

DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

IN PERSON LOCATION: Honoka‘a Complex
45-541 Akia Street
Honoka‘a, HI 96727

ONLINE/ZOOM:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsceihpz0sHT42IdWKACVU9P_uJQXgwJ0

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The public may provide oral testimony at the meeting by joining Zoom or attending in-person at the physical location listed above. Although not required, to register in advance for oral testimony please contact staff at cdp@hawaiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8288. Pursuant to § 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the committee takes public statements on the agenda, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Please note that public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item. In addition, although not required, to ensure timely delivery of written testimony to committee members, it is requested that written testimony be submitted by 4:30 p.m. at least two business days prior to the meeting via email to cdp@hawaiicounty.gov. When submitting written testimony, please specify for which agenda item written testimony is being submitted. All written testimony will be a part of the public record.

NOTICE REGARDING INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGY (ICT): A meeting held by ICT shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all members participating in the meeting or with the in-person location identified in this notice. The meeting

may reconvene when either audiovisual communication is restored, or audio-only communication is established after an unsuccessful attempt to restore audiovisual communication. If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting as provided in this subsection within 30 minutes after an interruption to communication, the meeting will be automatically terminated.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes from the May 8, 2024.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: Pursuant to § 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so now, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item.

IV. BUSINESS:

- 1. Hale Ho'ola Hāmākua Presentation** – Presentation from Director, Denise Mackey on Hale Ho'ola Hāmākua staffing needs, training, and housing.
- 2. Updates on Implementation Priorities** – The Action Committee will provide updates on their respective implementation priorities:
 - i. CDP Community Action Items 3 & 4: Presentation from Committee member Robert Nishimoto
 - ii. Waipi'o Wahi Pana – Committee member Brad Kurokawa and Vice-Chair Mahealani Maikui
 - iii. Fire Preparedness & Public Access – Committee member Tawn Keeney
 - iv. PONC – Committee member Tawn Keeney
 - v. Planning Department Public Notices – Committee member Tawn Keeney
 - vi. CIP Budget/Agriculture Taxes – Chair, David Meyer

V. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: Action Committee members will discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.** Hawaii County Council Chairperson, Heather Kimball to provide County Council updates related to the Hāmākua Community Development Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

This agenda and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai'i Public Documents Repository:

<https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=1&startid=109367&cr=1>

These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiicounty.gov.

NOTICE: The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the above items. A person desiring to submit oral or written testimony shall indicate their name and whether the testimony is on their behalf or as a representative of an organization or individual. Written testimony can be submitted via email or hard copy. Hard copies should include an original and nine copies and be submitted no later than 4:30pm two business days prior to the meeting.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service, other reasonable modification, or language interpretation to access this meeting please contact the Planning Department at (808) 961-8288 or cdp@hawaiicounty.gov as soon as possible, but no later than five business days prior to the meeting date, to arrange for accommodations. If a response is received after the five-business days deadline, we will try to obtain the auxiliary aid/service or accommodation, but we cannot guarantee that the request will be fulfilled. “Other reasonable modification” refers to communication methods or devices for people with disabilities who are mentally and/or physically challenged. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai‘i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai‘i County Code). A lobbyist means, “any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials.” (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai‘i County Code). Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720.

HĀMĀKUA CDP ACTION COMMITTEE

HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ACTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF HAWAII

DRAFT MINUTES
April 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Meyer called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in attendance. This meeting was held in person at the Pa‘auilo Gym Annex and via the Zoom online platform.

The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ivnqkzk5L-Q>

ROLL CALL

Members Present (in person): Richard Bidleman, Tawn Keeney, David Meyer (Chair) and Mahealani Maikui (Vice-Chair).

Members Present (via Zoom) Brad Kurokawa and Robert Nishimoto.

County Staff Present (in person): Janice Hata and Jessica Lahip.

County Staff Present (via Zoom): Maryam Palma

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:40]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney motioned to approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Mahealani Maikui seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Committee Member Tawn Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Implementation Priorities for 2024

This item was called to order at 5:11p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 7:24]

Planning Department Staff Maryam Palma presented on the Hāmākua CDP Implementation Priorities for 2024 and reviewed the results from the Google Form survey, which had been

distributed to the AC prior to the meeting. There was a discussion among the AC members regarding potential actions they were interested in pursuing. The AC also discussed whether a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) would be beneficial to the various implementation actions.

This item concluded 6:48 p.m.

2. Letter to the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization

This item was called to order at 6:48 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:44:34]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney led the discussion on sending a letter to the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO) regarding the Hāmākua Wildfire Preparedness Plan. Committee Member Tawn Keeney made a motion to send a letter to HWMO as an Action Committee. Chair David Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This item concluded at 6:54 p.m.

3. Draft General Plan 2045 Permitted Interaction Group

This item was called to order at 6:54 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:50:19]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney proposed to establish a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to prepare AC comments on the Final Recommended Draft General Plan. Committee Members Tawn Keeney and Brad Kurokawa volunteered to work together on preparing AC comments for the Final Recommended Draft General Plan.

This item concluded at 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:59:18]

1. Continue discussion on implementation priorities for 2024
2. Kolekole Bridge repair update
3. Possible presentation from Committee Member Robert Nishimoto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:04:30]

The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the Hāmākua CDP Action Committee.

Email notifications for public notices may be requested at the following link:
<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions/sign-up-for-boards-and-commissions-email-notifications>

61 **ADJOURNMENT**

62 Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member
63 Brad Kurokawa seconded the motion. An all-in-favor voice vote carried the motion unanimously.
64 The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

65 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department’s Hāmākua
66 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai‘i [Public](#)
67 [Documents Repository](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department
68 by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiicounty.gov.

Shared Governance of our Aquatic *Kuleana* *Kahawai-Muliwai-Kahakai*

A photograph of a person standing on a dark, rocky shoreline, using a long spear to hunt in the ocean. The person is wearing a blue shirt and light-colored shorts. The ocean is a deep blue with white foam from the waves crashing against the rocks. In the background, a steep, forested cliff rises from the water's edge under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Bob Nishimoto
Hāmākua CDP-AC member

CDP Action Guide

4.2 Protect Coastal Resources

Community Action 3

Develop a **Coastal Resource management plan** as part of Watershed Management plans

Community Action 4

Support the organization of a community-based *hui* for the **fisher** people of the **Hāmākua Coast**



...what happens mauka,
does not stay mauka.

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Muliwai is keystone to coastal resource management

- *Bridges *kahawai* to *kahakai*
- *Nursery habitat for marine coastal fishes
- *Gateway to native stream species



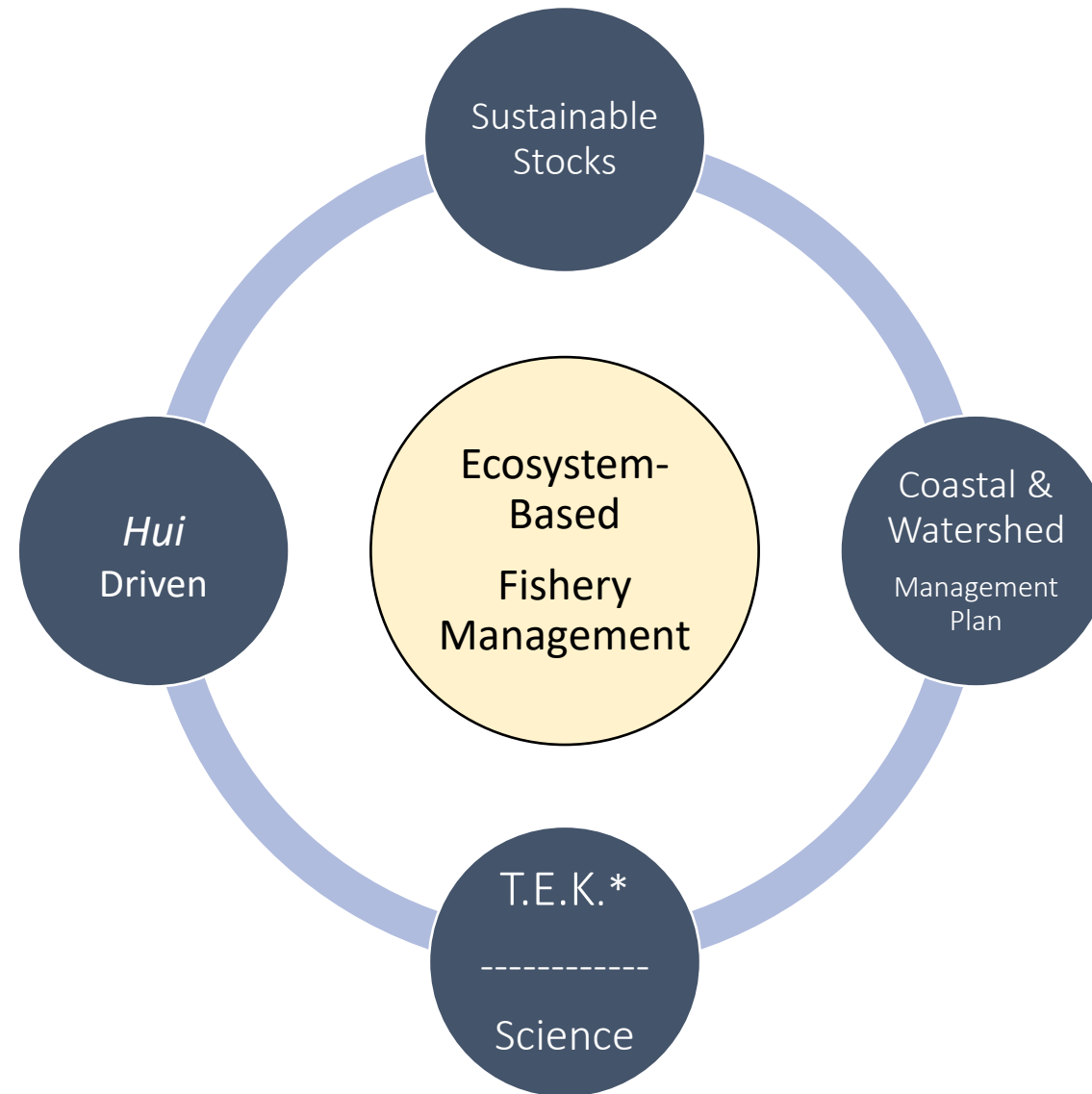
Bottom-up Fishery Management (FM)

Community-Based FM

- +Fishers who live and work in their community with historical knowledge
- +Focus ocean resource management to individual/village areas
- +Qualitative not quantitative data for rule-making

Ecosystem-Based FM

- +Managing fisheries on coast-wide scale
- +Maintain ecosystem in a healthy, productive, resilient condition
- +Can apply to management of protected species



*Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Hāmākua *Hui*

Hawai'i County

Hāmākua Development Plan Action Committee (HDP-AC)

Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources (PONC)

State of Hawai'i

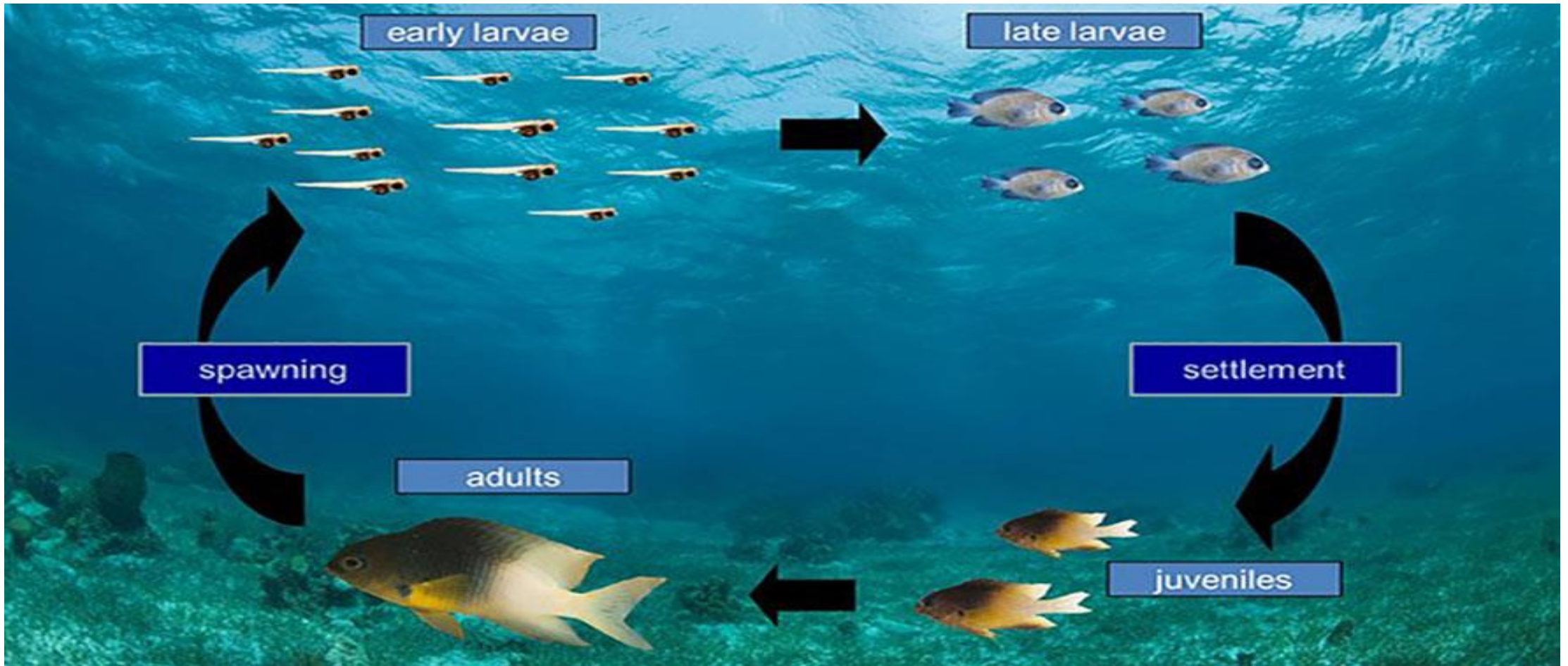
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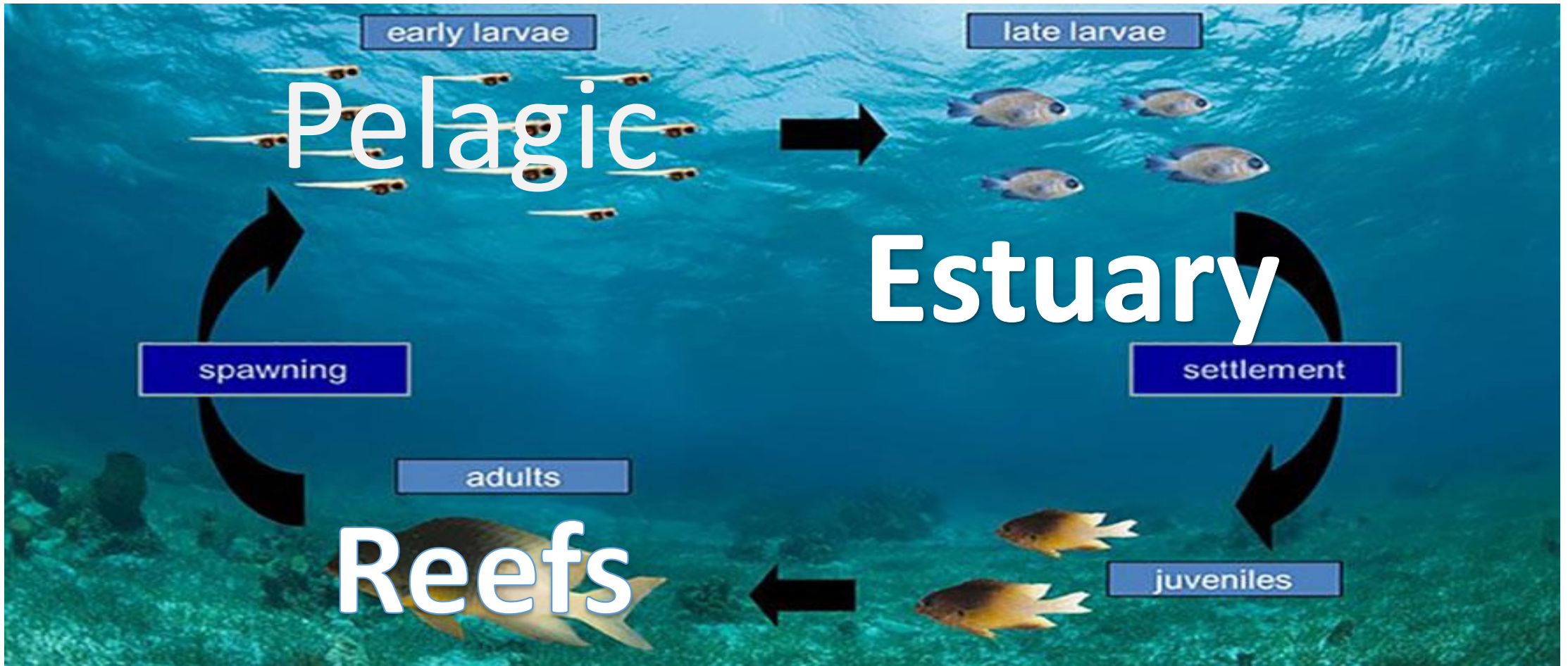
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Hawai'i Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition (HFACT)

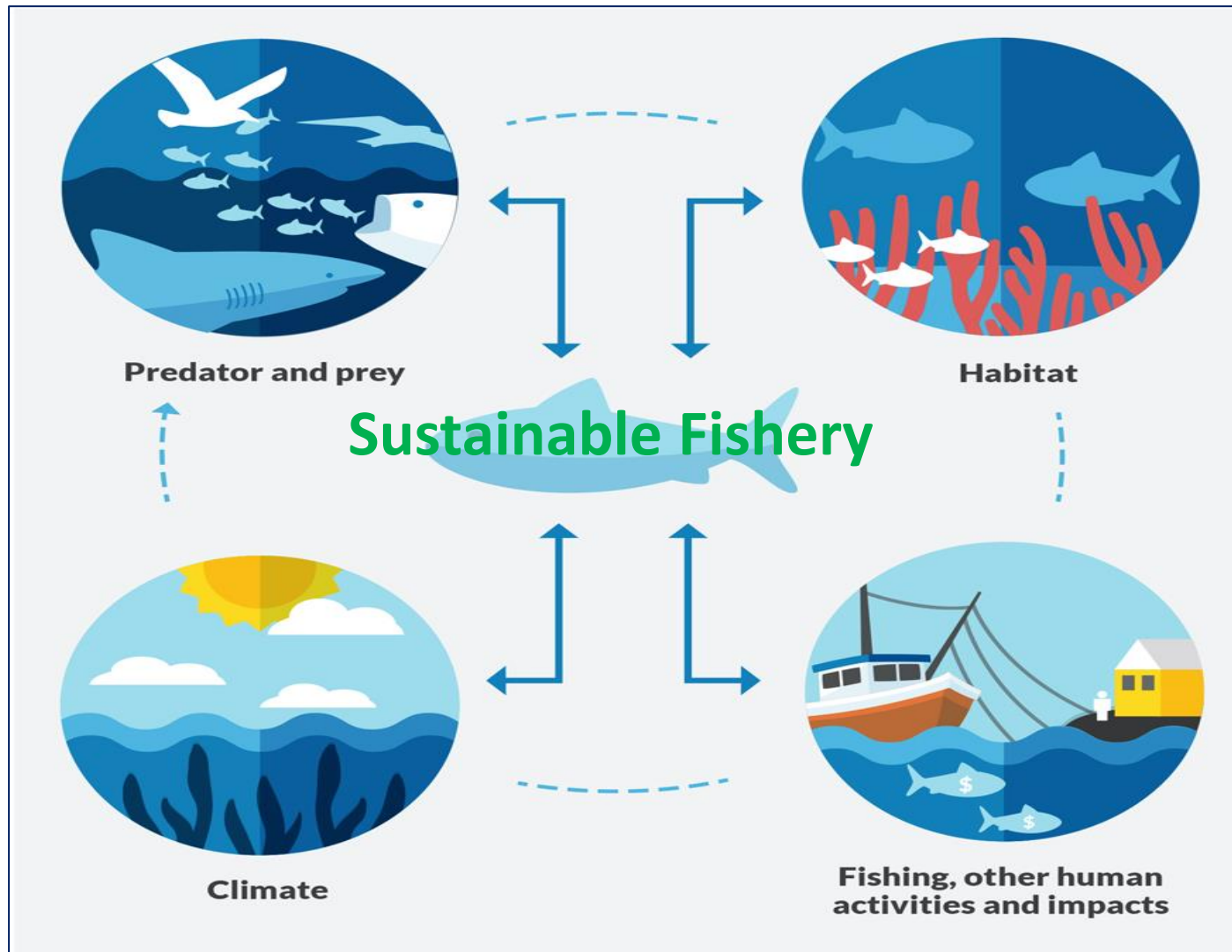
Life Cycle of our Coastal Fish



Ecosystem Management of our Coastal Fisheries



Threats & Solutions to Hāmākua Coast Subsistence Fisheries



Diet for Juvenile Hawksbill turtle

Maintain ecosystem health

Estuary as essential fish habitat for sustainable fishery

'Fish is a by-product of a healthy habitat'

Climate threat of sea level rise, severe weather

Build resilience with healthy nursery habitat

Land-based pollution, sediment runoff, cliff slides

Protect natural streamflow to the ocean

Goals for Community Actions #3 & 4

1. Adopt Hawaiian perspective of '*Mauka-Muliwai-Makai*'

“Native Forest → Natural Stream Flow → Momona Ocean”

2. Focus on nursery habitat (estuary) degradation, not overfishing, will gain fisher partnerships, coastal community support, climate resiliency
3. Use Chapter 37 of the Hawaii County Code, **Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience** (OSCER) as guidepost

Next step...

1. Recognize estuary as the keystone aquatic habitat
2. Organize regional *hui* for coastal resource management
3. OSCER* bridges County & State jurisdictions

An aerial photograph showing a coastal region. In the upper right, a large body of blue water meets a green, hilly coastline. To the left, a city with various buildings and parking lots is visible. In the center, a large, dark blue pond or lagoon is surrounded by green grass and trees. A golf course with several holes is situated to the right of the pond. In the lower left, there are more buildings and a parking lot. The text "Not my kuleana... is not an option" is overlaid in yellow on the water in the upper right.

Not my *kuleana*...
is not an option

Lahip, Jessica

From: Hartman, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:11 PM
To: Palma, Maryam
Cc: Planning CDP
Subject: RE: Hāmākua CDP AC questions

Maryam,

Thank you for forwarding these questions.

Please see DEM's response below:

1. Who decides/decided the areas of priorities?

DEM: The areas of priority are decided collaboratively by a team of stakeholders including the public, DEM, Mayor's Administration, County Finance Department and County Council. They will consider public input, financial feasibility, and expert recommendations before finalizing priorities.

2. What criteria or how were those areas selected?

DEM: The draft priority areas for sewer service expansion are being evaluated based on several key factors:

- **High cesspool density and alignment with State health and environmental priorities:** Areas with a lot of cesspools and that the state has identified for wastewater treatment are high on the list.
- **Capacity:** The expansion must be able to connect to existing sewage collection and treatment facilities without overloading them.
- **Development potential:** Areas zoned for medium-to-high density housing or industry are prioritized for sewer service to support future growth.
- **Limited septic options:** Areas with small lots (less than 1 acre) where it's difficult to get a septic system permit are prime candidates for sewer expansion.
- **Cost-effectiveness:** Areas with lower construction costs are more likely to be included in initial expansion plans.
- **Strategic location:** Areas near affordable housing developments, grant projects, planned communities, or existing sewer infrastructure are favorable for expansion.
- **Sewer Rate Fee Impacts and Affordability:** The County is evaluating construction, operation, and maintenance cost impacts to service costs.

3. Who decided the pay criteria?

DEM: The Draft IWWMP will be complete this summer. It will be made available to all stakeholders for at least a 30-day review period.

4. What mechanisms are used to determine:

- a. COH pay vs. private pay

DEM: CHAPTER 21 of the Hawai'i County Code contains all ordinances to regulate the use of all public sewers. The County is responsible for operating and maintaining all public sewers.

b. COH maintained vs. private

DEM: CHAPTER 21 of the Hawai'i County Code contains all ordinances to regulate the use of all public sewers. The County is responsible operating and maintaining all public sewers.

c. Critical areas

DEM: The State Department of Health Cesspool Priority
(<https://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/files/2022/11/prioritizationtoolreport.pdf>)

Kelly Hartman

Environmental Planner | Department of Environmental Management | County of Hawaii



Website: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/environmental-management>

Email: kelly.hartman@hawaiicounty.gov

From: Palma, Maryam <Maryam.Palma@hawaiicounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 10:15 AM
To: Hartman, Kelly <Kelly.Hartman@hawaiicounty.gov>
Cc: Planning CDP <cdp@hawaiicounty.gov>
Subject: RE: Hāmākua CDP AC questions

Hey Kelly,

Just checking in on that drafted response:)

Mahalo,
Maryam

From: Hartman, Kelly <Kelly.Hartman@hawaiicounty.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:07 PM
To: Palma, Maryam <Maryam.Palma@hawaiicounty.gov>
Cc: Planning CDP <cdp@hawaiicounty.gov>
Subject: RE: Hāmākua CDP AC questions

Aloha Maryam,

I submitted a draft response to the Director for approval. Please stand by.

Thank you,

Kelly Hartman

Environmental Planner | Department of Environmental Management | County of Hawaii



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Palma, Maryam

From: Campbell, Jean K
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Palma, Maryam
Subject: Hamakua CDP AC Question

Hi Maryam,

Thank you for providing the question from the Hamakua CDP AC. Please see below for my response.

Does HCC Section 16-6 require the planning Department to monitor all Planning Department actions for effect on properties located within the geographic scope of the Hamakua CDP and report the same to the AC?

No, it does not. HCC 16-6 is a listing of the duties and responsibilities of the AC. The AC should take advantage of the available monitoring resources, including signing up for email notifications with County and State agencies of interest, monitoring local newspapers for legal notices, attending community events and meetings, among other resources to stay abreast of community issues. The AC may request briefings from the Planning Department and other County agencies covering any specific pending or approved actions or priority actions of such agencies. (See HCC Subsections (5) and (6) respectively) As required by HCC Section 16-4(b), the purpose of the CDP action committee is to be a proactive, community-based steward of the plan's implementation and update. The membership is intended to reflect a broad cross-section of the community. (See HCC 16-5(c)) Thus, AC members are chosen for their community involvement and knowledge, among other qualifications.

To fulfil their duty and identify any actions of interest, the AC members may want to regularly review the public notices sections of the local newspaper, the Planning Department Website (see <https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/>), keep abreast of actions at the County by reviewing the County Calendar (see <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/county-calendar>), subscribe to any relevant email lists for County boards and commissions (see <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions/sign-up-for-boards-and-commissions-email-notifications>) and take other related actions.

Feel free to forward this response to the AC members.

Aloha,

Jean

Jean K. Campbell

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