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#### AGENDA

#### AMENDED

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 21, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** 25 Aupuni St., PUEO Conference Rm., #2601, Hilo, HI 96720

This meeting will be held through a combination of some board members being physically present at the meeting location and some members participating in an interactive video conference through Zoom. Members of the public may provide remote oral testimony by Zoom or at the public location noted above.

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#### STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This Commission will accept both written testimony and oral testimony. Oral testimony can be provided at the beginning of the meeting, when the respective agenda is called, or at the sole discretion of the Chair. All written testimony will be a part of the permanent record and must be submitted either to: (i) this Commission's clerk: [Barbara.Kossow@hawaiiicounty.gov](mailto:Barbara.Kossow@hawaiiicounty.gov); (ii) facsimile to (808) 323-4440; or (iii) mail to Game Management Advisory Commission, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Bldg C, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**2. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

*Interested persons who want to provide oral testimony on any agenda item may do so now, or at the time the specific agenda item is called.*

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

- Approval of minutes for the meetings of
  - April 29, 2026
  - May 19, 2026
- Communications/correspondence: Letter sent on May 20, 2026, to Mayor Alameda regarding request to change the meeting hours from 9:00-11:00 am to 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, Puna Conference Room, 1501, 25 Aupuni St., Hilo HI 96720.

**4. COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- a. Each Commissioner will provide updates and share concerns about their respective districts; Commissioners to decide on whether to add those topics at the next meeting and to invite the public to provide testimonies and presentations at their meeting. *There will otherwise be no discussion or voting, which will be reserved for when it is itemized on a future agenda.*

**5. PRESENTATION:**

- a. Dr. Kim Kozuma, Deputy State Veterinarian Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture – Hawai'i Island will present "*Veterinarian's Perspective on Diseases and Issues Affecting Hawai'i Island Wild game and hunters.*"
- b. Blake McNaughton, President of Makahanaloa Fishing Association, Director Jeff Darrow of the County of Hawaii Planning Department, and Deborah Chang will provide a presentation on fishing access issues at TMK: (3) 2-8-012:28 and Forrest Reserve access issues in Honomu.
- c. Jeff Darrow, Director of County of Hawaii Planning Department will present on the outcome of GMAC's recommendations on the General Plan.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion regarding recruitment of people to fill vacant GMAC seats.
- b. GMAC development of an informational/marketing brochure design markups for Commissioners to consider. *Chair T. Wong Chong*
- c. Presentation: DOCARE will discuss new recruits and allocation of personnel on land and water.

- d. Presentation: USDA will discuss wild game harvest, game management, and game diseases.
- e. Presentation: Mauna Kea Oversight Authority will provide an update regarding hunting access on Mauna Kea.
- f. The Commission intends to discuss topics for future GMAC agenda presentations. *Chair Wong Chong*
- g. The commission will discuss the sewer discharge issue in Keaukaha and who to invite for a presentation on the issue and if it has any effect on marine life.
- h. Discussion regarding whether GMAC meetings can be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and status of Commissioner vacancies. Also, determine if a PIG should be formed.
- i. Discussion and Decision Making: On the final draft GMAC 2025 second, third, and fourth, quarter reports. *Commissioner R. Duerr*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion, an update on what happened to GMAC Amendments to General Plan 2045 Councilwomen Heather Kimbell wrote. We need to review our GMAC Amendments for potential deletions and additions including provision for a shooting facility for hunters and citizens to safely fire their guns. Also, a provision for the county to support and seek partners for safe camping areas as affordable recreation. *Commissioner, Robert Duerr.*
- b. Discussion on Public Access issues at Baby Pond, Old Airport, Kona.
- c. Deliberation and decision-making on the report submitted by the Permitted Interaction Group established to investigate Rules and Regulations related to Manta Ray tours. The investigative report was given by Commissioners Duerr and Aquino at GMAC's meeting on May 19, 2026.
- d. Deliberation and decision-making on the matter investigated by the Permitted Interaction Group established to investigate firearm range improvements at mile marker 16 on Saddle Road, also known as Camp Morita. The investigative report was given by Commissioner Ackerman at GMAC's meeting on May 19, 2026.
- e. Discussion regarding removal of boulders at Volcano Transfer Station, which block hunter access to Volcano Forrest Reserve.
- f. Discussion of Agenda items to be added to GMAC's meeting Agenda for July 21, 2026.
  - (1) Blake McNoughton of Makahanaloa Fishing Association, Director Jeff Darrow of the Hawaii County Planning Department, and Deborah Chang will provide a presentation on fishing access issues at TMK: (3) 2-8-012:28 and Forrest reserve access issues in Honoumuli.
  - (2) Jeff Darrow, the Director of Hawaii County Planning Department will present the outcome of GMAC's recommendations on the General Plan.

- g. Discussion of Agenda item to be added to GMAC's meeting Agenda for August 18, 2026
  - (1) DLNR, Coast Guard, Manta Ray tour operator, and fisherman will present on issues related to manta ray tours at Keauhou Bay, Kailua-Kona.
- h. Discussion of Agenda item to be added to GMAC's meeting Agenda for September 15, 2026.
  - (1) Presentation related to sewer discharge issues at Puako, Keaukaha, Hilo, and Kona.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## 9. ADJOURNMENT.

**Executive Session:** This Commission anticipates it may convene in one or more executive sessions regarding the above matters listed on the agenda, pursuant to HRS Sections 92-4 and 92-5 (a)(4), for the purpose of consulting with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. A two-thirds (2/3) vote pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statute Section 92-4 is necessary to hold an executive session. Executive sessions are closed to the public. Commissioners attending the meeting from private locations shall advise if any person is with them (except for the names of minors).

**Note:** This meeting shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all Commission members participating in the meeting or with the "in-person" location identified in this agenda. This meeting may be in-person 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 remaining items on this agenda shall be continued to the next meeting.



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**Board Packet:** Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 92-7.5, the board packet provided to members of this board for this meeting is available for public inspection "three (3) full business days" before the meeting date during regular business hours at the Hilo Office of the Mayor, 25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603, Hilo, Hawai'i, and at the Kona Office of the Mayor, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Bldg C, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.

**Notification Sign-Up:** Members of the public can sign-up for email notifications for information from Game Management Advisory Commission on the Hawai'i County website, hawaiicounty.gov, under Boards and Commissions, tab "Sign Up for Boards and Commission Email Notifications", and fill out the e-form. Sign-Up Link: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions/sign-up-for-boards-and-commissions-email-notifications>

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