

## Hawaii Island Day Use Mooring Buoy 10 Year Plan Workshop

Thursday, August 13, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 pm in Kealakehe High School Cafeteria

### **Group Comments:**

- Need to streamline and speed up the process
  - Why does it take so long?
  - We need day use moorings now!
- High priority areas and inappropriate areas need to be reviewed
- Total closure of Papawai/Queen Liliuokalani Area could alleviate user conflicts
- User conflict-fishing from shore in Pawai Bay area
- Need to discuss removal of illegal moorings and/or the process to install legal moorings in sites where illegal ones are now placed

### **Rules and Regs:**

- Allow Overnight Use on moorings
  - Need to clarify how to manage this – would it be similar to camping permits or for free on a first come, first served basis?
- Suggestion for a 3-5 year site rotation (temporary closures of areas)
- Do we need a formal Rule: Pawai Bay Area closure to commercial activity during weekends and state holidays unless extreme rough weather?
- Cultural activity/weekend/holiday closure weather exception of Pawai gentleman's agreement not being followed
- Need to have algae removal happen on moorings – could this be a requirement of those who use the moorings (i.e. if you're tied to a dirty mooring, you're liable)? Or is this something that needs to be addressed as part of the system management?
- Surface buoys might work in some locations, especially those in rougher waters
  - Concern over entanglement end. species/vessels/navigation

- There should be punishment for damage to moorings or destruction ie. cutting lines
- We may need size control of vessels on moorings
- Need rules/regs to manage rafting of vessels on moorings, especially at popular sites like the manta dive sites
- Scheduling for capacity of area
- No day-use buoys anywhere south of Honaunau :commercial operators not wanted-drift only
- Reminder: Buoys are public-can be in areas w/out commercial activity
- ENFORCEMENT needs to be way more effective
- There was an EA completed by DLNR for the day use moorings
- Can we ask paddling and Ironman event coordinators to submit requests for race marker moorings – markers are usually weights/cinder blocks dropped on ocean floor
- One suggestion for no More mooring at Papawai Bay

**Sustainable Funding of Program:**

- Possible Tax (user fee) per diver/snorkeler \$.25-\$1.00 /head
- Annual diver fee sticker on BC or tank \$25/year
- Donations
  - State cannot collect donations so this would have to operate through a non-profit
- Concern about going to general funds
- Could institute Additional fee for boater registration
- Out of current DOBOR tax
- What about snorkelers (need a way to capture snorkel use too)
- Blue Water trail program management had suggestions for fund raising
- Fee for activity desks (commission)
- Parking/car fee at Honokohau Harbor

- Fee for state beach park use ie. Hapuna or Kahaluu
- Federal Money (Obama Admin)
- Grants
- Fines for illegal anchoring or coral damage
- Annual fundraiser organized by boaters
- Booth at county fair and other fairs