

EACP Committee

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To: EACP Committee
Subject: I Support Amending Section 13.04A.290 to Prohibit Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity at Hanako'o Beach Park

Aloha,

I'm a Lahaina resident and a member of Kahana Canoe Club based at Hanako'o Beach Park. I urge your support to amend section 13.04A.290, Maui County Code, to prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity in this area.

Hanako'o Beach, aka Canoe Beach, is a special, unique place for local beach goers. Paddling provides exercise, healthy competition and a way to celebrate Hawaiian culture with the club ohana. The canoe clubs provide a great cultural experience for young keiki to old uncles and aunties.

Many times during the week the beach is packed with local based paddling and other activities. Adding permitted commercial tourist activities to the packed environment has created heated conflicts. There just isn't room for commercial tourist activity at this beach. Canoe Beach is the only primarily local beach on the West Side. There are plenty of other beaches available for commercial activity.

Please support amending section 13.04A290, to prohibit all commercial ocean recreational activity at Hanako'o Beach Park. By doing so, you will be supporting the cultural significance of outrigger canoe paddling while making it a safer place for everyone.

Mahalo,

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