

## HFC Committee

---

**From:** Mike McGarry <mtmcgarry09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** HFC Committee  
**Cc:** Alice L. Lee; Keani N. Rawlins; Tasha A. Kama; Riki Hokama; Kelly King; Mike J. Molina; Tamara A. Paltin; Shane M. Sinenci; Yukilei Sugimura  
**Subject:** Feral cat management comments

Hawaiian wildlife is unique, and without appropriate action it will be permanently changed. There are many species at risk from feral cats in the landscape. Cats can exist anywhere in the world, but Hawaiian native wildlife is only found in Hawaii. If we allow native wildlife to die out because of the misguided emotions of a loud minority of people we will have failed to preserve a natural gift.

Feral cats in the environment must be 100% removed. Allowing cat colonies is unacceptable. Trap Neuter Release is a half measure. The time for half measures is over. The cats need to be controlled using lethal means. There have been many examples of islands successfully eliminating invasive predators like cats and rats. It can be done in a humanitarian way, but any cat left in the wild is an affront to the natural order that Hawaiians deserve.

Michael McGarry