

EACP Committee

From: Mark Nigh <menigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 5:54 PM
To: EACP Committee
Subject: : I support to amend section 13.04A.290, prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity at Hanako'o Beach Park

As a resident of Lahaina and a user of Hanako'o Beach Park I respectfully request that your support to amend section 13.04A.290, Maui County Code, to prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity in this area.

I paddle for Kahana Canoe Club And have come to understand the importance of the beach to both the locals and the outrigger clubs.

The outrigger clubs provide a outlet for competitive racing as well great exercise. As a 60 plus year old the paddling gives me a way to workout and stay fit with a set of people that forms an ohana.

The clubs also provide a place for keiki to learn hawaiian culture thru their paddling. Our team has around 50 kids from under 12 to age 15 or so.

Also, Hanako'o Beach Park is the only place on Maui that is sanctioned to hold state races which it does every 8 years which brings people and commerce to the area for the meet.

By supporting to amend section 13.04A.290, to prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity at Hanako'o Beach Park you will be supporting the cultural significance of outrigger canoe paddling while making it a safer place for the citizens and visitors to Maui.

Mahalo,

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