

# HAWAII-WHALES-R-US

DEDICATED TO LIVING IN BALANCE WITH OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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To: DLNR, Maui County Council, Dept. of State Parks.  
Residents of W. Maui, and who ever cares about Hawaii.

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Subj: Assault on our Marine Environment & on Residents

An E-Foil Maui business operation has begun from the Royal Lahaina Resort. A beautiful once pristine beach where several swimmers have already been nearly hit by an E-Foil. On July 10<sup>th</sup> 4 rental E-Foils chased spinner dolphins and that may be only the beginning.

When will this assault on our Marine Environment and consideration for residents be heard. E-Foils operating on an electric motorized somewhat looking skate-board this sound can be heard more than 100 yards away.

Our oceans are the worlds largest echo chamber where sound travels 5 times the distance than it does in our atmosphere and marine species are 20 times as sensitive to sound as we ourselves. Does anyone care?

From Kahekili beach park where dozens of local residents do their daily swims to Black Rock and back, we now have to watch out for this intrusive noisy E-Foil motoring device leaving from the beach in front of the Royal Lahaina Resort – a place for swimmers not motorized Foils. This is an obtrusive Thrill Craft, that should NEVER be able to operate.

It's never ending. Hawaii due to its isolation is a very, very, very fragile place both Aina & Kai – (land and sea) and the continuation of playing Russian Roulette with the land and sea in more than my 60 plus years of living here in Hawaii has been devastating. At 77 years old I'm ashamed of being a human being. A species that pats itself on the back and labels itself as an intelligent species. What intelligent species knowingly pollutes its own home?

Man's main attribute (greed and money) With no thought or consideration for the land/sea or residents. In the end, Nature will determine our fate.

If this obtrusive activity is allowed to operate I'm sure more E-Foil operations with appear.

*Enough is enough, when will this assault end. What is going to happen on the annual Sophie Swim on August when I would say over 100 people will swim from Kahekili Beach part to Black Rock and back – and event for children of Maui. DOES ANYONE CARE?*

*Begin a petition, write letters, but do SOMETHING. Many may say, it won't make a difference, but I can only say, NOTHING WILL CHANGE UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING. This our HOME.*

*What's more important to you? Our peace of mind, a silent and clean sea or these obtrusive activities? This is our HOME.*

*We have lost our beaches here on W. Maui from Kaanapali to Fleming Beach. As a resident if you don't get to the beach at least by 9-10AM you don't go, it's packed as one of the life guards told me "Nothing but Tommy Bahamas". And the resident goes HOME.*

*Hawaii again due to its isolation is an extremely fragile environment both Aina & Kai. Stop playing Russian Roulette with the mere fabric of life. For those on social media, PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT, LETS CLOSE DOWN THIS OPERATION.*

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*Planet Earth where human populations encompass only 12% of the land, being that the rest is too hot or cold to live. If we include the oceans, then we only populate only 4% of Planet Earth AND our footprints are EVERYWHERE from the top of the world to the abyss of the sea. What a disgrace.*

*Me Ke Aloha Pumehana  
With Warm Aloha*

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