

EACP Committee

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Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 10:30 AM
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 and swim frequently in this area and have had personal experiences with the current permitted operators in this area that lead me to support banning all current and future ocean related commercial activity.

As a retired 30 year San Diego Fire Rescue, Lifeguard Division, Marine Safety Lieutenant it is my professional opinion that the current commercial activity is a safety hazard to the users of this area.

The following are incidents that I have personally viewed:

- **While practicing with Kahana Canoe Club, SCUBA divers receiving instruction have entered the water in the practice/race area that is used by Kahana, Lahaina and Napili Canoe Clubs. At times we have had to adjust our course to prevent colliding with those scuba divers. Also at times we have seen the bubbles of the scuba divers that have drifted into the practice/race area. If by chance a diver had to emergency ascend they could easily be struck by and outrigger canoe.**
- **Kayak and Stand up Paddle rentals have aslo launched and paddled directly into and through the practice/race area requiring canoes at times to stop or adjust there course at a moments notice. Many of these paddlers are inexperience and have difficulty controlling their craft.**

As your aware this is the only area on the west side of Maui that can be used for outrigger canoe racing, and at times hosting the Hawaiian State Outrigger Championships.

Buy supporting to amend section 13.04A.290, 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 visors to Maui.

Mahalo,

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