

## EACP Committee

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**From:** Carl Kobayashi <chkdds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** EACP Committee  
**Subject:** I support to amend section 13.04A.290, prohibiting commercial ocean recreational activity at Hanako'o Beach Park

As a long time resident of Lahaina and a frequent user of Hanako'o Beach Park I respectfully request that you support to amend section 13.04A.290, Maui County Code, to prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity in this area. This is a culturally significant area. There are many Hawaiian cultural practitioners that use this area on a daily basis. Swimming, fishing, Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling, spreading of loved ones ashes, prayer, meditation just to mention a few of the activities.

I paddle, swim, snorkel and picnic 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. I have also been involved with spreading of ashes and the make a wish foundation, helping a young family with the wishes of their son who was dying of cancer.

### 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 also 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 Hawaii State Outrigger Canoe Championships. Which brings hundreds of participants from all islands, adding thousands of dollars to our Maui economy.

Buy supporting to amend section 13.04A.290, prohibiting commercial ocean recreational activity at Hanako'o Beach Park you will be supporting the cultural significance of this area and making it a safer place for the citizens and visitors of Maui.

Mahalo,  
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