HFC Committee

From: Maui County Council mailbox Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:07 AM

To: **HFC Committee**

Subject: FW: Feral cats and beach parks

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Completed

Forwarding for testimony: HFC-24 Feral Animal Management on Maui

From: Patricia Cadiz <pbc5@mac.com> Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:23 AM

To: Riki Hokama <bf.committee@mauicounty.us>; Maui County Council mailbox <county.council@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Feral cats and beach parks

Aloha and mahalo for your efforts to protect monk seals from toxoplasmosis through transmission from feral cats. Please ensure that no cat colonies are maintained in or near the shoreline and wetland areas, in particular at Kanaha where the daily feral cat feeders enable the spread of this insidious disease.

andoned Vehicles and Met- Nano Glave Nonk seal dies during treatme

from a parasitic disease while cat feces. in treatment at a marine center, an official said.

named Pohaku died last week Michelle Barbieri, head of ter's Ke Kai Ola facility on the Research Program. Big Island, Hawaii Public Radio reported Tuesday.

this year to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administralagoon.

Hawaiian monk seal has died caused by parasites found in longest period of treatment for

"For Hawaiian monk seals, this disease presents itself in a The 13-year-old female very aggressive way," said at the Marine Mammal Cen- NOAA's Hawaiian Monk Seal

Many seals with toxoplas- her own." mosis die before treatment or Pohaku was taken earlier shortly after transfer to a facili- the disease has a great in pay ty, Barbieri said.

tion facility in Honolulu after Pohaku during the initial days displaying signs of distress at a of the infection before transfer- searchers expected her to mise ring her to Hawaii island. She more pups for several years, The seal was found to have was attended by staff at the Barbieri said.

HONOLULU (AP) - A toxoplasmosis, a disease center for 10 weeks, the

"For a 500-pound animal. it's quite challenging," Barbieri said. "Especially when it's a seal that's not swimming normally, not movine normally and is not eating on

Losing female monk seals to NOAA officials stabilized Pohaku had seven pure throughout her life and p.

Mahalo for your efforts. Aloha,

Patricia Cadiz