

EACP Committee

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From: Kehau Newhouse <knewhous@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 12:45 PM
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Aloha mai kākou,

I am unable to attend the 1:30pm meeting today but am submitting written testimony via email.

As a Maui girl born and raised, māmā to a young kanaka Hawai'i who is still developing his sense of self, and a community member of our pae 'āina, I am writing to support the EACP agenda item related to **adding Hanakao'o Beach Park to the list of beaches in which Commercial Ocean Recreational Activities (CORA) are prohibited** as designated in Maui County Code 13.04A.290.

We must continue to be aware of the environmental impact made by business activities and equally how cultural activities and access to these areas are impacted by economic ventures which have no direct or longstanding commitment to better our home (land and sea). Our paddling community has vested interest in this site and continue to use it to provide a safe place for children and adults alike to practice the sport year after year. I encourage you to take the honest road and add Hanakao'o to the site list for beaches where CORA are prohibited - if not for our children and grandchildren, then for who?

This is the first season my son is paddling canoe - it is something he *finally* found that he loves and what better way to keep him engaged, healthy, and surrounded by likeminded community members than through this Hawaiian activity. I hope that you'll do the right thing to protect Hanakao'o Beach so my son and other children can further develop their identity as a keiki o ka 'āina.

Mahalo,

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