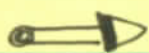


5/22/97 KIRC meetg -
Wailuku, 7:30 PM

- petition received and letter from NMFS, rec'd after
packet mailed to Commis, passed around, plus note.

- reviewed by HDAR (Ishikawa), NMFS (Polovina, Kobayashi),
analysis submitted by NMFS (Mott, BPT chair).



public comment →

At Frias: Bottomfish Task Force → recommended
that ^{closure} area outside of Ni'u lani made
smaller and area around Kaho'olawe
some
remain closed to oroga and ehv.
we decided to close 20% of the MHI -
20% will be shut down - primary issue
we should be allowed to fish those areas that
are supposed to remain open - in Maui County -
Fishermen, we, are supportive of the State's plan.
but want KIR waters open to fish.

Fishermen support KIR, we always have, we never changed
anything. We need help now and we'd like to
have some. recommended 6-ft closure from
Kamapou to Hahione

Dennis Niles

Here an fishermen and attorney for MTBC,
am principally a troll.

upset that have seen things in the first
time (e.g. the haulout). When arrived here
rec'd Dodge 30 page report, can't respond
to night. would like material to be
disseminated before the hearing.

I urge you to reject the recommendation of
the staff. Existing rule is better
than the various rule proposed by staff.

Staff recommends no change re b.f., but
no justification for change in the status quo.
Refer to IV.C.15 (map of Zone A).

~~The~~ Staff is recommending pushing boundary
outwards. This effectively excludes the
40 fm isobath where 'one' are found
in certain times of the year.

There is not present material that
justifies this boundary change, except that
have ~~read that~~ that needed for security.

There is no presentation of ~~these~~ facts
supporting security. Status quo rules
are better than this proposed by staff.

Dennis Niles (cont.)

This is not an economic issue per se. This is more fundamental. ... right to access the fishing grounds. Fundamental right to access the grounds. I support what the Supreme Court said in PASH. But has been involved erroneously in this proceeding. What we are seeking is not in conflict w/ tenant rights. → Hodges says that this resource needs mgmt. I agree, but not with the method of the management. We're ready to work with you to collect the data that is needed. I beg to differ that we need to shut it down. I agree that it is a limited fishery of a limited number of boats. We want to

Duke Enomoto

6K3 → Solely and exclusively for 1, 2, 3, 4, commercial uses shall be strictly prohibited. See no correlation between off-island fishery and purposes of Reserve. My mana'o is that 6K, KIR is for Hawaiians, not for commercial activities or special interests, for Hawaiians.

Duke Enomoto (cont.)

we have rights, too. and OK is law.

Blossom Feiden

on behalf of independent nation state of Hawaii;
we support the recommendations of staff
and commission. Protect the resource.
we have right to protect what is ours.
With rights come Kuleana. When we
compromise it is to the detriment of others.
Nation of Hawaii supports the Komp,
52 organizations of Hawaii, support Komp.

Leslie Kulobio →

identifying the Kuleana. I feel
need to defend myself again. My family
gave up plot of shoreline for at Ahiki-Kina'u.
But we swallowed and said "yes". Naia and
Kahala not now coming in to Ahiki-Kina'u.
I like to continue that I don't use
instruments. I use the ~~plot~~ pin and
landmark. I use the Kaka line up
instruments. That's the comparison between
Kama'aina forsterman and the economic use
of the technology.

Kaloloio (cont.)

I don't sell fish now, If I have extra I give away. I sacrificed Ahiki Kiriā and Hōloka Bay, I fished the hōw, but I sacrificed my right to catch hōw. I sacrificed b/c I want vision and mission for my native Hawai'i people. I'd like to see the period of the cleanup used for a study of the resource. We should give some kind of open for boat fishermen. It's the big guys outside that are hurting us. Traditional fishermen use old techniques w/o instruments, I use just drag line. My take I still catch up like. Focus on what Mr. Enomoto said - I am willing to give up Kaho'olawe so the next generation can say maikāi.

Elaine Weiden

From bottomline, there is agreement that fish declining, but if there is to be a mistake, let's err on the side of conservation. The proposed rules are already a big compromise. I always thought would be no commercial use. Even commercial use two weekends a month is too much.

Sid Medeiros

I am commercial fishermen, recently full-time, was part-time for 20 yrs. I just lost my job so plan was for 27 years. I am bottomfisherman and part-time troller. I'd like to see the ocean cleaned, if the ocean was clean we would have more fish. Commercial fishermen never exploded a bomb - what about the ocean, why not clean the ocean so we can do some bottomfishing. Whatever data you have is from the ~~best~~ fishermen. We did our part. We pay taxes and now we are being told there are some places we cannot fish.

Anthony Ventura

Am on board of Mainland Boat Fish Club. We have to work together. We helped you guys get across in the very beginning. At that time we could fish from high water outwards, now we got nothing. I'm part of you. Let's work together and let's come up w/ something. For the past two years we have not been able to bottomfish.

Anthony Ventura (Cont.)

I think is a good point that grandfather is a good idea. Hodger ~~asked~~ asked for ~~the~~ data and personal information (Financial). I will not give the Financial information. Hodger needs data but ~~not~~ we won't give financial data.

Roselle Bailey

I came back to Nani in 1955, I noticed our family said there's no more fish. The people abused their rights by using illegal net and catch illegal fish and fish at illegal times. I was first volunteer that DAR had in monitoring the fishing. It's important to manage the resources and to mālama. I remember the kahu coming up to reef in Lāhaina, and sharks coming inside the reef when spawning. Commercialization causes depletion. Take a good hard thing of commercialization and how we can care for our people.

Conrad Ventona

What is said tonight is brainstorming.
We should work together and have a
workshop. It used to be that the
Navy would make an announcement and
allow fishing on certain weekends.

We honor the law and what ~~was~~ was
established reluctantly b/c that is
our life. 50% to 60% of their
catch comes from Kaho'olawe b/c it
is convenient. I conserve in my
own way. Initially when the Pond
was brought to my attention was by
Mr. Heger. Talk to try and sit
down and discuss. Heger told me
that we could work it out.

Now ~~that~~ he says no in his
proposal. We never did sit down
and talk about it, just paper.

~~I am~~ I am part Hawaiian. I have
been there and done that. I don't want
to fight and am tired of begging for
my rights. But is so hard when you
have no good vibes.

Commod Ventura (cont.)

I appreciate that you brought the meeting to Maui. My last request is that we sit down and try for something, even if it's little.

Brian Yoshikawa

Wants to thank staff for recognizing blue water diving, I am here to answer any question. We want the fish. It's rewarding b/c we can eat. I use all spear guns.

I belong to Shi o Kai, 68 members, ~~and~~ pretty consistent.

Tammy Hump

I serve on two advisory panels to WESPAC. We have expressed what we believe to be right about the kapu and. Page 47 of Draft KOMP, sustainable mgmt. in perpetuity.

Ed Lindsey

To all the fishermen it's a big ocean. We are looking at survival, Hawaiian people. I support the intent re KIR, but there should be dialogue. I don't want to be accused. I KIR is open, commercial fishermen from O'ahu will wipe it out.

Ed Lindsey (cont.)

I have to support. But there is one problem, need to review the law collect data and do what is right. Tape — data has to be analyzed properly. We have to listen to everybody and we must have a dialogue.

Isaac Hays

Present petition in support of preservation of resources in the KIR. HAO supports.

Serve on committees of WESPAC. No matter which way the things go we need to move ahead. KIR is one of few things left worth saving. There is big effort to open KIR to Gottsmo's.

20% based on SPR, when you catch 20% or less then you are in the danger zone. We are catching 6% of what we caught in 1955. We might lose this fish even if we close them down.

If we don't start sanitizing ~~the~~ soon, I support ~~only~~ fish only by volunteer on KIR to restore / cultural. Suggest that monitor the b.f. of KIR by hiring a b.f. and put scientist on the boat and pay ~~the~~ and don't sell the catch.

Glen Au

I am looking at this brochure, we need to prepare for the sovereign nation entity. I understand what these Arhemmen are talking about. We can't please everybody. B/c of the situation, we gather data but we can't please everybody. Will be 20 years before we see the sovereign entity but somebody has to do the sacrifice. I don't think it's too much to ask some men and families to sacrifice some to support the nation. We have to have mutual understanding. If we make a decision today we can make adjustment, but we have to start somewhere and give what we have left. We have to make a sacrifice. Planning for the future is all based on perseverance in the face of adversity.

Lee Attenburg

Disappointed to see that any commercial activity proposed for the KIR. This would be one place where commerce doesn't influence. We are talking about whether there can be a place where