

Aloha To Whom It May Concern at NOAA ect. 10/13/2010

My name is Mitchell Alapa. I was born on the Island of Oahu in Haaula and was raised from the age of 2 on Kauai from Haena to Anahola. I am one of the lucky ones that did learn to fish in the Hawaiian style from some of the best fishermen in our area. I am lucky enough to know many of the people still actively fishing. From there on and off in my life I have throw nets and lay nets and also free style diving equipment. There is a natural draw in me from my roots to fish and I love the Island fish. Because of this I was very interested in the movement going on and have to side with the citizens impacted by radical change to this type of lifestyle whether it is full time or part time. There are many people here that fish as a livelihood and/or as fish for food for themselves and their families, even if you include luau needs for their extended families. This is true here on Kauai just as much as it is true on Molokai which I notice is not included in projected plan. There are many people here that would love to have the time to fish and dream of the day they can afford equipment and have that time. We, the people from Kauai, say "they have cut us off from the mountains but they can't take the ocean from us". From recreational to financial to feeding our families this is the new movement. As the government very well knows many people are working a lot raising their families and also there are many people not working but who are poor. The government is trying to directly or indirectly help create jobs to improve the lives of people. By the time some are able to share their knowledge from their roots they will have to go to another Island out of the Hawaiian Chain. I know that your department knows first hand who are the people on your committees and who are the people pushing and pushing to regulate and mandate and lock down and manage the managers and govern from the outside without even having to run for any position or office. Either they are well off and looking for a hobby or something to do, or get caught by a "Hawaii Cult Protestor" or they are grant getters or they have this as their life, like a marriage, working longer hours then the elected officials planning and working their plans to manipulate the system. Some of their plans are in stages and take time and commitment which they are steadfast to. Example: the Sunshine Law. This movement is an example of "how is doesn't work". The meeting at the Kauai Community College should have been the first place anyone gathered to discuss this issue to discuss it with people influenced by the outcome to be the first people to talk to and start thinking. This comment letter could go on and on. Just to mention I will continue to participate in this issue to help any way I can. I have a practical way of thinking. I have a Kanaka way of thinking. I do understand people need to eat and also make a living here. Just to mention I do not want to have our Island be back door managed by people that have no roots to the Islands. People that are grant getters. They have to come out of the closet and face the people and say "we want to be your leaders" "we want to tell you all what to do and how to do it", "we want to decorate the Island the way we want it". The committee people can't face the people of this Island, they are strictly backdoor manipulators. The sanctuary, if any, should be on the South Side where the majority of the whales and seals are. Just like the Nene we have to have education and we do have to all live together. We cannot continue to care more about birds and sea creatures more then people. We have to start applying Hawaiian knowledge of handling things. It can not be 100% old ways because it is a new time and we have to adjust accordingly but in a Hawaiian mindset which naturally was sharing and caring, "for all" not just those we want to share and care about. Thank you for your time, and please listen to the people with roots in Hawaii.

Yours,

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