

Kīpahulu Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area final BLNR Meeting is on January 12, 2024 - please take a moment to prepare written testimony in support of the Kipahulu Moku CBSFA.

The window for submitting testimony is open until 9am on January 11. You may submit via email to BLNR.testimony@hawaii.gov, and reference Agenda ITEM F-2 in the subject line and include your name in the email. Watch the meeting live on the [BLNR YouTube Livestream channel](#).

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**Testimony in Support of Agenda Item F-2: REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL
TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE HAWAII
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AS CHAPTER 60.11, “KĪPAHULU
COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA, MAUI.”**

Hawai‘i Board of Land and Natural Resources
January 12, 2024, 9:00 AM
Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 132 and via Teleconference

Aloha Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is (add your name), and I am from/represent (add WHERE or the ORGANIZATION you represent).

I submit this testimony in **strong support** of establishing rules for a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) in Kīpahulu, Maui.

Led by Kīpahulu ‘Ohana, Inc., the Kīpahulu community has worked for over 10 years to create the proposed rules and management plan to sustainably support their subsistence needs through culturally-rooted, community-based stewardship. Through this CBSFA process, they have comprehensively consulted and collaborated with various Maui and Hawai‘i-wide residents, Department of Land and Natural Resources staff, and legislators. Furthermore, they have organized numerous scoping meetings, community presentations, publications, social media outreach, volunteer days, and school visits – all to ensure that this CBSFA is created with the utmost care and attention to detail.

ELABORATE ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- This effort has engaged many stakeholders, amassing over 600 signatures of support from East Maui residents, reaching over 260,000 people locally and globally, and allowing many different opportunities for community input along the way.
- Kīpahulu ‘Ohana, Inc. is a well-established and respected organization with over 20 years of experience conducting projects for ahupua‘a management, including traditional Hawaiian agriculture and shoreline management. They have proven their ability to work in collaborative partnership with agencies and organizations for co-management efforts.
- Kīpahulu moku, while rich in history, culture, and resources, is also under threat from various influences, including overharvesting and improper harvesting of marine resources.
- This effort supports the need for co-management of Hawai‘i’s nearshore resources by elevating indigenous community leadership and insight to inform decision-making.

Please allow the Kīpahulu community to reach the critical next step in this long process – approve the administrative rules needed to establish their much-needed CBSFA.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

‘O ke aloha nō,

Add YOUR NAME or ORGANIZATION

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