
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
DESIGNATE THE AHUPUAA OF MUOLEA AS A COMMUNITY-BASED
SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the ahupuaa of Muolea is located in the district
2 of Hana on the southeast coast of the island of Maui, between
3 the town of Hana and Kipahulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the offshore waters of the ahupuaa of Muolea have
6 always been an important subsistence fishery resource for native
7 Hawaiians and local families inhabiting the ahupuaa; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hana Highway that traverses the ahupuaa brings
10 many visitors through the ahupuaa on the way to the popular
11 Seven Pools at Kipahulu; and
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13 WHEREAS, this influx of visitors, both local and off-
14 island, has resulted in a growing problem of the indiscriminate
15 taking of aquatic resources resulting in a depletion of the fish
16 and other aquatic stocks and the degradation of the coral reef
17 habitats in the area; and
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19 WHEREAS, the depletion of the fish and other aquatic stocks
20 have had a major negative impact on the subsistence of the
21 inhabitants of the ahupuaa; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2006, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources
26 (DLNR) is requested to establish a community-based subsistence
27 fishing area, comprised of all state waters contiguous to the
28 ahupuaa of Muolea; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR, in establishing the
31 Muolea community-based subsistence fishing area, is strongly
32 requested to give consideration to the input of the community;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR, in continuing
2 consultation with as broad based a group of ahupuaa inhabitants
3 as possible, is requested to consider the adoption of rules for
4 the Muolea community-based subsistence fishing area, to include
5 but not be limited to:

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- 7 (1) A determination of fishing practices that are
8 customarily and traditionally exercised for purposes
9 of native Hawaiian subsistence, culture, and religion
10 in the fishing area;
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- 12 (2) A management plan containing a description of specific
13 activities and types of equipment that can be
14 conducted, used, or prohibited in the fishing area,
15 including evaluation and monitoring processes and
16 methods of funding and enforcement;
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- 18 (3) Limits on the harvest of aquatic life, as those terms
19 are defined in section 187A-1, Hawaii Revised
20 Statutes, in the fishing area;
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- 22 (4) The establishment of no harvesting or limited
23 harvesting zones within the fishing area without
24 depriving ahupuaa inhabitants of access to traditional
25 sources of subsistence;
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- 27 (5) A process for the expansion of the fishing area to
28 include neighboring ahupuaa; and
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- 30 (6) Any other regulations or restrictions that the
31 inhabitants of the ahupuaa of Muolea may recommend;
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit a
36 report on its efforts to establish the Muolea community-based
37 subsistence fishing area no later than 20 days prior to the
38 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources and Mayor and Chairperson of the
4 Council of the County of Maui.

