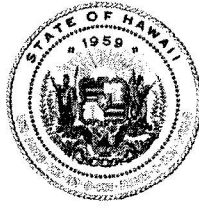
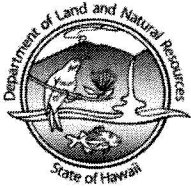


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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS
and
TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2646, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES**

Senate Bill 2646, Senate Draft 1 designates Waikiki and certain areas of the North Shore of Oahu as Hawaii surfing reserves. The bill requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to assist the surfing community or other private organizations in placing appropriate signs or markers to identify the respective surfing reserves and provide for federal, state, and county collaboration in nourishing and protecting Hawaii surfing reserves. The Department has no opposition to the concept of surfing reserves and understands the value. However, the Department wants to make it clear that there are no funds or ability for the Department to provide administrative support for the community groups and organizations seeking to provide signage and interpretive information regarding these places.

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HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

VIA WEB: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony

TO: Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs

Rep. Joey Manahan, Chair
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair
Committee on Tourism, Culture & International Affairs

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Tuesday, March 9, 2010
11 a.m.
Conference Room 312

RE: **SB2646, SD1**
Relating to Hawaii Surfing Reserves

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of SB2646, SD1, which designates Waikiki and certain areas of the north shore of Oahu as Hawaii surfing reserves.

The bill recognizes that surfing specifically, and water-based recreation generally, are significant elements of Hawaii's culture, history, recreation and economy, and, as such, certain areas should be identified, promoted and protected as surfing reserves by the department of land and natural resources, working in partnership with federal, state and county departments and other organizations.

The bill refers to examples from Australia as precedent, along with consideration given to the concept in New Zealand. In the United States, it is notable that in January 2010, the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places found that the Nantucket Sound is eligible for the National Register as a traditional cultural property based on its role as part of a larger, culturally significant landscape treasured by the local tribes and inseparably associated with their history and traditional cultural practices and beliefs.

In Hawaii, surfing has occurred in Waikiki every day for centuries and it is certainly integral to the recreational, economic and cultural values of Hawaii. Taking steps to ensure that such areas are recognized and that steps are taken to nourish and protect these areas is laudable. HHF recommends that the bill also include provisions for rule-making or otherwise adding more specificity and predictability in how such promotion and protection will occur, rather than leaving the department without guidance or parameters.

Therefore, HHF recommends approval of SB2646, SD1, with the suggested amendment.

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Historic Hawaii'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawaii'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawaii'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.



THE HAWAII SURFING RESERVE BILL | SB 2646, SD1 SSCR2360)
MARCH 9, 2010

TESTIMONY | NATIONAL SURFING RESERVES AUSTRALIA

On behalf of National Surfing Reserves, deputy chair Prof. Andrew Short (OAM), NSR Patron Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew (AM) and the surfing nation of Australia, we am very pleased to support REF:SB 2646 before the House.

Like Hawaii, the island nation of Australia has a strong surfing community who share a long connection with the waves, oceans and beaches – for recreation, lifestyle and income. Hawaii is, in the eyes of the world, the birthplace of surfing and has inspired many millions of people worldwide to not only take up the sport, but deeply appreciate the coastal environment. It was Hawaii's Duke Kahanamoku, who after demonstrating surfing here in 1915, inspired this now great surfing nation.

National Surfing Reserves in Australia and similarly a Hawaii Surfing Reserve (HSR) serve to meet the needs of the public to acknowledge through a symbolic enshrinement, the integral value of the rich cultural, environmental, sporting and historical importance surfing embodies.

I am pleased to advise that in Australia the NSR program is supported by the federal and New South Wales governments. NSR form part of 'special purpose zones' and are acknowledged as such under the NSW *Crown Lands Act* (1989) with the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Tourism endorsing and promoting the NSR initiative. They join the wider community officiating at each ceremony with other parliamentary and civic colleagues. Next month, Australia enshrines its 10th National Surfing Reserve after a highly successful five year community program. Like Hawaii, Australia has also been nominated for the prestigious status of a 'World Surfing Reserve'.

We Australians join with Hawaii - extending our full support to Senator Hemming's Bill before the House today. We look forward to attending your Inaugural HSR Dedication Ceremony.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farmer'.

Mr Brad Farmer

Hon. Chair, National Surfing Reserves

Founder: Surfrider Foundation Australia, National Surfing Reserves & National Ocean Care Day

Vision Council, World Surfing Reserves

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<http://staging.juiceboxcreative.com.au/nsr/> From March 12: www.surfingreserves.org



8 March, 2010

Re: In Support of SB 2646

Dear House of Representatives,

We are contacting you to officially provide our support for SB 2646 Relating to Hawaii Surfing Reserves. The International Surfing Association in conjunction with Save the Waves, is deeply involved in a groundbreaking program to defend our most cherished and beloved waves and coastlines around the world for the World Surfing Reserves Program (WSR).

Hawaii, and more specifically, the beaches of Waikiki and the North Shore of Oahu, is recognized around the world as the birthplace of surfing. We strongly encourage the Hawaii Senate to take this into consideration when deciding on the future integrity of these cultural landmarks. It is our hope that the passage of this momentous bill will serve as a model for preserving wave breaks and their surrounding areas throughout the world by recognizing the positive environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits of waves.

The future protection, management, authenticity and integrity of waves and their respective surf zones is of vital importance not only to the surfing community, but to the millions of surfing fans worldwide in addition to those who enjoy nature in its most pristine state. We work with the knowledge that we do not inherit the Earth from our parents; we only borrow it from our future children. Therefore, we support any initiative towards a better surfing future.

Thank you in advance for your part in helping to proactively protect the world's premier surf zones.

Warm Regards,

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Fernando Aguerre
ISA President

About the International Surfing Association:

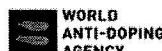
The International Surfing Association (ISA) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the World Governing Authority for Surfing. It was originally founded as the International Surfing Federation in 1964 and has been running world championships since 1964 and the Junior World Championships since 1980.

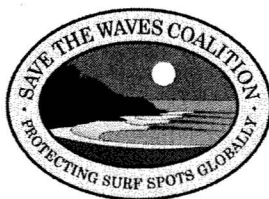
ISA membership includes the surfing National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of over 50 countries on six continents. Its headquarters are located in La Jolla, California. It is presided by Fernando Aguerre, first elected in 1994 in Rio, and re-elected six times since. The ISA's four Vice Presidents are Alan Atkins (Australia), Robin de Kock (South Africa), Mike Gerard (USA) and Karin Sierralta (Peru).

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Dear EBM/TCI Committees of the Hawaiian House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my support of Bill #SB2646, the Hawaii Surfing Reserves Bill, that is to be heard on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 11am, in Room 323 in the State Capitol.

Hawaii Surfing Reserves is a regional example of a growing movement around the world, to designate surfing reserves that recognize and enshrine special locations based on their environmental and cultural heritage. As a nonprofit that fights to protect and preserve surfing coastline around the world, we see surfing reserves as an important initiative to help better protect and cherish these "Yosemites of the coast," and there's no better example of this than in Hawaii, with its rich surfing heritage and environmental leadership.

Please support this ceremonial bill, which will provide a dynamic tool for ocean, beach, and surfing enthusiasts to protect these amazing and precious coastal resources for all of us to enjoy.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean LaTourrette".

Dean LaTourrette
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Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 11:20 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: SURFERS' ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE SUPPORT for HAWAII SURFING RESERVES

SURFERS' ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

THE LEADING EDGE OF COASTAL ACTIVISM

March 7, 2010

Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs /
Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Hawaii Surfing Reserves SUPPORT

Dear Honorable State Legislators;

Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA) hereby strongly states our support to the establishment of Hawaii Surfing Reserves. Therefore, we urge all members of the Hawaiian State Legislature to actively support an amendment of SECTION 2, Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding a new section to be appropriately designated. By acting to proactively designate and preserve many of Oahu's outstanding waves, surf zones and their surrounding environments you will recognize the positive environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits of waves, and Hawaii's action will serve as a global model for preserving wave breaks and their surrounding areas.

As a preliminary matter, Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA) is committed to the preservation and protection of the environmental and cultural elements that are inherent to the sport of surfing. Our goals are achieved through grassroots activism, community involvement, education and humanitarian efforts. We engage in projects that strive to conserve the quality of our marine environment, preserve or enhance surf breaks, protect beach access rights, and safeguard the coastal surf zone from unnecessary development.

In these times of ongoing development threats to existing surf breaks around the globe, we deeply appreciate the Hawaiian Legislature's interest in and attention to this matter. We understand the intent is purely ceremonial in nature, yet it is vitally important for public bodies to demonstrate leadership in coastal preservation. SEA understands the proposed legislation will establish two surfing reserves: The Waikiki Hawaii Surfing Reserve; and the North Shore Hawaii Surfing Reserve, and that each Hawaii Surfing Reserve shall extend from the high water mark and include all surf breaks within the defined reserve.

A Hawaii Surfing Reserve designation for these two sites will undoubtedly serve to increase worldwide interest in the State of Hawaii as a proactive leader in environmental stewardship. By thus formally recognizing the long and close relationship between surfers and the ocean and by promoting the long term preservation of these irreplaceable sites for recreation and competitive surfing, you will stand as a public model for other states and also for independent governments around the world.

SEA has been pleased to see increased and active progress in designating Surfing Reserves along many coasts. Australia has designated several areas as surfing reserves, New Zealand has considered taking similar action, and just recently the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously for a resolution to support the creation of Surfing Reserves to protect the coastal environment.

We see the interest in establishing Surfing Reserves as a very positive development in coastal preservation, and we look forward to congratulating Hawaii for its forward-looking action.

If we may be of assistance in this matter, please contact us.

For the sea and surf,

Andrew Mencinsky, Executive Director
Surfers' Environmental Alliance

James Littlefield, Santa Cruz Chapter Director
Surfers' Environmental Alliance

From: Serge Dedina [sdedina@wildcoast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 8:37 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: Support of Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill

Letter in Support of Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill

Re: Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill
SB 2646, SD1 RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES.

Date/time of Hearing: Tuesday March 9, 2010

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Conference Room 312, State Capitol

To who it may concern:

WILLDCOAST is a conservation organization that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife.

We strongly endorse the Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill. This bill is not regulatory or restrictive but ceremonial and is a critical step in recognizing the cultural and economic value of surf spots in Hawaii and nationally. By creating these first U.S. Surfing reserves, the state of Hawaii will provide a model for other states and countries who are realizing how valuable surf spots are as ecological systems, cultural artifacts, and economic assets.

We urge you to support the Hawaii Reserve Bill.

Sincerely,

Serge Dedina, Ph.D.
Executive Director

"Recipient of Surf Industry Manufacturer's Association 'Environmentalist of the Year' Award in 2003"

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From: Terry Peek [isurfgst@ymail.com]
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To: EBMtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Surfing Beach Reserves Bill

As a former resident of both CA and HI, and now the great state of FL, I have a great love and appreciation for the ocean, it's beaches, and the great supply of waves that are so dear to any waterman or woman. In my 67 years, I have seen to many of the few great spots destroyed or disappear from over development and lack of respect for what they hold for all of us. Not to mention the great history they held long before we came along. Please consider my request and opinion when voting for this much needed bill.

Kind Regards and Mahalo,

Mr. Terry Peek

VP

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From: Joao De Macedo [johndemacedo@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 10:09 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: For COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - Testimony for Hawaii Surfing Reserves Bill

Testimony for Hawaiian Surfing Bill SB2646 House Hearing Tuesday March 9th 2010:

Dear Senators and People of the State Capitol,

As you all know, legal protection through creation of reserves or parks is an important tool

that connected to community support and in this case, love of surfing and surf spots will

guarantee the integrity and preservation of these sacred and pristine locations for

generations to come.

Please approve this Bill, which is a ceremonial recognition of surf spots and NOT restrictive regulation to their use. The Bill does not limit the use of the area in any way, yet legal ceremonial recognition is a proven tool to help surfers, ocean, beach and coastal enthusiasts enjoy and preserve these amazing natural ocean resources. Respect and admiration for these natural resources is already in place through the existing Hawaiian National Marine Sanctuaries. Hawai'i can continue to be at the forefront of ocean and coastal protection now and for generations to come by approving this Bill.

Aloha,

Joao De Macedo

Mavericks Surf Contest Environmental Manager
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Professor Andrew D Short

8 March 2010

In support of THE HAWAII SURFING RESERVE BILL | SB 2646 SD1

I am writing in support of the Hawaiian Surfing Reserve Bill (SB2646 SD1). As a co-founder and deputy chair of National Surfing Reserves (NSR Australia), I have seen first hand the very positive impact of reserve dedication across Australia. In Australia, the reserves first and foremost recognize sites of surfing significance and associated surfing history and culture. The dedication of NSR's both formally recognizes the site and through their gazettal as a crown land surfing reserve, ensures their preservation for surfing into the future.

Australia has learned much from Hawaii and Hawaiian surfing over the past century. Duke Kahanamoku's surfing demonstration at Freshwater Beach in 1915 is considered the birthplace of board surfing in Australia. Today, the Duke is honored with a life-size statue of him surfing and the board he made and rode has a place of honor in the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club. Since then Hawaii and Australia have shared a rich surfing history.

Hawaii is recognized in Australia and throughout the world as the cradle of surfing and the site of many of the best surfing breaks in the world, breaks that produce some of the best and most awesome surfing seen anywhere globally.

As a former resident of Hawaii and graduate from the University of Hawaii I fully appreciate what Hawaii has to offer to both the Hawaiian and world's surfing community. I therefore strongly support the Hawaiian Surfing Reserve Bill. This Bill will formally recognize the very rich and historic surfing culture of Hawaii and the preeminence in world surfing of both Waikiki and the North Shore through their dedication as Hawaiian Surfing Reserves.

The world looks to Hawaii for leadership in surfing and I know the Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill will positively impact surfing communities throughout the world.

Andrew D Short, OAM
Deputy Chair, National Surfing Reserves (Australia)
Professor, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney
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Senior Coastal Scientist, CoastalCOMS.com

From: Shaun Tomson [shauntomson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 1:17 PM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill

My name is Shaun Tomson, a World Professional Surfing Champion and board member of Surfrider Foundation, surfing's largest environmental organization.

Surfing is Hawaii's gift to the world, a sport and lifestyle that represents the embodiment of the aloha spirit.

Surfing is a sport enjoyed by millions around the world and its spiritual center and heart always has been and always will be Hawaii. It is only fitting that certain historical areas that represent this spiritual center, that represent the aloha spirit are protected and enshrined forever as Hawaii Surfing Reserves.

I would like to offer my wholehearted support for Senator Hemmings' bill and look forward to its adoption by unanimous resolution.

Respectfully,
Shaun Tomson
805 886 1775 cell

From: Steve Sipman [ssipman@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 9:30 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Subject: SURFING RESERVES BILL

It is difficult to support a bill that fosters the reservation of surfing areas for commercial use such as contests. Corporations can buy the waves for their sponsored seven-figure-income pros and exclude local recreational users from access to the waves. The over-commercialization of surfing has exhausted the supply of aloha that needs to be restored to this traditional art of individual expression and rejuvenation. Water pollution and reef health are more important than some toothless feel-good omage to the industrial-surf-complex.

S C Sipman
Ha`iku, Maui

From: Drew Kampion [dkampion@whidbey.net]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 9:56 AM
To: EBMtestimony
Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings; c.farmer@hawaii.capitol
Subject: Testimony re SB 2646 SD1

Re: The Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill, SB 2646 SD1
Bill scheduled to be heard by EBM/TCI
Tuesday, 03-09-10 11:00AM in House conference room 312

Herein: Testimony supporting the Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill, submitted by Drew Kampion

To whom it may concern:

As a magazine editor, journalist, writer, and photographer documenting surfing in Hawaii for over 40 years, I find the proposed SB 2646 SD1 especially vital and appropriate for the State of Hawaii and its citizens, as well as for the global community of surfers who look to Hawaii as the primary origin of the sport and culture.

The importance of the Hawaiian Islands and their primary surfing venues to surfers cannot be exaggerated, and Oahu is at the apex of this cultural significance. Waikiki is the birthplace of modern surfing, the beach where its 20th-century renaissance was spawned and where the links to its ancient Polynesian roots were affirmed and first celebrated. The North Shore (often referred to among surfers as "the seven-mile miracle") is arguably the finest stretch of surfing waves on the planet and the site of many of the sport's most important competitions and celebrated "sessions" over the past five decades.

The decision to formally celebrate, dedicate, and protect these shoreline areas as Hawaiian Surfing Reserves will ensure that these perennially vital Island assets will remain among the most significant and culturally attractive aspects of Oahu. This bill will enhance Hawaiian tourism and stimulate the State's economy, while properly acknowledging the role that surfing has played in the worldwide reputation and allure of Hawaii.

In fact, I would recommend that Senator Hemmings' bill be expanded and extended to include all of the great surf areas and beaches on of all the Islands. I believe this would have a most salutary affect on the long-term financial and cultural health of the State.

Drew Kampion
Langley, Washington

Bio Note:

Drew Kampion is a former editor of SURFER (1968-72), SURFING (1973-82), WIND SURF (1982-89), and WIND TRACKS (1996-99) magazines. He was Editorial Director for the Patagonia clothing company (1990-91) and Associate Editor for NEW AGE JOURNAL (1992). He founded, published, and edited the ISLAND INDEPENDENT (1993-96), an award-winning "bioregional magazine in newsprint," serving the "maritime rainshadow" islands of Washington State. For his work with the INDEPENDENT, he received first prize for editing a periodical with a circulation under 50,000.

More recently, Kampion was the American Editor of the international periodical, THE SURFER'S PATH, world's first "green" surf magazine from 2002-2009. His episodic parody, THE TEACHINGS OF DON REDONDO: A SURFER'S WAY OF KNOWLEDGE (as illustrated by artist Tom Threinen) was a regular feature of the magazine.

Kampion is the author of THE BOOK OF WAVES (1989), THE ART OF CHRISTIAN RIESE LASSEN (1991), STOKED: A HISTORY OF SURF CULTURE (1997, revised 2003), THE WAY OF THE SURFER (2003), THE LOST COAST (2004), WAVES: FROM SURFING TO TSUNAMI (2005), DORA LIVES: THE AUTHORIZED STORY OF MIKI DORA (2005), and GREG NOLL: THE ART OF THE SURFBOARD (2007). He was also editor of THE STORMRIDER GUIDE: NORTH AMERICA (2002).

He is currently assisting Fernando Aguerre with his autobiography, SURF, SEX & SANDALS: THE LATIN ART OF MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE and has begun work on the story of Jack O'Neill, the inventor of the modern surfing wetsuit.

Life is a wave. Your attitude is your surfboard.

Stay stoked & aim for the light!

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Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 11:42 AM
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Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings; dkampion@whidbey.net
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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS/COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

Dear Friends,

I previously sent in testimony in support of Senator Fred Hemmings resolution to recognize the famous Hawaiian surf locations as important parts of Hawaiian history and culture.

I want to add this testimony to your hearing as well.

thanks,

Dicky Neely

Dear Friends,

I just received word of the effort, led by your State Senator Fred Hemmings, to preserve most of the famous surf breaks on Oahu as recognized and historical locations.

I applaud this idea and I urge you to fully support this plan.

If the wonderful state of Hawaii is known best for anything around the world it is its surf!

From the Beach Boys to Jan and Dean, Hawaiian surf has been celebrated in song, movies and on the pages of magazines for longer than I have been alive, which is now over 62 years!

I am a long time surfer, since 1965, I have done most of my surfing in my native Texas on the Gulf Coast, and I lived in California for many years. I have surfed the west coast from the far south of Mexico to Vancouver Island. Every where I surfed I have met surfers whose dream was to go to Hawaii and ride the waves of your islands. Many of my friends have made this trip which is a pilgrimage for surfers!

I am sure the lure of the surf and the sand has had a tremendous boost to your tourist business and has also influenced non surfing tourists wishing to get a look at these places and the surfers that ride the waves.

To think that some of your famous breaks such as Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay, Pipeline, Haleiwa and others could be threatened by development screams of heresy most high to surfers and tourists!

In California Dana Point stands a mute testimony to what can befall a famous surf spot which is now lost forever. There have been and still are good breaks and beaches at risk here in Texas, Florida and other mainland spots.

Don't let such things happen in Hawaii!

Sincerely,

Dicky Neely

Corpus Christi, Tx.

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