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Testimony in Favor of: HB No 2880

My name is John Perreira. I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii, a retiree of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and also an avid hunter.

It is my desire that the lifestyle of the wonderful people of Lanai with their history of hunting and providing support to fellow hunters from other areas of the State be preserved. Hunting provides a source of income to the residents of that island and is extremely important to their economy. Ever since the Pineapple industry folded the people there have not had much to rely on.

The only reservation that I have with this bill is with the required 10 year minimum contract period. I feel that Castle and Cooke would reject all negotiations which mandate that required length of time. The task force which would be established should have the ability to negotiate a fair and reasonable time frame allowing both parties some breathing room and I feel that a 5 to 10 year lease period would be appropriate. The existing month-to-month lease arrangement is totally unsatisfactory, not even short range planning can be accomplished under these conditions.

Members of this body, I ask you to please do what you can to help the residents of Lanai and the hunters. Provide them with the means to free them from the Hostage Situation that is being inflicted on them by Castle and Cooke.

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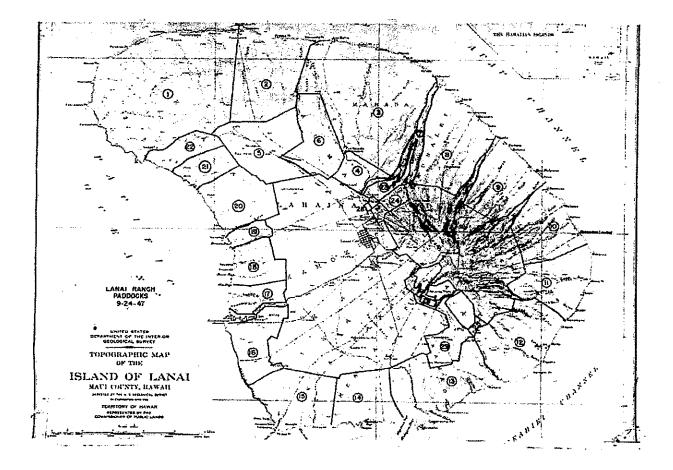
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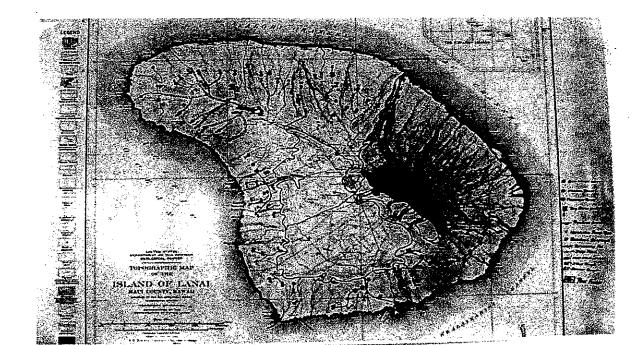
Eight deers were brought to Hawaii in 1867 and transplanted them onto Molokai in 1868. They were a gift for King Kamehameha. In 1920, twelve (12) deers from Molokai were transported to Lanai.

In 1959, pronghorn antelope was brought into Lanai by the State so hunters would come to Hawaii. Many of the antelopes died en route. Once on the island, the antelopes passed water troughs set out for them and headed towards the vast blue ocean, drank salt water and were dehydrated and died. Others met a more horrible fate and when they traveled at night and walked into kiawe trees, they're eyeballs were punctured and died from their wounds.



LANAI RANCH PADDOCKS - 1947 Map

In the 1940's when the island was all ranch lands there was no public hunting. Unless you were a guest of the ranch, you could not hunt.



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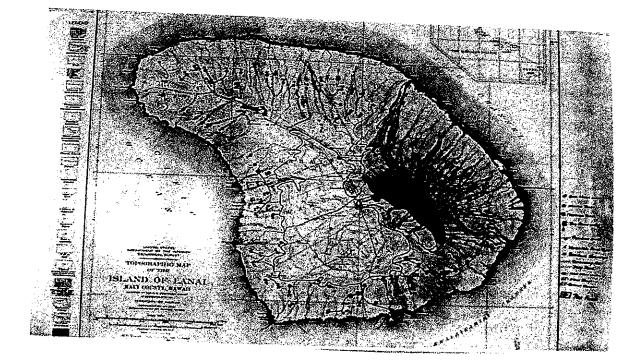
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2) BIOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:

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- Manage game seasons and bag limits
- Protocols in place for diseases that may inhibit the wild game animals

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BIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

- Do you have a protocol in place for a biological "invasion" that could affect wild land game animals that can affect the environment and the potential to degrade human health?
- How will you improve the herd?
- Will the animals return once the windmills are built?
- Research other States that currently have windmills

3) ISLAND'S ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY:

Public hunting provides business opportunities for local businesses & islanders

- Brings in hunters on airplanes, ferry and barges bring in vehicles
- Local residents rent homes and vehicles
- Non-resident hunters take advantage of State Public Hunting while also enjoying Lanai Company's private hunting
- State Public Hunting provides 26 weeks of off-island visitor business
- Restaurants and stores benefit from hunter's spending; in turn, income made by businesses who lease company space pay a profit % from the income received back to the company. Local businesses will lose volume of customers if there will be no public access hunting. It will be a domino effect.
- Non-resident families & friends enjoy time spent with on-island family residents

PUBLIC HUNTING VS. PRIVATE HUNTING

Public Access Equal Opportunity Permit Fees Lottery Results Recreation & Meat Business Special Interest Membership/High Fees Reservations Trophy Hunts

Public Hunting: Equal Opportunity is that, it's open to everyone and anyone who has a Hunter education certification, old and young; whether you can pay \$1,000 or \$10 for a permit, you're equally standing in line to hunt.

Private Entity: Areas are locked out

Special Interest Groups that don't mind paying the high fees for hunting – they could be the world traveler membership fees – (they have the money) Permit Process: How will you distribute permits equally?

CONCERNS from the community

- Residents would like hunting available for youths as adults have had in the past
- Starting to close off certain Lanai Company paid hunt areas for private guided trophy hunts; no longer accessible to paid residents and non-resident paid hunters
- Increased pricing How Much Are You Willing To Pay?
- How will Castle & Cooke create the competitive bidding process?
- How can we ensure no back-door lobbying?
- What happens if the windmills don't get built? Will the land be returned to the State for continued public access hunting?
- Or, the Company will look at the business end. They may take the first entity that will offer the largest amount of money for the land.
- Look at what happened to Maui and Molokai
- How will animals be managed; one area being managed, one area for trophy hunts by by commercial hunting (not "managing" game but only shooting for trophies). The State should be the managers.

SOLUTIONS (?)

- Build up hunter education for youths now
- Get support from NRA, SCI & Wildlife Conservationists
- Continue Lease with State until construction possibly begins on wind project
- Land Swap The land that gets displaced to swap for Lanai Company lands (For safety reasons, the State will take into consideration the terrain of the land and if swapped with what now is managed by Lanai Company will actually be a loss since "the company" has not maintained any water lines or troughs for wild game, looking at possibly \$1 million).
- State Manages entire island; third parties proposals directed to State

HUNTING MEETING NOTICE

Purpose?

Elect a "Hunting Focus Group" of individuals with various Hunting Interests to thoughtfully express concerns and **propose solutions** to questions / opportunities such as:

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"How could third-party groups, independent of Castle & Cooke, be involved in managing hunting on Lanai?"

<u>When & Where?</u> Wednesday February 23, 2010 5:00-6:30pm LHES Cafeteria

Who Should Attend?

Everyone who has an interest in hunting activities on Lāna'i, particularly within the Cooperative Game Management Area (CGMA)

If you would like to help develop solutions as a member of the "Hunting Focus Group" please call Chris Lovvorn at 808-565-3011 for more information 2011-10-17 Hunting Focus Group Minutes

5:00pm start ended 6:30pm

Attendees: Chris Lovvorn, Doug Stephenson, Bryan Plunkett, Stan Ruidas, Chris Costales, Ron McOmber, Joelle Aoki

Absent: Ricky Sanchez Jr

Reviewed minutes from 2011-09-08. No edits required.

next meeting:

Meeting agenda: continue previous meeting agenda - consider how hunting and windmills can coexist in the same area – and discuss concerns/ideas/<u>solutions</u>

Chris spoke with James Holly, BP Wind Manager, and learned about the following 3 wind farms in west texas: 150MW Sharbaino [David Gonzales 432-395-2524] since 2008,

60MW north central TX [Greg Warren 254-965-8917] since 2008,

124.5MW in east Idaho since 2010,

150MW west TX under construction in 2011.

No hunting restrictions during operations. Increased communications with hunting managers, reflective vests, and lights on trucks for O&M folks. No signage posted.

No restrictions on hunting (can actually see deer stands from the base of a few towers), they do have non-game animals in the area, insurance companies have not indicated concerns about hunting. Have had 2 minor vandalism incidents at all of these wind farms combined since 2008. The turbines withstand hail and lightning. Bullet holes are not a large concern.

Hunting Group deliverables:

"The DOFAW lease for the Cooperative Game Management Area (CGMA) is scheduled to expire in approximately 12 months (2012). What opportunities are there for the future of the CGMA?" HFG provided RFP items/concerns for any potential manager of the hunting area.

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No suggestions for how third party groups independent of Castle & Cooke could be involved in managing hunting on Lanai. HFG prefers DOFAW over any other potential manager.

"If a wind farm is built on Lanai, how could hunting & the wind farm coexist?"

Hunting and windmills do coexist at existing wind farms. The most stringent restriction Castle is aware of is a 500ft radius around each turbine. In some wind farms where hunting occurs, the 500ft restriction does not exist. If it ends up being necessary to restrict high powered riffle hunting, HFG discussed archery only or guided hunts only. If a federal agency completely forbids hunting in the wind farm area, HFG suggested a "land swap" for Castle's "Unit C" and discussed concerns associated with a land swap. At this point, Castle expects hunting will coexist with the wind farm in the existing CGMA area and will consider HFGs preference for DOFAW as the continued hunting program manager. Castle looks forward to continuing to work with the HFG as needed.

Next tentative meeting scheduled for

Agenda: forthcoming

