

GM 534

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaua'i Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENT YAMAUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



The Senate

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 27, 2013

The Honorable Mike Gabbard
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Kent Yamauchi
Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee

Dear Senator ^{Mike}Gabbard:

I am informed that Mr. Kent Yamauchi has been appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee representing Kauai County. I am in strong support of Mr. Yamauchi's nomination and I am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the advisory committee if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Yamauchi will become a valuable asset to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee.

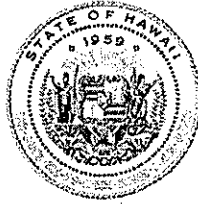
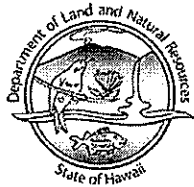
Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI
Senator – 8th Senatorial District

cc: Mr. Kent Yamauchi

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Thursday, February 28, 2013
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In Consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 534
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE KAUA'I
AQUATIC LIFE AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KENT YAMAUCHI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

Governor's Message 534 nominates Mr. Kent Yamauchi to be re-appointed to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee (Committee) for a term to expire June 20, 2016. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this nomination.**

Section 197-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the establishment of an Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee in each of the counties, to consider matters affecting the taking and conservation of aquatic life and wildlife within the respective county, including proposed rules and the enforcement thereof.

Mr. Yamauchi has served on the Committee with dedication and commitment during his initial term. His background experience and knowledge has greatly contributed to the Committee's deliberations. The Department is pleased to support his re-appointment to the Kauai Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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STATE PARKS

TESTIMONY
OF
KENT K. YAMAUCHI
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
KAUAI AQUATIC LIFE AND WILFLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON
FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as one of the Commissioners of KALAWAC.

Senator Mike Gabbard and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on my behalf.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member of KALAWAC.

As a lifelong Kauai resident of 52 years, I have always been an avid outdoorsman. My father introduced me to shoreline fishing as a child which I still continue to practice. Starting at a early adult age, my interest in off-shore fishing and hunting was ignited. My main concern for KALAWAC is to insure our valuable resources will continue to be available for future generations.

I perceive my role and responsibilities of a member of KALAWAC will be to provide input related to issues which would affect my areas of interest to the DLNR. I understand these meetings both formal and informal can be scheduled at any given time and I am prepared to make myself available.

I believe I possess the leadership skills and decision making ability required as a KALAWAC member. I am employed as a civil servant by the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Hawaii and hold the position of Range Control Officer. My responsibility to the U.S. Navy is to exercise real-time safety constraints over all of the exercises conducted within the PMRF area of responsibility. I am a retired member of the Hawaii Air National Guard. I served the HIANG as an Air Traffic Controller for 20 years working air traffic in remote areas of South Korea, Yokota AFB-Japan, Volk Field-Wisconsin, and numerous locations throughout the state of Hawaii. I am serving my 6th year as President of Hui Alu, Inc., an Okinawan Cultural Club. I serve the Kauai Veteran's Council as the Senior Vice Commander. I am a member of the Koloa Lions Club. I am the Director of Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kauai, an Okinawan taiko drumming group. Member of the Lihue Kendo Club holding the rank of Nidan, 2nd Degree Black Belt equivalent. I am the President of the Kauai Hunting Association which is a position I have held since 1995. This is the position which has provided me with the knowledge of the areas most affected as a KALAWAC member. I understand the sensitive relationship between neighboring U.S. Navy,

Hawaiian homes and State of Hawaii controlled lands and the issues which affect work & play within these areas.

I am hoping to be able to smooth the relationship between the hunters and fishermen that utilize our recreational areas. We all realize that most outdoorsmen are successful because of the secrets they hold dear. A great majority of them are not open to providing comments in public discussion. I am hoping to be the diplomat between these area users and the DLNR collecting public input.

Qualities I possess which I believe would benefit myself as a KALAWAC member would start with being recognized as a leader who stands up for the membership, building trust amongst the general membership. I truly believe "to lead with enthusiasm, one must be followed with enthusiasm". I believe I have proven myself worthy of this recognition via the wide array of organizations through which I have been an active member of. I have a thorough understanding of the activities which take place within and adjacent to State of Hawaii recreational areas and off shore fisheries. As President of the Kauai Hunting Association for 17 years, I have a thorough understanding of the issues which have challenged hunters for many years.

I cannot point out any one experience that would stand out that would benefit KALAWAC. I have in the past ten or so years been asked to attend numerous KALAWAC meetings as KHA President as someone who could possess some knowledge regarding the issue at hand. I also maintain close relationships with past and current KALAWAC members to include Edson Martin, Elton Ushio, George Coates, Lois Fujishige & Sean Igne. I have solely represented KHA on public speaking occasions voicing KHA's collective concerns over proposed hunting rule changes and restrictions.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest within my term on KALAWAC. I've been employed by the Pacific Missile Range Facility since January 1982 and able to keep my professional and recreational opinions separate. I believe the experience I hold will continue to point me in the right direction and do not forecast professional and KALAWAC concerns as a conflict.

Thank you for your time.
Kent K. Yamauchi