

# GM 659

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCES KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

**Report Title:** Aha Moku Advisory Committee

**Description:**

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

**Before the Senate Committees on  
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 06, 2013  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 659 –  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE AHA MOKU  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FRANCES KALUHIWA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 659, nominating Frances Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

Pursuant to Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee was established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Chairperson of the Department on issues related to land and natural resources management through the Aha Moku System, a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

The Department welcomes the wealth of knowledge and wisdom Frances Kaluhiwa and fellow nominees will bring to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. The Department looks forward to working collaboratively with the Advisory Committee to instill best resource management practices toward our lands and natural resources. As such, the Department supports Governor's Message 659 on the appointment of Frances Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting G.M. 659 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Aha Moku  
Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Frances Kaluhiwa  
Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 3:00PM, Room 224

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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.*

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The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports the appointment of Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Council to the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

We have had the privilege of working with Rocky for the past several years in her capacity as a board member of Kāko'o 'Ōiwi. Under the guidance and leadership of Rocky and other kūpuna from the area, Kāko'o 'Ōiwi is making great strides in restoring the ecological integrity and agricultural productivity of the wetlands within the ahupua'a of He'eia, moku of Ko'olaupoko on O'ahu.

Our own goal and efforts to control invasive algae in Kāne'ohē bay caused us to look shoreward at some of the contributing factors, including storm runoff, to the algae problem on the reef. This led us to Rocky and Kāko'o 'Ōiwi. We are grateful for the opportunity not only to work with Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, but to better understand and appreciate land and sea connections through the knowledge of history, culture and practices that Rocky, her family, and the kūpuna of He'eia have been so willing to share.

We believe Rocky to be an excellent choice for membership on the Aha Moku Advisory Council. Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony in support of her appointment.

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**O'ahu Council  
of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club**

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committees on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs  
And Water & Land

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 2:45 pm

By

Daniel Naho'opi'i, President  
O'ahu Council

GM 659 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, gubernatorial nominee, FRANCES KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chairs Galuteria and Solomon and Members of the Committees:

Aloha! My name is Daniel Naho'opi'i and I serve as the President of the Board of Directors for Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. On behalf of its Board of Directors and membership, we fully support the nomination Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa is a longtime and outstanding member of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, her community experience and extensive background in the Hawaiian culture will be a valuable asset on the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. We are honored to provide testimony in support for Aunty Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Council.



February 1, 2013

Senator Brickwood Galuteria  
Senate District 12  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 221  
415 S Beretania St  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Galuteria:

On behalf of Kāko`o `Ōiwi, I`d like to recommend Rocky Leialoha Kaluhiwa to the Governor`s Aha Moku Advisory Council. Aunty Rocky is a kupuna that traces her lineage to a long line of stewards and fisherman from He`eia.

Aunty Rocky`s knowledge and skills have been instrumental in developing policies that are guiding the restoration of He`eia and Kāne`ohe Bay. She is been a critical component to developing the `āina momona strategies which now include lo`i kalo, loko i`a, and limu restoration on the reefs in He`eia.

While selfishly, we don`t want to share Aunty Rocky with the rest of the island and State, we recognize that her kupuna knowledge and experience will only be a benefit to helping the governor in reaching pono decisions that positively impact the entire State of Hawai`i.

Sincerely,

J. Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz  
Executive Director  
Kāko`o `Ōiwi



# KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 5, 2013

TO: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair / And Members  
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair / And Members  
Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice P. Hewett, President  
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

RE: Governor's Message 659, Relating to Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa,  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee – Support for Confirmation

Aloha, Chairs Galuteria and Solomon, and Members of these Committees:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports the Governor's appointment of Frances Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, representing the island of O`ahu.

Within our moku of Ko`olaupoko, Rocky Kaluhiwa is a well-known and respected Native Hawaiian practitioner and community advocate. She has long fought for the perpetuation and preservation of Hawaiian cultural practices both in Ko`olaupoko and throughout our state. As a lifelong kupa`aina of He`eia, Rocky has preached and practiced her Hawaiian culture in all of her many community activities.

Among the most prominent of her advocacy efforts has been her continuing interest in the process of integrating Hawaiian cultural practices and customs into law and regulations governing our natural and cultural resources. She has long advocated for the reinstatement of a modern-day version of the Hawaiian kapu system, which was a more effective approach to managing natural resources, particularly in Kane`ohe bay.

In our view, she would be a tremendous asset to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and provide wise advice and counsel to the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Mahalo for your consideration of our mana`o.



*Ko`olau Foundation*

P. O. Box 4749  
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

February 6, 2013

G.M. 659 – Support for Frances Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa  
Nominee – Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Testimony

Aloha to Chairs Galuteria and Solomon, Vice-Chairs Keith-Agaran and Shimabukuro. The Ko`olau Foundation offers its strong support for the confirmation of Mrs. Frances Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa to serve as the O`ahu member on the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Our foundation celebrates and promotes the preservation and perpetuation of our Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, and honors all of our cultural practitioners whose lives reflect their dedication to these same values. Rocky, a member of our board of directors, is one such practitioner who always tries to “walk the talk”.

She is a strong advocate for preservation of our culture, doing so in every facet of her work – whether as a member of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board, as a steward and guardian for the cultural and marine resources of Kane`ohe Bay, or as a member of ours and many other Hawaiian organizations.

Rocky can be a fierce advocate when she feels Hawaiian people or Hawaiian culture are being threatened; but she also has a heart of gold and is Mrs. Aloha to all who know her.

As a member of this committee, she will serve the DLNR and the State of Hawai`i well. We are pleased and proud that her name has been brought before you for your consideration, and we urge your concurrence on her confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana`o.

/s/ **Lawrence Akina, Jr.**  
President

William Claude & Ma`ema`e Jones Ohana  
P.O. Box 6313  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

February 5, 2013

Re: Letter of Support for GM 659

We are a registered non-profit Ohana Organization of 300 + members. On behalf of the Jones Ohana, we would like to express our strong support for the nominee Mrs. Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa for the Aha Moku Representative for the Island of Oahu.

Ms. Kaluhiwa has been a longtime member and Vice-President of the W.C. & Ma`ema`e Jones Ohana in Kaneohe, O`ahu.

We are a kupa`aina Ohana of He`eia. Some of us still reside on Kuleana lands today in Ha`iku Valley which has been in the family for over 200 years.

She has been very instrumental in keeping our history by advocating for projects pertaining to our ahupua`a.

He`eia fishpond – keeping it from being turned into a marina -1970's  
He`eia Wetlands - He`eia uli keeping from being another Hawaii Kai.  
He`eia Kea – stopping a nuclear power plant from being built on it's shoreline.  
He`eia Haiku Valley – since 2004 working with the Halawa Lulukū Interpretive Development Plan and the Ko`olau Foundation to develop the Ha`iku Valley Cultural Preserve.

Because of these ahupua`a projects He`eia ahupu`a has been designated as a centennial district on a national level, one of 8 in the nation by NOAA.

We believe she will work hard with the Aha Moku council in serving our people.

Mahalo a nui loa.

Ilona Lopes, President  
W.C. & Ma`ema`e Jones Ohana





February 6, 2013, 3 p.m., Conference Room 224, Hawaii State Capitol

To: Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (thatestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club  
Kitty Muller Simonds, Pelekikena (President)

Re: GM 659 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCES KALUHIWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 660 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, PIILANI KAAWALOA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 661 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH ROBINSON, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 662 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, KYLE NAKANELUA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 663 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, WINIFRED BASQUES, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 664 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE KULOLOIO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 665 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN POEPOE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

GM 666 Submitting for consideration and nomination to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, THOMAS HASHIMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

## In Support

### Chairs and Committee Members:

Each of the eight persons before you today who have been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for consideration as a member of the inaugural Aha Moku Advisory Committee, if confirmed, will be tasked with an enormous responsibility. Each will agree to represent the fishermen, the farmers, the educators, and the native and non-native communities of his or her moku-puni.

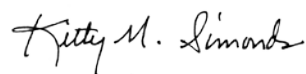
To represent the people, the Aha Moku adviser must organize his or her life to meet with the people, to hear and consider their concerns, and to bring forward to the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and to the Hawaii State Legislature the will of the people, even if it might differ from the adviser's own personal will.

Each of the eight persons before you today is bearing the weight of those who have worked since 2005 to revive the Aha Moku system in Hawai'i. Several of the kupuna who supported this movement are now gone. We honor them by continuing to reach out to all of the people of Hawai'i to realize their vision.

The Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club is one of the organizations that have actively supported Aha Moku movement over the years. We brought the Aha Moku initiative to the Association of Hawaii Civic Clubs, which in 2011 adopted the Resolution we co-sponsored with the Kuini Pi'olani Hawaiian Civic Club "urging the State of Hawai'i to formally recognize and make efforts to support the development of the Aha Moku system of natural resource management and to establish the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide guidance in the management of natural resources in Hawai'i." The Association's Resolution was forwarded to the Hawai'i State Legislature and is part of the history of development of the legislation that created the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

As an entity that has a stake in the Aha Moku system, the Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club is strongly concerned that the members of this inaugural Aha Moku Advisory Committee take their responsibilities to heart so that the Aha Moku system succeeds for the benefit of Hawai'i and all of the people who live and visit here.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON

TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
AND  
WATER AND LAND

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES 659 – 666**  
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 3:00pm; Room 224

Aloha Chairman Galuteria and Madam Chair Solomon of the joint committees to hear Governor's Messages 659 – 666. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports the confirmation of the following well qualified persons as members of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee: Frances Leialoha Kaluhiwa, Piilani Kaawaloa, Keith Robinson, Kyle Nakanelua, Winifred Basques, Leslie Kuloloio, Karen Poepoe and Thomas Hashimoto.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported the Aha Moku concept when it began in 2007, encouraged its members through the growing pains and years that followed, grieved at the loss of treasured comrades and finally, we offer our congratulations as you are officially recognized!

You have our trust as you move forward to preserve, perpetuate and share your special knowledge of Hawaiian culture and traditions. The Civic Clubs look forward to working with you as you build and solidify your organization. Congratulations once again, this has been a long time coming.

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# **Indigenous Consultants, LL**

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Bill #: GM 659,660,661,662,663,664,665, & 666

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Room: 224

Committee: THA/WTL

## Testimony of Mililani B. Trask in Strong Support

Aloha Legislators,

I am happy to submit this testimony in support of the members of the Aha Moku Council: Frances Kaluhiwa, Piilani Kaawaloa, Keith Robinson, Kyle Nakanelua, Winifred Basques, Les Kuloloio, Karen Poepoe and Thomas Hashimito. The nominees are good people, good Hawaiians and traditional knowledge holders who are known in our community because of their work regarding the management & care of our precious natural resources. These folks, collectively, are well equipped to advise the State on matters relating to the public trust resources. Between them, they share a vast wealth of knowledge about our marine & land based natural resources, knowledge that is vital if these resources are to be preserved for future generations.

For many years there has been an ongoing effort to bring the Hawaiian traditional knowledge holders into the resource management programs & projects of the DLNR on ceded lands & submerged lands. It is well accepted globally, that indigenous knowledge holders possess the understanding & cultural knowledge of generations relating to their traditional lands, territories and resources. Because of this, they can play a significant role in resource management, development & preservation. Initially, the legislation provided that the Aha Moku would be advisory to the Governor, however this has been changed, and the Aha is now advising the DLNR.

I want to recognize & acknowledge the efforts of LEIMANA DEMATE, who currently serves as a DHHL Commissioner for Hawaii Island. Because of Leimana's dedication & leadership, the legislation for the Aha Moku progressed. Leimana's vision & determination has been the foundation of this

**effort from the outset. The history of this measure serves as a prototype model for all in the Hawaiian community, it demonstrates that by working collectively with others & having faith in the legislative process, Hawaiians can succeed in our efforts to incorporate into State policy our treasured cultural knowledge. Imua Aha Moku Council.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mililani B. Trask". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Mililani B. Trask  
Na Koa Ikaika KaLahui Hawaii  
Affiliate to the Indigenous World Association,  
ECO-SOC U.N. Credential**

**Testimony of Mike McCartney**

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Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 224

**GM659:** Nomination for consideration and confirmation of “Frances Kaluhiwa” to the ‘Ahā Moku Advisory Committee

Members of the Senate Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs committee and the Senate Water and Land committee:

I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Frances Kaluhiwa, as a member of the ‘Ahā Moku Advisory Committee. I have been acquainted with Ms. Kaluhiwa, “Rocky” as she is familiarly called, for more than thirty (30) years. She has always been a fervent community advocate with an intense commitment to her beliefs. Through the years, her compelling ideas and deep devotion to tasks at hand have proven a high level of integrity in her work. She commands a wealth of knowledge and would be a profound resource as a member of this committee.

I support her nomination without hesitation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

**GM659**

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for THA/WTL on Feb 6, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Annie Au Hoon, President	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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CR 224; 3 PM

February 5, 2013

**Subject: GM 659, Gubernatorial Nominee Frances Kaluhiwa to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

**Co-Chairpersons of Senate Committees on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land, Senators Brickwood Galuteria and Malama Solomon, respectively; and all Committee members:**

My name is Dante K. Carpenter, founding member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'u on the Big Island, elected delegate to the Native Hawaiian Convention ('Aha Hawai'i 'Oiwi) and Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

I wish to express my strong support for the nominee Ms. Frances (Leialoha) Kaluhiwa, to be confirmed in accordance with GM 659 to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. Ms. Kaluhiwa has been a longtime member and Vice-President of the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club in Kaneohe, O'ahu.

Among other achievements, for the past 5 years this HCC Club has promoted through community and other meetings with various government agencies the designation of the culturally appropriate ahupua'a delineations and signage erected O'ahu-wide. Additionally, she has participated with other community advocates, including the HCDA, in the He'eia Lo'i and Fish Pond Restoration Project as a member of the organization Kako'o 'Oiwī 'o He'eia.

Finally, she has been an active participant in the Halawa-Lulukū Interpretive Plan implementation along the H-3 Freeway. The Aha Moku Advisory Committee will be well served with her presence!

Mahalo a nui loa. DKC



*A message from*

MAHEALANI CYPHER

February 6, 2013

**Testimony in Support of GM659 – Frances Kaluhiwa – Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

Aloha to Chairs Galuteria and Solomon and to the members of the Committees on Tourism & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land. I would like to offer my strong support for the confirmation of Mrs. Frances Leialoha Kaluhiwa to serve on the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Kaluhiwa is well-known in our moku of Ko`olaupoko, and is referred to by most of us as “Rocky” or “Aunty Rocky”, a nickname she has had since her youth. And, like her nickname, she is truly a ROCK when it comes to her connection to the `aina and to the seas of Kane`ohe bay. Solid, enduring and strongly protective of our cultural resources, traditions and practices.

I have known Rocky for many years, both of us being very active in our Ko`olaupoko communities. She is kupa`aina to He`eia, and I`m from her neighboring ahupua`a of Kane`ohe. During all those years, she has been involved in many organizations and activities to preserve our heritage and the cultural practices of our people.

As a member of the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board, for example, she has helped to educate the board on Hawaiian cultural matters that arose among the issues that came before the board. She has fought to restore respect and dignity to the islet of Ahu o Laka and preserve native species of marine life in Kane`ohe Bay. She has been involved in numerous community struggles to protect the kalo lands and other cultural resources in He`eia, including Ha`iku Valley. And, she was a part of our civic club`s project to install the first ahupua`a boundary markers on the island of O`ahu.

During my previous tenure as president of the O`ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, I appointed Rocky to serve as our Council`s liaison between our cultural practitioners and government agencies. Our goal was to encourage healthy dialogue so that traditional Hawaiian practices could be integrated into rules and policies of these agencies.

I am pleased and proud to see that the Governor has appointed her to serve on this very first Aha Moku Advisory Committee, and urge all of you to support her confirmation in the Senate. She will be an asset to the Department of Land & Naural Resources and the State of Hawai`i.

Me kealoha pumehana,  
/s/ MAHEALANI CYPHER  
Kupa`aina, Kane`ohe

**GM659**

Submitted on: 2/1/2013

Testimony for THA/WTL on Feb 6, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Kawelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Galuteria, I, Angela Hi'ilei Kawelo, a Kahalu'u, O'ahu resident and Kane'ohē Bay fisherwoman support the appointment of Frances "Rocky" Kaluhiwa as the O'ahu Aha Mouku Council representative. Mahalo, Hi'ilei Kawelo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Makani Christensen	fishermen	Comments Only	Yes

Aloha,

You have been appointed as Native Hawaiian Advisors to legislation, to the governor, and to DLNR. It is very important that you stay true to the moku councils of each island. You are simply a means to relay information from the people to government. It is important that you always put the people of Hawaii first before yourself. As fishermen we are watching your every move.

Fishing is the most important cultural practices in Hawaii. And each year we are battling to keep our jobs and protect our rights. For example, we had to fight 6 laws that regulated fishing. These laws were created on opinion rather than facts. Protecting these cultural practices starts by having a thorough understanding of fishing and how the cultural practice of fishing has evolved with time. To get an understanding you need to talk to the fishermen of today. These individuals (bottom fishermen, aquarium fishermen, near shore fishermen, spear fishermen, deep sea fishers) currently working with the resources to provide for their family are the true cultural practitioners. My advice to each of you...if you don't know what you are talking about don't say anything.

Politicians will use you to push laws. If at any time you go against fishermen (aquarium, near shore, spear fishermen, deep sea and etc), we will rise against your decisions and you will lose the faith of the true cultural practitioners. The credibility of the aha moku will be lost.