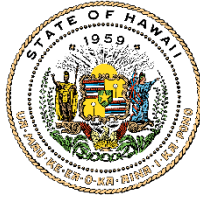


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SUBJECT: MASTER'S REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DRAFT SAFE HARBOR AGREEMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ENDANGERED ORANGEBLACK HAWAIIAN DAMSELFLY (*Megalagrion xanthomelas*) TO A CONSERVATION AREA ON THE ISLAND OF LĀNA'I

In accordance with the Notice of Public Hearing published in Lāna'i Today on December 19, 2024, and as authorized by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR DOFAW) has conducted a public hearing regarding the Draft Safe Harbor Agreement (Conservation Agreement) for the Introduction of Endangered Orangeblack Hawaiian Damsel fly (*Megalagrion xanthomelas*) to a Conservation Area on the Island of Lāna'i. The proposed project would occur on private land owned by Pūlama Lāna'i. The hearing was held on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Lāna'i Filipino Clubhouse located at 450 Jacaranda Street, Lāna'i City, Hawai'i, 96763. DLNR DOFAW staff in attendance were Jason Omick, Kelli Yamaguchi, Kinsley McEachern, and Jesse Adams.

Jason Omick, Wildlife Program Manager, called the hearing to order and provided general information on proceedings. A presentation on the proposed safe harbor agreement was provided by K. Yamaguchi, Protected Species Habitat Conservation Planning Associate. The meeting procedure was then described by J. Omick, and the floor was opened to public testimony, first to those who indicated they would like to provide in-person testimony on the sign-in sheet, then to others joining the hearing virtually via Zoom.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Diane Preza: This is Diane Preza. I don't have any questions, but I just wanted to thank you for coming to Lāna'i. I didn't know anything about the damselfly, and I read some of that paper and I thought it's so interesting. I think it's a great project and I'm looking forward to seeing how it progresses. Thank you so much.