

JULY

2015

AUGUST



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer (except for the humidity) and have had a chance to visit Hanauma Bay to take in the beauty of a precious natural resource.

It appears that the City has repaid the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Fund the \$1,000,000+ that it owed due to overcharging the Fund for its General Obligation Bonds since 2004 although there does not appear to be a plan to repay interest on what amounts to a loan from the Fund to the City.

Bob Kern (Friends Vice President), Lisa Bishop (Friends Treasurer) and myself have met twice with Council Members Ann Kobayashi and Trevor Ozawa to help resolve many of the issues that confront Hanauma Bay, the most pressing item being the proper accounting of the Fund itself. At present we estimate that the City still owes the Fund in excess of \$4,000,000. More to follow.

The Board of Directors has unanimously supported the Ka Iwi Coast Preservation efforts and donated \$1,000 to the cause. In addition, we have also unanimously supported the extending of the National Humpback Whale Sanctuary into Maunalua Bay. (See our letter to NOAA and how to find the Ka'iwi Coast Website if you'd like to help on Page 3).

Last year the Friends suggested to the City that an Advisory Board be formed to oversee and provide guidance to the City on the future of Hanauma Bay. We asked that we be a part of the selection of the members of such a board. The City without any discussion with the Friends went ahead and formed an Advisory Board. From the Friends the City selected Micki Stash, the Friends Secretary, to be a member. We were not consulted about whom our own representative would be. We do not object to the members of the Board but we are disheartened that it continues to be evident that the City continues to say it

## Schedule of Events

### CLEAN UPS

**NEXT CLEAN UP THIS WEEKEND  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

**See Our Website for More Information  
[www.friendsofhanauabay.org](http://www.friendsofhanauabay.org)**

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015  
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday August 26  
Hanauma Bay Education  
Alcove  
5:00 – 6:30 PM**

### HBEP SUNDAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

August 9 – There Are Good Reasons to Care About the Bottom of the Ocean

August 16 – Physiology in Deep Sea Tranches: What we Can Learn by Determining the Amount of Oxygen Used by Animals and Sediments in These Extreme Environments.

August 23 – Deep Sea Coral Assemblages in the Hawaiian Archipelago: Submarines, Long Life and the Midas Touch

August 30 – Film Screening: The Blue Planet, Seas of Life, The Deep

## 2015 FOHB Board

Sid McWhirter, President  
Bob Kern, Vice President  
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### PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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## President's Report (Continued)

desires greater transparency while eliminating us from the process. We are even more concerned because we understand that the advisory board will have no actual oversight or decision-making authority leaving doubt as to how things will change.

We continue to be concerned about decisions being made for the Bay. Some repairs have been made, but it seems that overall, conditions at the Bay continue to deteriorate. We continue to feel that Nature Preserve continues to be viewed as and subsequently run by the City as if it were just another park. One of our major goals is to change that perception.

Finally, I would like to thank Anke Roberts for her help with our clean ups. Good Job Anke, Thank you.

Sid McWhirter,  
President  
Friends of Hanauma Bay

### AND SPEAKING OF THANK YOU ...

The Board of Directors would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Friends of Hanauma Bay as a loving memorial to dearly missed family members and friends who's dedication helped make Hanauma Bay a better place. Your generous contributions to Memorial Funds help us carry on our legacy of conservation, education and advocacy on behalf of Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

### GIVE ALOHA 2015

The Friends are registered with Give Aloha 2015, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program in September. Our Organization Code is 77177 which is the number the cashier must enter with each customer donation at each Foodland, Sack N Save and

Foodland's Farms Checkout. Only donations made with a Maika'I number (Maika'I card or phone number) will receive a partial matching gift. If you make your annual membership renewal or initial membership with the Friends of Hanauma Bay through Give Aloha 2015 in order to boost donations to the Friends, just mail your receipt to the Friends with your name and address and Lisa will send you a receipt.

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## It's What We Do ...

Continuing our mission to support conservation efforts, the Friend's sent this letter to NOAA in support of expanding the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. For more information

[http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/05\\_maunalua\\_bay.pdf](http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/05_maunalua_bay.pdf)

June 1, 2015

Malia Chow, Sanctuary Superintendent  
NOAA Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
1845 Wasp Blvd; Building 176  
Honolulu, HI 96818

Dear Sanctuary Superintendent Chow,

We, the volunteer board of directors of Friends of Hanauma Bay, support NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: Expansion, Regulatory Revision, and New Management Plan. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is a natural treasure for the Hawaiian Archipelago. The Friends of Hanauma Bay is a voluntary support organization dedicated to conservation of coastal/marine environments, emphasizing stewardship of the natural resources found in Hanauma Bay.

We believe that the marine resources at Hanauma Bay will benefit by implementing ecosystem protection throughout the Sanctuary, as outlined in the proposed rules. Further, a comprehensive effort to better manage the marine resources Sanctuary-wide may improve community *kuleana*, state/federal collaboration, and stewardship at Hanauma Bay.

In particular, the board of directors prefers **Option 3** of NOAA's proposed rules. Maunalua Bay, stretching from Black Point to Koko Head, is widely enjoyed by commercial operators, tourists, paddlers, surfers, swimmers, fishers, and residents. Yet, Maunalua Bay is one of the most negatively impacted marine environments in our islands, and therefore most certainly warrants special designation in order to restore the marine resources for future generations.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our support.

Mahalo,

Sid McWhirter, President

The Friends of Hanauma Bay

HELP FOR KA IWI

If you would like to help save the Ka iwi coast from development, go to this web site for more information on the problem and how to donate. [www.kaiwicoast.com](http://www.kaiwicoast.com)

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

Beginning in July 2015, all memberships will be based on the calendar year July – June. We've taken this step simply because during our reorganization, we fell behind and feel this is the fairest way for our valued "Old Timers" to renew and for new members to sign up. Eventually, each membership will renew in July.

If you've already submitted your renewal or new membership contribution for 2015 / 2016 we'll be happy to work with you to prorate your membership donation. If have questions regarding new or upcoming renewal of your membership, please contact Lisa at [treasurer@frinedsofhanauabay.org](mailto:treasurer@frinedsofhanauabay.org)

\$200	Ilio-holo-l-ka-uaua (Hawaiian Monk Seal)	Circle
\$100	Honu (Green Sea Turtle)	Circle
\$50	Uhu (Parrotfish)	Circle
\$25	'Awela (Christmas Wrasse)	Circle
\$10	Humuhumunukunukuapua'a (Reef Trigger Fish)	For Active HBEP Volunteers

As the official adopting agency of Hanauma Bay, we hope you will continue to support us in our very important work of stewardship of the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. Among our various activities we continue to;

Work with the City to improve conditions at the Bay,  
Do quarterly cleanups in conjunction with Malama Maunalua,  
Support conservation initiatives such as Save Ka Iwi,  
Participate in the annual Science Awards Program,  
Plan to support school visits to the Bay,  
Support the Hanauma Bay Education Program  
We are the official adopters of Kalana'ana'ole highway from the Bay to Sandy Beach

BYE, BYE, BIRDIE ... Maybe

An article in the Maui News (<http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/599943/Honolulu-starts-program-to-target-feral-chickens.html?nav=5031>) reports that chickens will be eradicated from parks and neighborhoods on O'ahu. The article reports Hanauma Bay is included.

Parks Department staff said they are uncertain whether the Bay's chickens are actually included. We encourage the City to leave Hanauma Bay's chickens alone. Chickens at the Bay don't bother anyone. They are all in the upper preserve area and staff who see them every day report that they live in balance with their environment. They control centipedes and are controlled by mongoose and a couple of owls. The noisy roosters don't bother anyone -- no one lives nearby. Most important, however, Hanauma Bay is a fully protected nature preserve from which nothing should be removed let alone killed.

We hope the City will recognize that the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is different from other parks and taking its chickens is not necessary. We'll follow this and keep you posted.

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## UPS & DOWNS

If you've walked the beach you've seen at the toilet bowl end an orange and green mesh barrier intended to keep people from walking on the ledge. For a long time, the barrier has been up, then down, up, then down, up, then down, up then down, then up, then down, ... For an eight month photographic odyssey with the barrier and other current repair needs go to this website. Past repair needs are included for a historical perspective.

<http://s288.photobucket.com/user/FOHB/library/FOHB%20Images%20To%20Be%20Reviewed?sort=3&page=1>



While walking the beach Bob noticed the green mesh washing into the water and made the picture on the left. No longer just an ugly mess on the beach, the barrier had become a safety hazard for snorkelers and marine life. Like many other repair needs the fence would not be attended to in a timely manner and concern arose that the hazard would recur. Friends board members Bob & Sid undertook repairs. (right) This wasn't intended to be a permanent fix but it lasted a couple of weeks and was better than any that had been done until then. A nicer looking and more permanent replacement is desperately needed.

Perhaps inspired by Bob and Sid's effort, someone has done more to stabilize the barrier. Below is what it looked like on July 30. This eyesore reflects a lack of pride in the nature preserve and leaves one wondering why this barrier that is supposed to prevent people from entering the ledge has been neglected for so long.



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## Hanauma Bay Blog Spot by Larry Winnik

This critter is called a Commerson's Frogfish. They lure unsuspecting fish and literally suck them into their mouth which can expand up to twelve times normal size. The whole exercise takes about six milliseconds !



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