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## **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER**

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### **MAUI GROUP NEWS**

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT BY LANCE HOLTER**

I recently returned from three weeks in Alaska where I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) a two day conference with keynote speaker President Jimmy Carter. ANILCA is the greatest act of conservation in world history whereby 105 million acres of land were permanently preserved and opened to the public, including 55 million acres of wilderness designation and the creation of 26 wild and scenic rivers. I spoke with many conservationists about our shared vision and at the luncheon with President Carter over 1,000 attendees listened to a wonderful and heartfelt speech on wilderness, common effort, overcoming political obstacles and ultimately the victory of ANILCA. We broke into groups and plenary sessions afterwards, two that I attended were The Arctic Refuge and another was Indigenous People and Wilderness. I was heartened to hear support from Native Alaskans to preserve the Arctic Refuge, the preposterous idea that Senators Akaka and Inouye voted for oil drilling because "they did it for the Natives" was never more evident as Native speaker after Native speaker confirmed my understanding that Alaskan Native people want The Arctic Refuge and Wilderness protected in order to preserve Native subsistence, Cultural and Traditional rights for a legacy to all generations. While in Alaska I was the guest of Sierra Club National leaders Jack Hession and Vicky Hoover as we went into the Lake Clark National Park area to research the Pebble Mine Development, an open pit gold/copper mine which at 2.5 miles in diameter with a 20 square mile toxic tailings pond, will become the largest mine of it's type in North America. Very few people outside of Alaska are aware of the proposal which surely will doom the largest Salmon fishery in the world as the proposed location is in the headwaters of four major tributaries to the Bristol Bay Fishery. For more information google: [www.bristolbayalliance.com](http://www.bristolbayalliance.com)

Upon my return to Hawaii I was contacted by Representative Ed Case to confirm that the Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park proposal would be again submitted to Congress as an Act for a study for eventual National designation as a historical monument or recreational area. This was welcome and heartening news. Walking and swimming the miles of long, white sand, beach and coastline is a favorite pastime for Maui's people. If you haven't done it recently come over to Baldwin Beach at 7:00 AM, watch the sunrise and enjoy this wonderful Natural Asset on the North Shore. Malama Ka Aina!

**ACTION ALERT! IT IS NOT A DONE DEAL!** With the Federal Budget Bill coming up around September 20<sup>th</sup> The Arctic Refuge will be in the hands of Congress. A group of 24 moderate House Republicans have formed a voting block to stop drilling in the refuge. The first budget process (including the provision to drill the Refuge) passed by a 214 to 211 margin giving pro-drilling a slim

victory. Intense efforts are underway on both sides of the issue. Native Alaskans have moved to Washington D.C. to begin a drumming vigil in the city every day leading up to the vote. Hundreds and thousands of Conservationists will be arriving in D.C. to lobby Congress for the September vote. Now more than ever is the time to contact our Washington Senators and Congressmen. Please make your calls and send your letters today!

## **UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES BY LUCIENNE DE NAIÉ**

**To contact your State and County elected officials, go to [www.hawaii.gov](http://www.hawaii.gov)**

**This is a very educational web site and loaded with lots of email addresses to tell your officials what you think!**

### **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Maui Group has hosted some great speakers over the past quarter: among them: EJ attorney Kapua Sproat on the Public Trust and Photographer Amy Gulick on the real consequences of drilling at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

### **CONSERVATION UPDATES**

**Marine Protected Areas:** MG urging state to set up MPA's ("no fishing" zones marked by buoys) on Maui. A similar to successful program on the Big Island has actually increased fish population in MPA and adjoining, unprotected ocean areas. Maui's declining fisheries and reefs affect subsistence and commercial fishing and recreational diving and snorkeling. Email elected officials <[www.hawaii.gov](http://www.hawaii.gov)> to support more MPAs & increased DLNR budget to manage them.

**Protect our Coral Reefs.** Majority of residents surveyed by state DLNR agree on the need to ban commercial gill nets in Hawaii (last state to allow them.) It's time to act and end the tragic "bycatch" of unwanted fish, turtles, dolphins, monk seals entrapped in the nets. Email elected officials (see above!)

**North Shore Park:** Ed Case submitted new legislation to study feasibility of Patsy Takemoto Mink Heritage Park along Maui's North shore. Sea Grant Geologist Zoe Norcross created a great map detailing potential park lands to accompany congressional request. County finalized purchase of 1.5 acres (with additional 1.4 acres pending) at old Lime Kiln beach site, a key part of the park.

**Keone'o'io/Ahihi-Kinaiu:** South Maui Coastal Preservation Act of 2005 (introduced by Ed Case) will study feasibility of designating and acquiring much of this historic region as a National Seashore, National Recreation Area, National Monument, or other unit of the National Park Service.

**Pali to Puamana Park-Way:** Final public purchase of first 100 acres of proposed eight mile long coastal park along the West Maui shoreline depends on county approval for Ukumehame agricultural subdivision. Awaiting determination of clear land titles.

**Paia By-Pass:** Paia mini-bypass expected to open soon, but citizens want a permanent bypass with protected open space corridors. Most favor use of the existing publicly owned but privately used Kala Rd (currently used as a sugar cane road).

**Makena Resort Rezoning Proposal:** Seibu Corporation, rocked by scandals and delisted on the Japanese stock exchange, appears prepared to sell off all Hawaii resort properties. Resort-oriented developments likely to be proposed for these archaeologically and biologically rich lands by any new owners. Public needs to speak up to malama native willi willi forests and cultural sites, as new projects proposed.

**Streamlife Studies:** Maui County Council approved funding for needed stream life studies in the 'Iao aquifer area, to begin in 2006.

**East Maui Streams:** Three-year USGS study completed on East Maui streams. Conclusions: 60-70% of non-stormflow is diverted the majority of the time. Report could help set revised stream flow standards in 27 East Maui streams -subject of a successful legal battle.

**Iao & Waihee Stream Restoration:** Public hearing expected in October 05. Will consider a citizen petition to restore flows to four legendary Maui streams and decide if water is being wasted by ongoing diversion. Up to 60 mgd is currently diverted and it appears former plantation Wailuku Agribiz intends to form a private water company to distribute the stream water it diverts.

**Superferry Legal Action:** Two legal actions seek the answers the public deserves for this \$180 million project. Co-petitioners include: Maui Tomorrow, Friends of Haleakala, Kahului Harbor Coalition.

**West Maui Developments:** A half dozen **BIG** (500 units plus) developments proposed for Maui's most congested road system. MG is asking to have West side projects evaluated as a whole, since most involve increased density in the area's community plan.

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**Affordable Housing Ordinance:** County considering several versions to codify affordable housing requirements. Key points- creating mixed neighborhoods, keeping property affordable long term, setting a fair percentage of units required for residential, industrial /commercial projects.

**Cruise Ships:** The Mayor's Cruise Ship Task Force final report can be downloaded from the County website: [www.co.maui.hi.us/mayor/index1.htm](http://www.co.maui.hi.us/mayor/index1.htm). It recommends daily and weekly limitations on the number of cruise ships visiting Maui.

**State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy Plan:** Plan calls for combating spread of alien plants, animals, reptiles and marine species (like Miconia, Axis deer, coqui frogs and hypnea limu) and protecting native habitat for terrestrial and aquatic species. MG submitted comments to add key streams and other important habitat areas to report. Goes to Feds Oct 1.

**Please Recycle Old Cell Phones:** Call Maui Sierra Club office at 579-9802 to make arrangements to recycle your old cell phones. We get \$3.00 per cell phone and the proceeds go to our hike program.

**Recycle at Aloha Recycling, 75 Amala Place, Kahului, and benefit the Sierra Club Maui Group.** Just tell them you are donating to the Sierra Club and they will credit our account 5 cents for each beverage container. Recycling hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Saturday. Aloha Recycling is a state redemption center for all beverage containers. They also take many other items. Visit their web site [www.aloha-recycling.com](http://www.aloha-recycling.com) for details of all items they take or call them at 877-0822.

## **MAUI GROUP OUTINGS, SERVICE TRIPS, AND PROGRAMS**

Please be prepared for outings. Bring food, water, sunscreen, sturdy footwear and rain gear for windward and upcountry hikes. A voluntary donation of \$5 (\$2 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. If you cannot or do not wish to make this voluntary donation, you are still welcome to come on our hikes. Limited hikes are popular. Please register early. Pre-registration absolutely required for specific hikes. Call Sierra Club hike line: 573-4147 or hike leader number shown below to register. Updates on newest hikes on our website: [www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/outings.html](http://www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/outings.html) Mahalo!

### **SEPTEMBER SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Saturday, September 17:** "Get the Drift and Bag It!" Maui Coastal Land Trust service outing at the Waihe'e Refuge. 8:00 am to Noon followed by food for all. Take Halewalu Road and turn left into Refuge on dirt road just before Waihe'e Beach Park. Call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Note: this was erroneously listed as September 24th in the previous newsletter.

**Saturday, September 24:** Coconut Grove (Kuiaha Bay) clean-up & Historical tour. Big community cleanup co-sponsored by the Haiku Living Legacy Project, the Haiku Community Association, North Shore Rotary Club, and Sierra Club. Meet 8:00 am at Haiku School Parking lot. Free brunch to follow at the Haiku School Cafeteria from 11am to 1pm. Leader: Lucienne de Naie 572-8331 or Marian Zajac 573-5229

**Thursday, September 29:** Ha'iku Community Association is hosting an environmental fair from 6:30 to 9 pm at the Hi'iku Community Center. The panelists confirmed as of now are Rob Parsons (moderator), Art Madeiros, Don Reeser, Lucienne deNaie, Mary Evanson, and Stephen Cabral. Many other environmental organizations will also participate. Please try to attend this very informative Environmental Fair.

### **OCTOBER HIKES AND EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 1:** South Maui Coastal Corridor Heritage Trail. New trail along the coast! Hike leader Joe Bertram. Meet 8:30 am at free coastal access parking lot near the Mana Kai Resort at 2960 S. Kihei Road. Free food from Hawaiian Moons! Walk along the new coastal trail and then go inland to explore the new proposed north/south collector road to return to the parking lot. Approx 3 mile loop. Bring sunscreen and water. Limit 20. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader Cookie Pacheco.

**Saturday, October 8:** Kapahu Farm Taro Patch Tour and Kokua Day in Kipahulu -moderate one-mile hike through (sometimes) wet, muddy terrain takes you through a lush valley to help care for ancient terraces filled with taro and other Polynesian introduced plants. Bring: Snacks, water, sunscreen, rain gear, camera and shoes with good traction (or tabis). Meet at 10 am at Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor center. Park entrance fee is \$10/vehicle. For \$20/vehicle you can buy a one year tri-park annual pass. Also can meet at Haiku Community Center at 8:00 am to carpool. Call Hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader Cookie Pacheco.

**Saturday, October 15:** Waihe'e Valley Swinging Bridges. Enjoy easy to moderate hike along a stream and through the woods to a beautiful waterfall. Approx. 6 miles round trip. Bring rain gear, lunch, bathing suit and good hiking shoes. Meet at Waihe'e School

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8:30 am. Limit 15. Call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader Cookie Pacheco.

**Saturday, October 22:** "Make a Difference Day" Makena Beach cleanup and removal of dead trees and old barb wire fencing. 8:30am –11:30 am. Meet at First paved parking lot, Makena Beach Park. Refreshments provided. Leader Lucienne: 572-8331

**Sunday, October, 23:** Kanaha Pond Service Day. 8:30 am to noon. Big chance to enjoy the beauty of this historic pond and help Native Hawaiian Plant Society volunteers haul away keawe branches as more area is opened for native plant and bird habitat. Meet 8:30 am along Kanaha Pond back fence (Amala Place) Kahului side of County wastewater plant. Closed shoes a must. Cold drinks and heavy gloves available. Call Lucienne de Naie at 572-8331 to register.

**Friday, October 28:** Olowalu Summer Star-gazing Fundraiser with noted Maui astronomer Harriett Witt-Miller. Check out Harriett's web site <http://www.passengerplanet.com/> Meet 6:30 pm in parking lot Lahaina-side of Olowalu store on Honoapiilani Hwy (Rte30). Bring low chairs, flashlight and light wrap in case it is cool. We will view the stars from near the petroglyphs. The ground is very rocky so must bring low chair to sit in. Donation \$5 members \$10 non-members. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Info call 573-4147.

**Sunday, October 30:** Hike from Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor Center up the Pipiwai Trail through beautiful grasslands and bamboo forest to 400' Waimoku Falls. At end of hike swim in pools near visitor center. Bring lunch and bathing suit. Meet 8:00 am Haiku Community Center and carpool to Kipahulu. There is a \$10/car entrance fee to national park. Limit 12. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader: Cookie Pacheco.

### **NOVEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS**

**Saturday, November 5:** Arbor Day! 9 to 12 noon at Maui Nui Botanical Garden, 150 Kanaloa Avenue, Wailuku. Come enjoy the festivities! Volunteers are needed to help out. If you would like to volunteer, please call Tina or Lisa at Maui Nui Botanical Garden (249-2798).

**Monday, November 7:** Makena Historical Hike with view of Maluaka tidepools. Learn the fascinating history of this legendary coastline. Meet 8:30 am first paved parking lot Makena State Park. Limit 25. Leader Lucienne de Naie 572-8331

**Sunday, November 13:** Hike to beautiful Hoalua Bay below Huelo. Wear sturdy shoes and bring bathing suit and lunch. Steep but safe 300' descent on cow trails to bay. 5 miles round trip. Limit: 15. Leader: Neola Caveny. Meet 8:30 am at Neola's home. Register and get directions from Neola at 573-1451.

**Sunday, November 20:** Hike to Petroglyphs above Ma'alaea. Meet 8:30 am at parking lot toward water from Buzz's Wharf Restaurant. The best petroglyphs on Maui. Bring your camera, lunch, water and sunscreen. Fabulous ocean views as we ascend. Limit 20. Hike leader Neola Caveny. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register.

### **DECEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS**

**Saturday, December 3:** Waihe'e Beach (old Waihe'e Dairy site) guided tour by the Maui Coastal Land Trust. Meet 9:00 am at Iao Congregational Church, 2371 Vineyard, Wailuku. Bring water, sunscreen, hiking shoes and lunch. Limit 15. Back by about 2:00 pm. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader Cookie Pacheco.

**Sunday, December 4:** Wailuku Meander. Take a leisurely walking tour of historical Wailuku town, from Bailey House to Happy Valley. Meet 9:00 am at the parking lot of the County Building on High Street. Limit 15. Call hike leader Neola Caveny at 573-1451 to register.

**Saturday, December 10:** La Perouse Bay hike south to Hanamanioa Point and visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and historic sites along the way. Meet 8:00 am at Kihei Community Center to carpool to La Perouse Bay parking lot. Hike ends around 2pm. Bring water, sunscreen, lunch and optional bathing suit for swim at La Perouse Bay after the hike. Hike leaders Ann Fielding and Lucienne de Naie. Limit 20. Call Lucienne at 572-8331 to register.

**Sunday, December 18:** Kahakuloa Game Management Area F on the North Shore. Hike up East Poelua Road to the end and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Round trip approx. six miles. Bring lunch and good hiking shoes. Meet 8:30 am at Waihe'e Grammar School to carpool. Back around 3:00 pm. Limit 20. Optional: if group wants, can cool off in Olivine Pools at end of hike, so bring bathing suit. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. Assistant hike leader Cookie Pacheco.

**Saturday, December 31:** East Maui Coastal Hike. Short hike (2 mile R/T) through privately leased state lands to spectacular coastal overlook. Historical sites, great views. Meet 10 am at Maui Grown Market (Hana Hwy near 14 mi mkr) Limit: 15. Leader: Lucienne de Naie 572-8331.