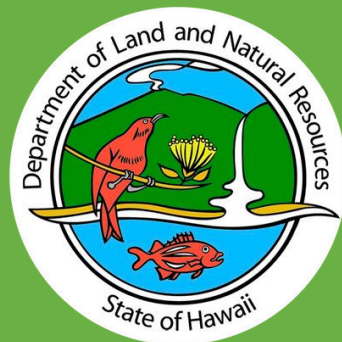
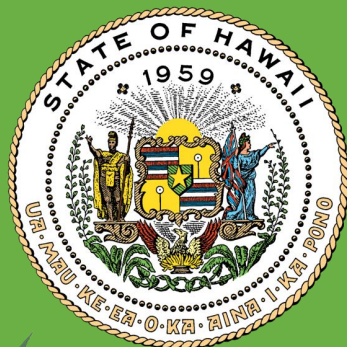


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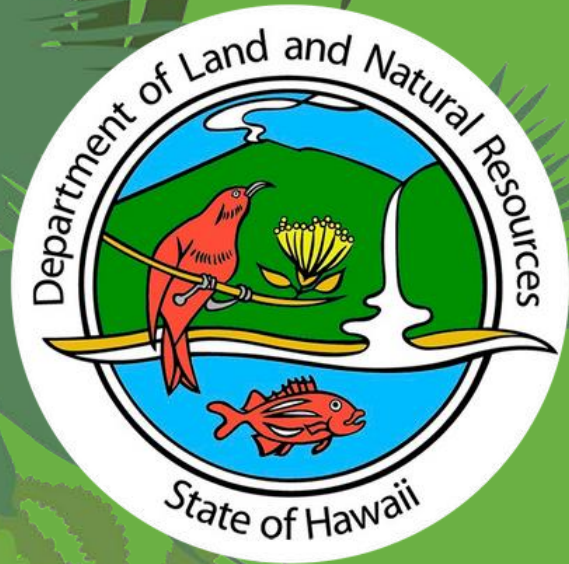


Hawaii Tourism Conference
Workshop 2025

Workshop Outline

I. Who We Are	About DLNR, our mission, organizational structure, and kuleana
II. Projects	Panelists: Outdoor Hawaii; Nā Manu 'Elele; Mooring Buoys; Reservations
III. Break Out Tables	Meet the panelists and talk story; share perspectives; make connections
IV. Reconvene & Share Out	Hear summaries from the breakout tables – call to action

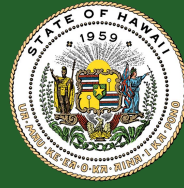




LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES

Our Mission

Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.



Board of Land & Natural Resources



Department of Land & Natural Resources

Forestry
&
Wildlife

Conservation
& Resources
Enforcement

Aquatic
Resources

State Parks

Boating
& Ocean
Recreation

Land Division

Office of Coastal
& Conservation
Lands

State Historic
Preservation

Bureau
of Conveyances

Commission on
Water Resource
Management

Kaho'olawe Island
Reserve
Commission

Engineering

We are the largest land manager in Hawai'i. We manage 1.3M acres of the 1.6M acres held by the State of Hawai'i on behalf of the people of Hawai'i.

We manage some of the most iconic places in the state.

BLNR Priorities:

- Conservation of natural and cultural resources
- Public use and access
- Commercial use

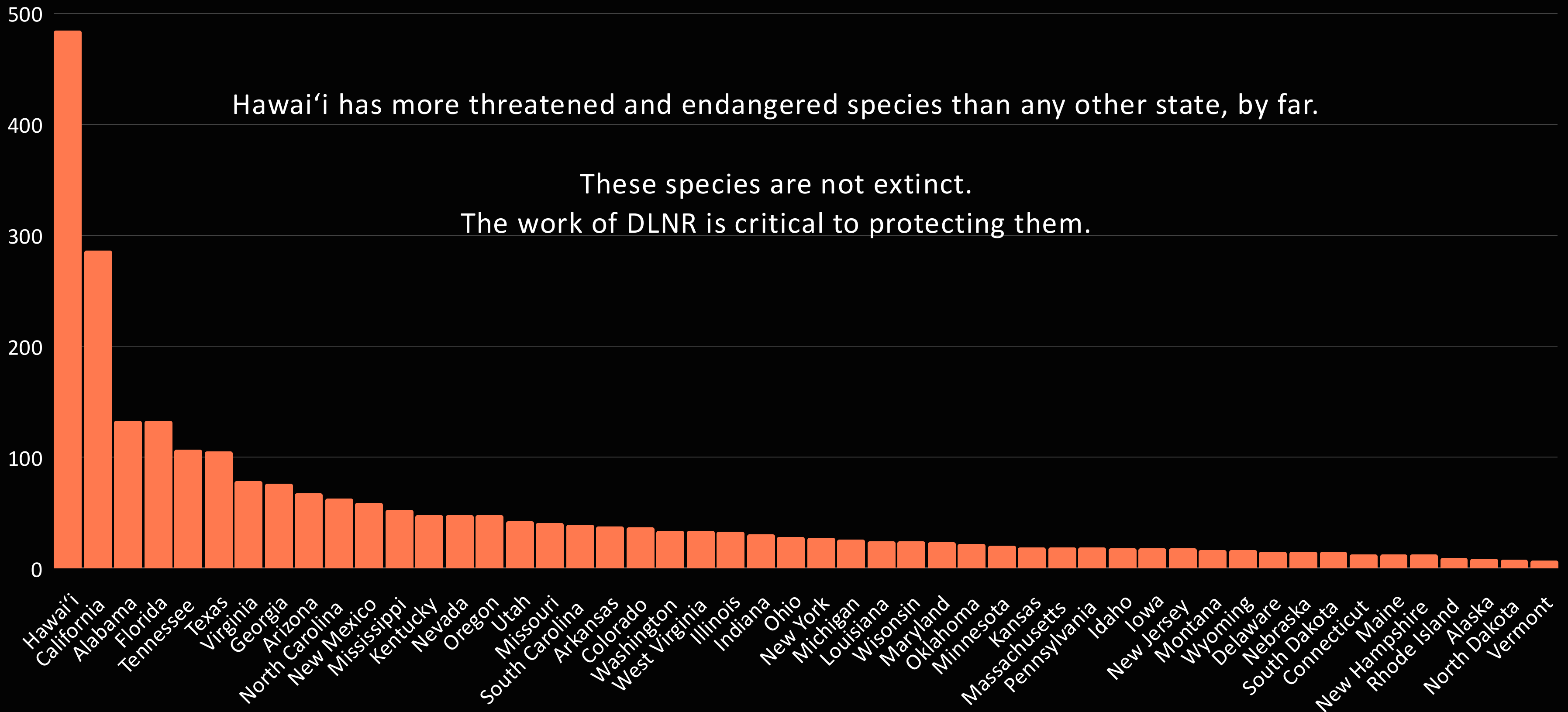
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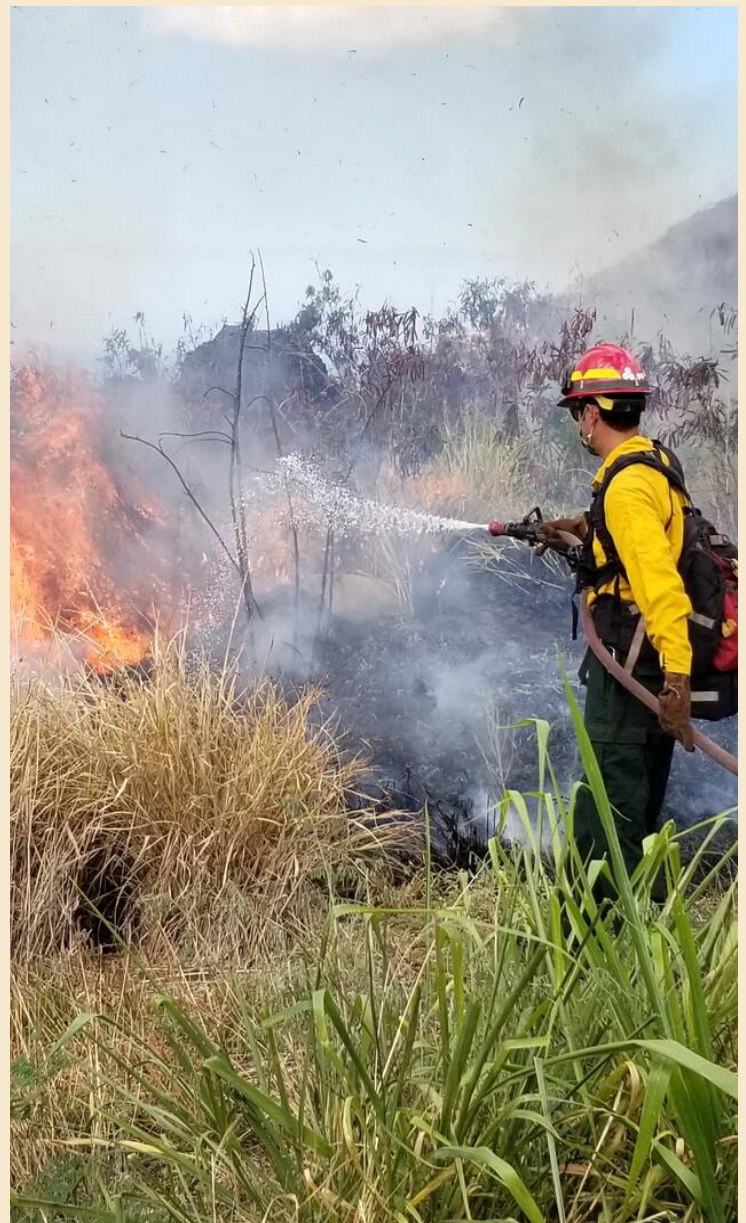
Hawai'i's native species

Over 28,000 native plants and animals have evolved here.
90% are endemic. This is their only home.



What Hawai'i has at stake

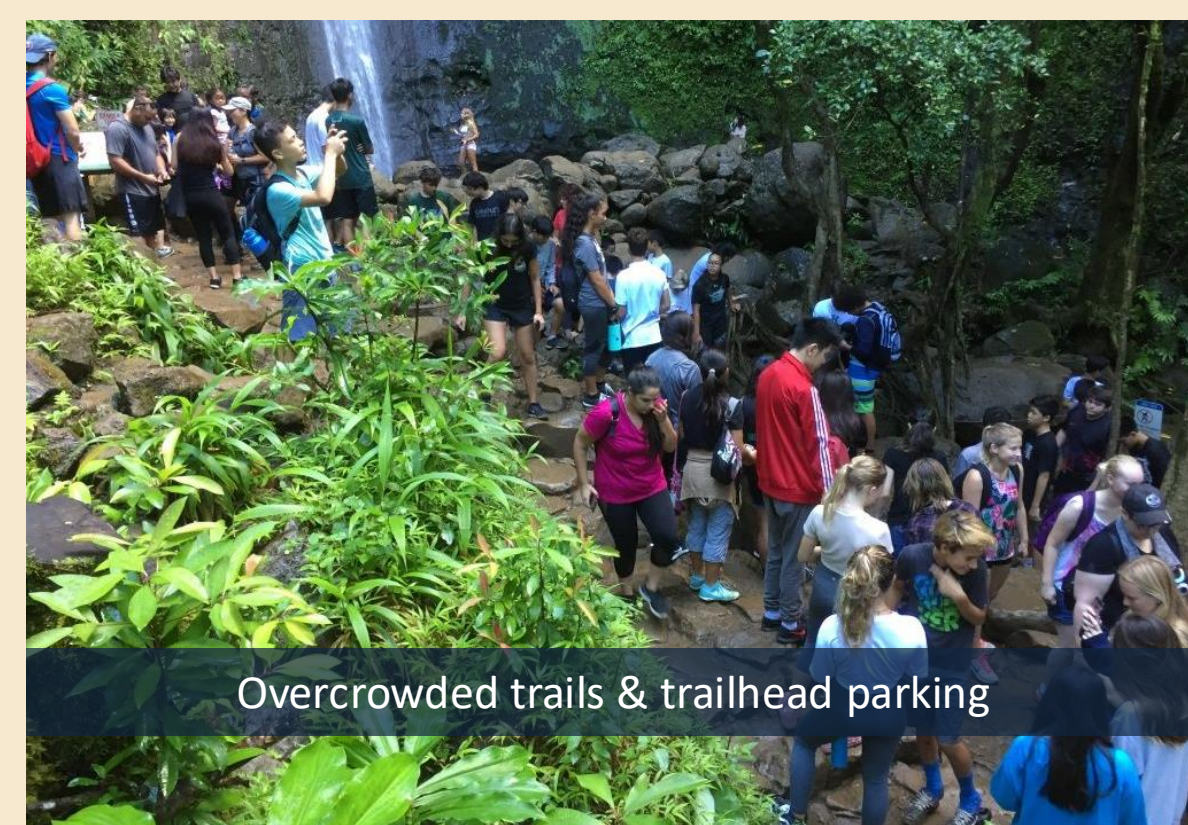






Nature is the foundation of
Hawai'i's tourism economy

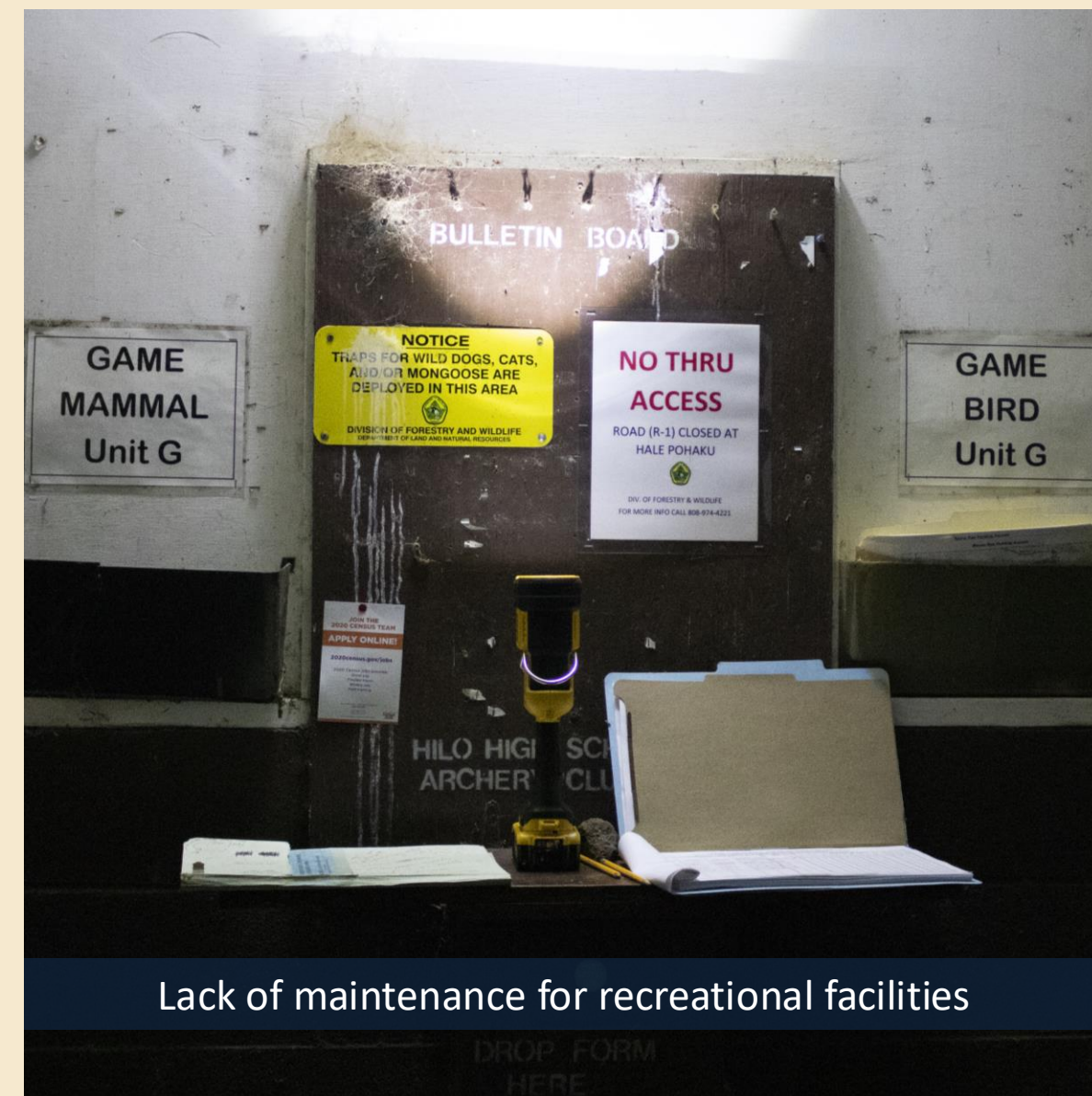
Our foundation is under stress



Overcrowded trails & trailhead parking



Insufficient protection from forest pests & diseases



Lack of maintenance for recreational facilities



Natural resource violations



Vandalized, outdated signage

Hawai'i can be
a global leader
in outdoor
recreation
management





By adopting a tourism model that better aligns with our natural and cultural heritage goals

Explore Outdoor Hawaii Platform & OuterSpatial App

Chyloe Skizewski

Office of the Chair

Economic Development

Specialist



BOATING

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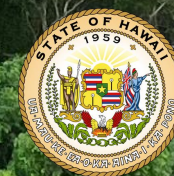
HIKING

HUNTING

STATE PARKS



EXPLORE OUTDOOR HAWAII



Experience the Land and Natural Resources of Hawai‘i

How to Experience Hawai‘i’s Great Outdoors

The Hawaiian Islands are the most remote destination in the world, with pristine oceans, miles of beaches, a mix of urban landscape and wilderness, and a rich culture that guides how best to experience Hawai‘i unique environment in a way that ensures it will be around for future generations to enjoy.

Choose an activity to learn more about the most common licenses, permits, and forms needed to explore Hawai‘i.

Visit a State Park

51 state parks with a range of environments and activities are waiting for you to visit. Reservations are required for certain parks.

[Learn More](#)

Make a Reservation for a State Park

- ‘Iolani Palace State Monument, O‘ahu
- Diamond Head State Park, O‘ahu
- ‘Īao Valley State Monument, Maui
- Wai‘ānapanapa State Park, Maui
- Hā‘ena State Park, Kaua‘i





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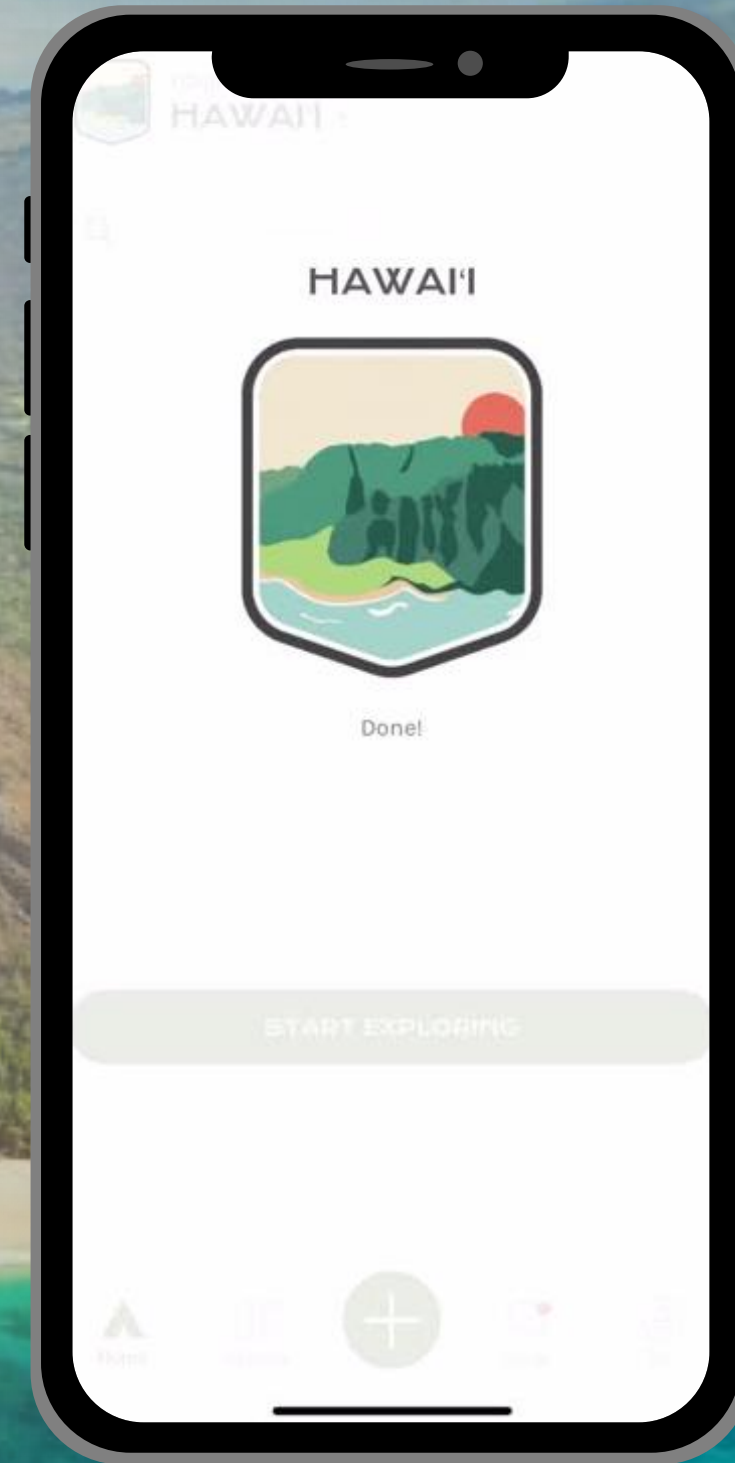
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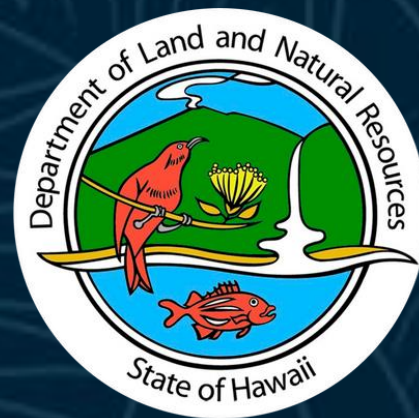
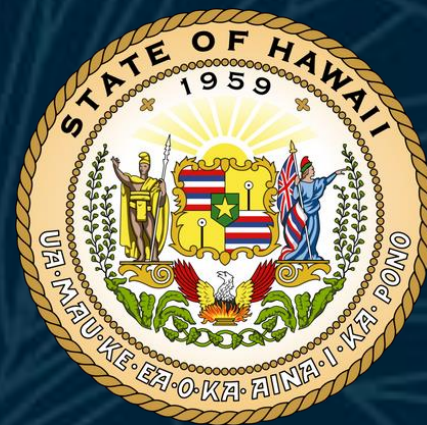
Aloha! I am an AI virtual assistant for the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. How can I help you?

[how do i donate?](#)

Generating your answer

Start a conversation...





EXPLORE
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SCAN ME



Nā Manu 'Elele Trail Stewards

Jackson Bauer
Forestry & Wildlife
Hawai'i Island Outdoor
Recreation (Nā Ala Hele)
Program Manager



Day-Use Mooring Buoy Project

David Sakoda

Aquatic Resources

Fisheries Program Manager



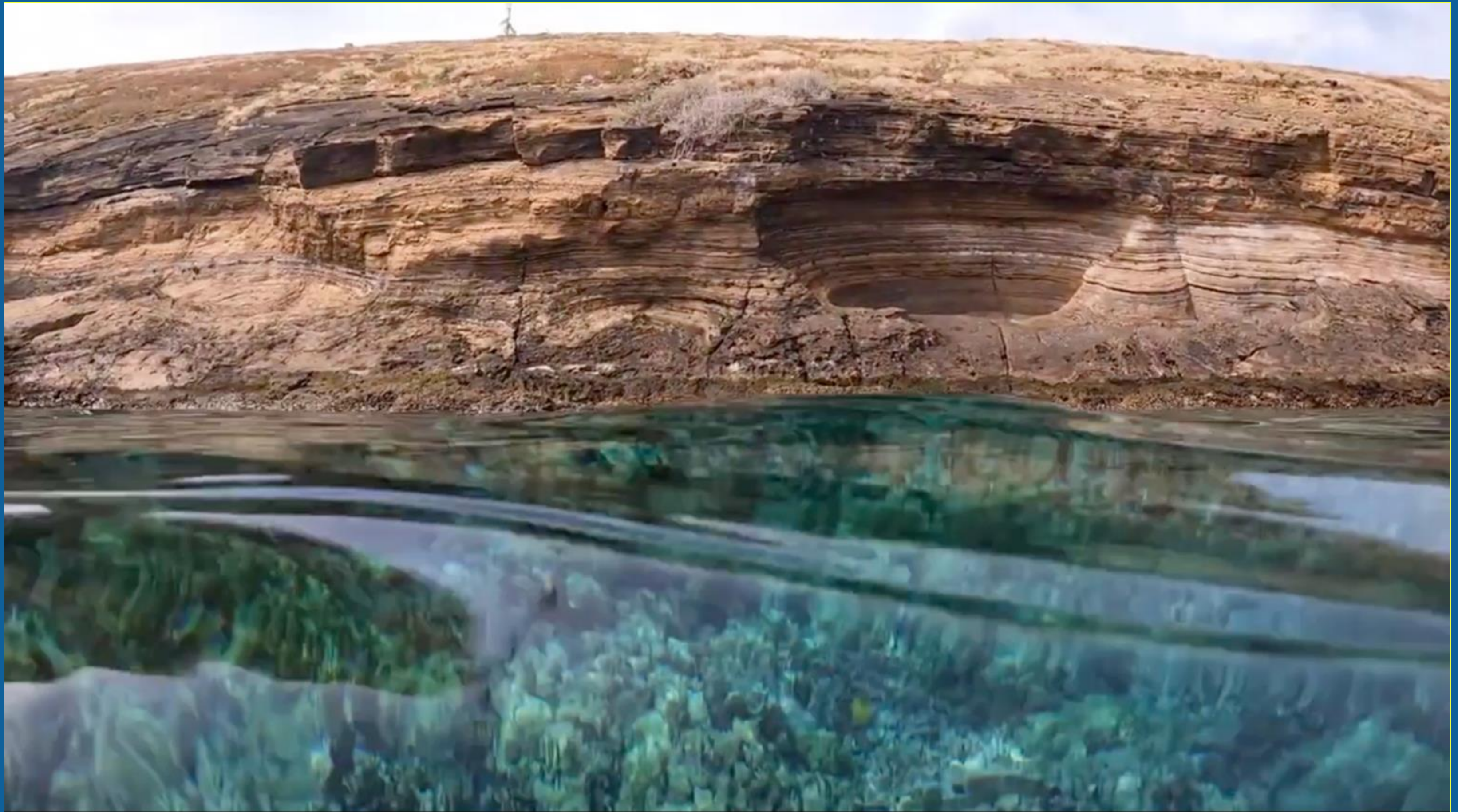
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A PARTNERSHIP MODEL FOR MITIGATING ANCHOR DAMAGE IN HAWAI'I

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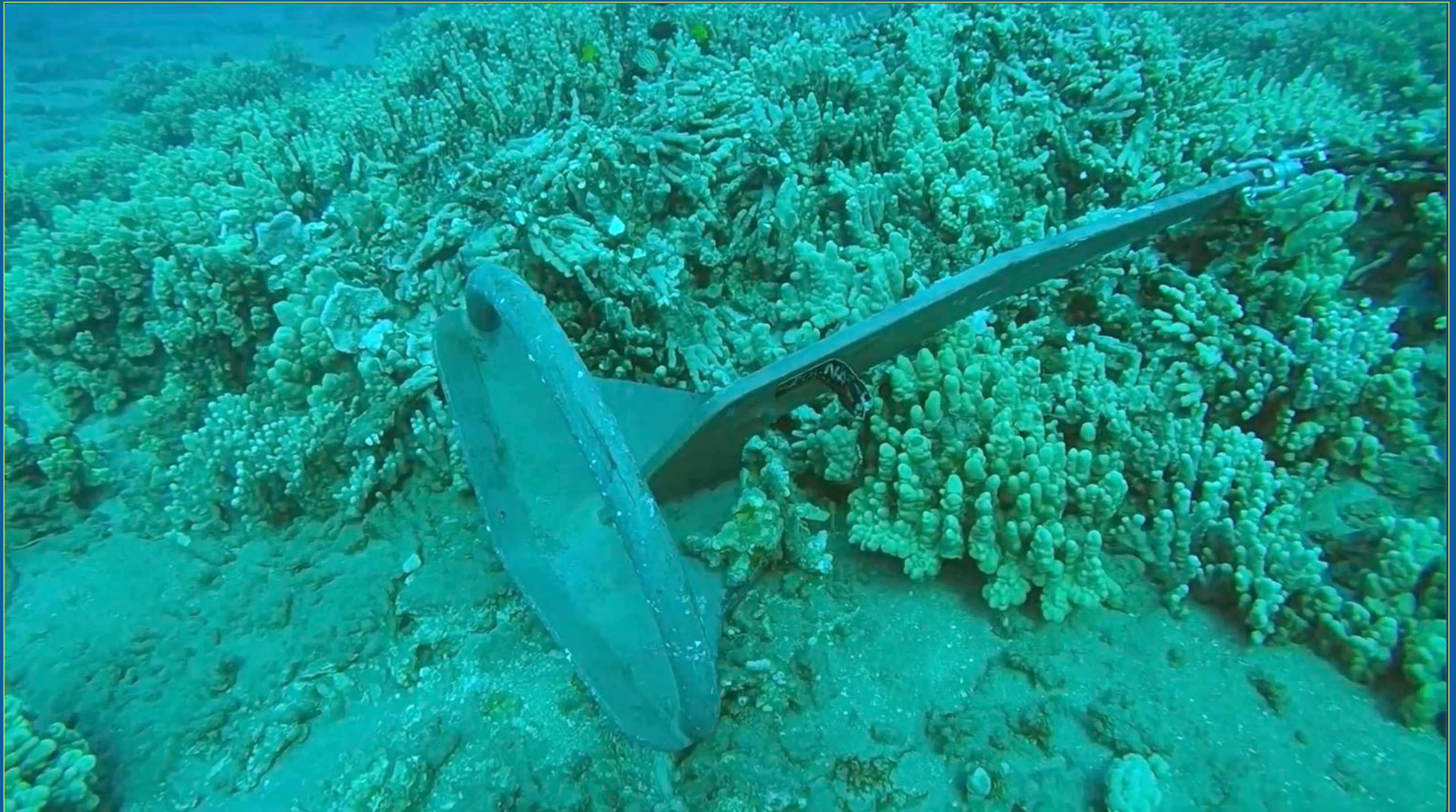
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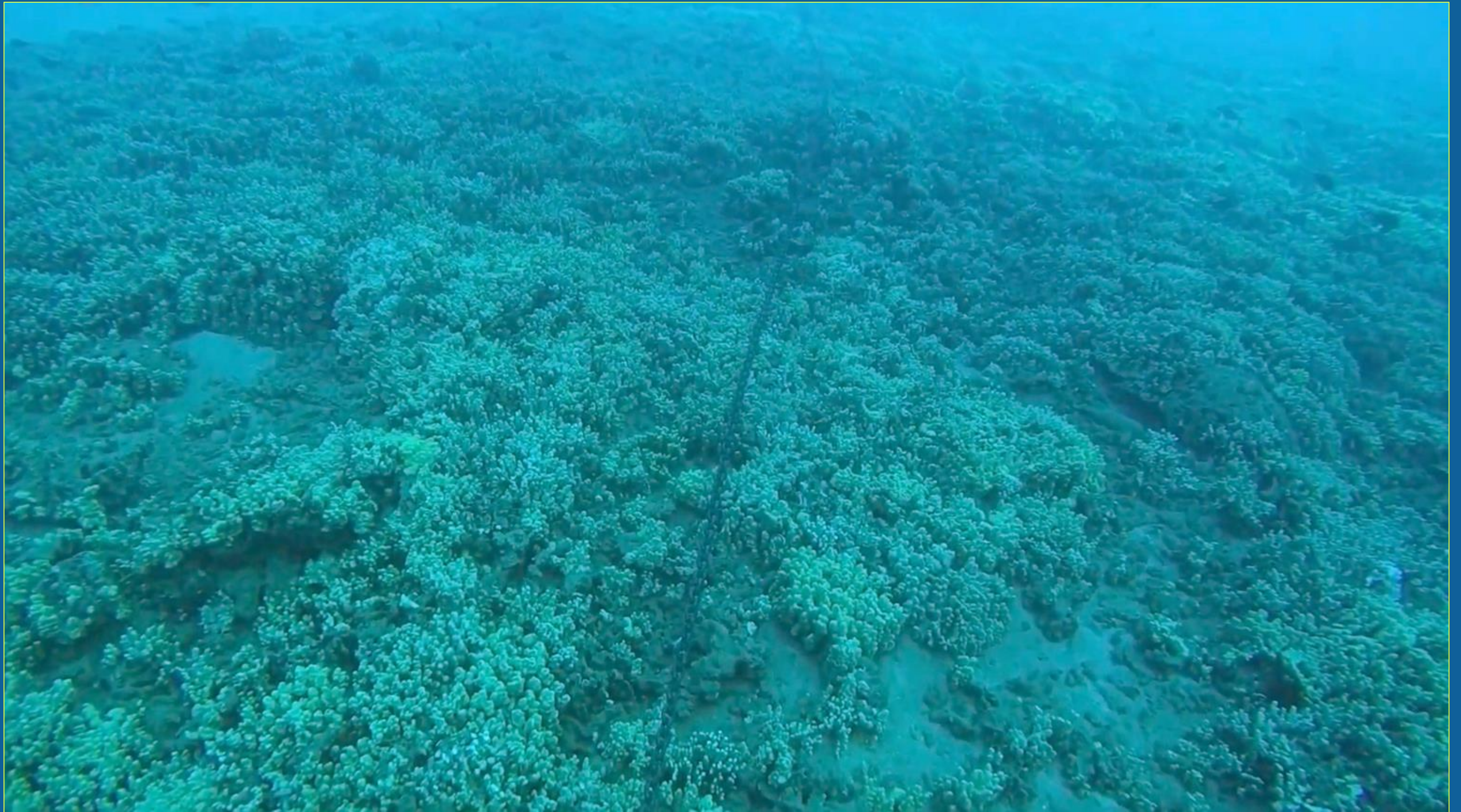














ANCHOR DAMAGE IS PREVENTABLE



WHAT DOES PROTECTION LOOK LIKE



ATTENTION
Sustainable
Public Access
Allowed

The background image is a composite. The right side features a large circular inset showing an underwater scene with a white and purple striped mooring buoy anchored to a coral reef. The left side of the image is a solid blue background with white text. A smaller circular inset on the left shows a blue water surface with a white sign that reads 'ATTENTION Sustainable Public Access Allowed'.

ORIGINS STORY: A GRASSROOTS SOLUTION

This protection didn't begin with policy.

It began with the boating community advocating for regenerative tourism.

1983

1987

1990

1991

1995

30 YEARS OF IMPACT



1995



2025

2.4 MILLION ANCHOR DROPS AVOIDED



1995



2025

FROM PATCHWORK TO PILOT

- *46 sites in Maui Nui*
- *Scalable model*
- *Tested and proven*



2024

FROM PILOT TO PARTNERSHIP



- 186 sites
- Centralized tracking
- Proactive maintenance



FROM PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECTION

- *Expanding statewide*
- *Leveraging multiple funding sources*
- *Collaborating between divisions and sectors*



FROM PROTECTION TO PROSPERING REEFS

- *Anchor damage is prevented*
- *Reefs are protected*
- *Responsible recreation is promoted*
- *Sustainable tourism in Hawai'i is supported*



Reservation System

Alan Carpenter

State Parks

Assistant Administrator













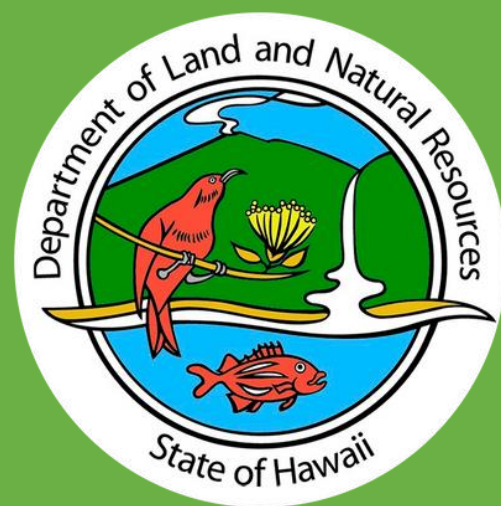
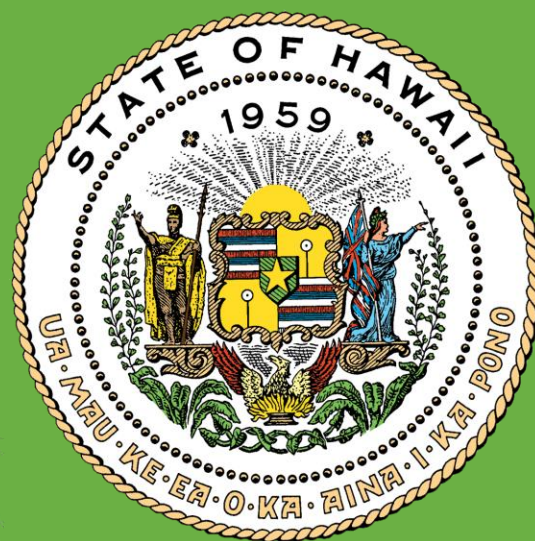
Breakout
Tables:



Reconvene



in 30
minutes



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