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GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2026
TIME: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
PLACE: The Arc of Hilo – Event Center
1099 Waianuenue Ave, Hilo, HI 96720
and Remote by interactive conference technology
(online via ZOOM and by telephone)
PURPOSE: Game Management Advisory Commission Meeting (#25)

AGENDA

ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors.

ITEM 2. **Action Item -** Review and approve meeting minutes from the March 25, 2026.

ITEM 3. <u>Island of Kauai (Nicolai Barca)</u>

- Research Priorities: Discussion on the proposed science-based population modeling project, unit-specific carrying capacities, and targeted game management goals.
    - **Action Item** – Vote on selecting a state-managed hunting area to begin initial planning/coordination of project implementation.
    - **Action Item** – Vote on the necessity of developing a GMAC led Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for this project. Assign who will be a part of this PIG.
- New Business: Discussion on overall health, safety, and field experiences of Hawai'i's hunting dogs.
- Outreach and Communication: Discussion on current volunteer maintenance efforts at remote campsites in Kauai's public hunting areas and proposal looking into building/maintaining additional sites.

ITEM 4. <u>Island of Maui (Michael Johnson)</u>

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports
- Wildlife Management Review

- New Business

ITEM 5. Island of Oahu (Richard Furst)

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports: Discussion on updates to the proposed Ko'olau fencing project on Oahu's Kuliouou-Wailupe Valleys.

- New Business: Discussion on having regular assigned GMAC Meetings dates, timeframes, and recurring schedules.

    - **Action Item –** Vote on type of meeting scheduling (Quarterly, Every other month, Quarterly, or Every Six months) for the 2027 year.

ITEM 6. Member At Large (Steve Dewald)

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports:
- New Business:

ITEM 7. East Hawaii Island (Jason Sanborn)

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports:
- New Business:

ITEM 8. Island of Lanai (Stan Ruidas)

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports:
- New Business:

ITEM 9. Island of Molokai (Elroy Mollena)

- Public Hunter Concerns, Testimonies, Field Reports:
- New Business:

ITEM 10. Overview Game Program Activities & Announcments – Nick Vargas (DLNR)

ITEM 11. Set future meeting schedules, locations, and potential Agenda items.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

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The Chairperson will call for public testimony during the Commission's discussion of each agenda item. To allow each person equal time to testify, the Chairperson may limit the time for testimony per individual or per issue by Section 13-140-16, Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

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- Email to: Nicholas.j.vargas@hawaii.gov
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