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Iirc's the article from the Maui News. It ran on Wednesday, June 10.

My deadline for the sea turtle story (for the Maui News) is July 6. It will run in the July 12 issue. I'll be calling you early this week for a quick interview. I got answers to some of my questions from various sources, but I'd like to talk with you to make sure I have all of the facts right.

Can you suggest a good time to call you?

Also, do you have any photos that could be used in the Maui News piece?

Thanks for your help.

Aloha,

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... as Johnston and Palmyra atolls.
These trips take the Kukul south of the equator and across the international dateline, up to 1,700 miles from home.

The Maui News offices will be open Thursday, with newspapers delivered on a normal schedule.

The holiday commemorates King Kamehameha I, the warrior who by

... park is due to open in August.
... Wednesday's meeting will be in the Council Chambers on the eighth floor of the Kalana O Maui building.

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Hunters eye rise in turtle numbers

HONOLULU (AP)—Endangered species status has helped boost the population of the green sea turtle, maybe too much for the turtles' own good.

With the number of turtles rising in island waters, people of various Pacific Island cultures say it's again time to start hunting the animals.

Green sea turtles have been under federal protection for 20 years. While there are no comprehensive counts to put an exact number on the

turtle population, nesting studies done by biologists at French Frigate Shoals show a dramatic increase in the population.

Most promising is the rise in the number of nesting female turtles, said George Balazs of the National Marine Fisheries Service's marine turtle research program.

"This is the first time we've seen numbers like this since 1969," Balazs said. "There are very few places in the world where stocks regenerat-

ed like this."

Hunting turtles and eating them at one time was a big part of Pacific Island culture, and those who remember when that was the case say procedures need to be put in place to allow for some hunting of the turtles.

"I can remember by uncle catching turtles and my aunts preparing them," fisherman William Aila said. "But that has been lost over several generations."

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