

Commented Date	Comment
7/9/2020	"Closing the beach will be a win for public health and the turtles. Crowds around wildlife are never a good idea..."
7/9/2020	"We need to see fairness and impartial treatment in the way we see each other."
7/9/2020	"I am a marine biologist who has dedicated my life to protecting sea turtles and marine mammals. I would hate to see turtles affected by people crowding the beach. I also don't want to see this beach become a COVID hotspot with tons of people crowding the beach. Please leave it closed to people permanently."
7/9/2020	"I agree"
7/9/2020	"I care about the sea turtles"
7/9/2020	"I'm signing to keep our community safe!"
7/9/2020	"Im over the traffic. Its absurd and the attraction at this beach doesn't benefit the majority of our community in anyway. Especially now with Covid this is all the more reason to close the beach cove area. Its a simple solution to a really large problem that has gotten more out of hand for the 8 years ive resided here."
7/9/2020	"Lori Hamilton"
7/9/2020	"This is a great idea to prevent spreading the virus. I totally want this for my family and our community to be safe."
7/10/2020	"I'm concerned about the risk of covid-19 spread from tourists and others congregating at turtle beach area of Laniakea beach."
7/10/2020	"Protecting the health and well-being of turtles, the Earth and the creatures living on it, protects the health and well-being of us all. Mahalo for starting this initiative."
7/10/2020	"I remember when a couple dozen of honu would always be spotted at this beach, basking in the Sun. It's devastating that large crowds have chased majority away, especially after Laniakea was "renamed" to "turtle beach" and then put on tourist guide maps. We need to protect these beautiful species and conserve their habitats."
7/10/2020	"Please, close Laniakea Beach. Closing the beach for a six month trial period will help prevent further spread of Covid19, protect Hawaii's green sea turtles, Hawaiian monk seals and be terrific for community morale."
7/10/2020	"A 6 month trial closure for Laniakea Beach is likely extremely reasonable. Such a closure should not impact tourist income significantly. On the other hand, a tourist impacted beach significantly impinges upon the ecosystem of turtles. Impingement upon the natural habitats of animals is a key factor that has driven pandemics like Covid-19. See Pandemics: History & Prevention, Michael Greger M.D. FACLMChiboola Malaambo MD, PupuokeaFriday, March 27th, 2020"
7/10/2020	"Please preserve this specialPlace and give the turtles peace!"
7/10/2020	"Protect the turtles and keep traffic flowing! There are enough beaches for the tourists to enjoy here. This beach should be closed down."
7/10/2020	"This situation needs to be managed regardless of covid. NS cannot accommodate the traffic at this spot. It is NOT ok. Please improve the quality of life of the ENDANGERED turtles, as well as the people who live there. And anyone, really, who needs to drive out that way. It's NOT ok. It's NOT ok. It's NOT ok. Do something about it! It's literally your job."
7/10/2020	"Protect our turtles and relive traffic congestion"
7/10/2020	"To protect all wildlife, encourage physical distancing, and support traffic flow"

7/10/2020	"Let the honu have their home back and locals travel in safety! You know tourists won't bring masks to wear on vacation to the beach shoulder to shoulder."
7/10/2020	"Have to "PROTECT DA HAWAIIANS" from pilau people entering "DA HAWAIIAN AINAS""
7/10/2020	"James foytichWe need to do something it should only take 15 minutes to go to Foodland"
7/10/2020	"Hawaii is my home"
7/10/2020	"Thank you for this petition! I grew up at Laniakea and have been recently advocating that we make this beach a turtle sanctuary. It is NOT a safe beach for visitors and they need to be redirected to beaches that are safe, have parking and life guards and where they can also see turtles. The best location is Puaena, which I know will upset some residents. But like it or not, we will not be able to have an economy with no visitors. We must accommodate and manage them responsibly and look out for their safety."
7/10/2020	"I want to make sure is protected and is given a clear and precise plan for re-opening. California, Florida, and Texas all opened up too early with no plan. Trump wants a better economy for the 2020 election only. Don't be fooled. Listen to our doctors and scientific data. Stay in, stay safe."
7/10/2020	"Over the years I have watched Laniakea Evolve to where it is now. I remember when only a few people would be around the turtles before Laniakea became famous as the place to see the turtles on the North Shore of Oahu! I think it is only fair Is and I think it is only fair to the Turtles that people give the Green Sea Turtles a rest, see what happens, one thing that is guarantied to happen is traffic will improve allowing residents to get where they are going with out having to stop as people are crossing the street and parking! One more thing that could happen is the Turtles could be less stressed! Another thing that can Happen by making Laniakea Beach a turtles only beach is public health can be protected by people physically distancing! Please protect Laniakea and the turtles that visit the beach!"
7/10/2020	"I live on North Shore. Horride amount of tourists parking and being dropped off by the bus loads. Running across Kam Hwy and flooding our beach with people who have no regard for our ocean, beach and turtles. They touch the turtles, they get in the water with them. Stressing these turtles out even though there is signs stating to not. Locals trying to educate these people visiting and the visitors have no respect for what beauty is happening on this beach. Save our beach and turtles! Huge concern as well, covid. Alot of tourists in our neighborhood at one specific location just isn't smart. This isn't a theme park. This is our ohana the North Shore. We treat it that way."
7/10/2020	"I hope the DLNR, City &County &DOT can get together on this wise solution for our turtles & residents!"
7/11/2020	"I support a safe and healthy country."
7/11/2020	"I like turtles ☐"
7/11/2020	"Keoki h Makaanui jr"
7/12/2020	"Tourism is destroying Laniakea, and we can not allow this to happen."
7/12/2020	"Laniakea is definitely an over-tourism hotspot!"
7/12/2020	"I don't think they should re open tourism it's not safe!"
7/12/2020	"I'm signing because this tourist hot spot is one of the major reasons for traffic gridlock. I've given up driving further on many occasions because traffic was moving at 3 miles an hour passing by here. People u turning, darting between cars, etc. There are turtles all over the island. Something has to be done about this."

7/12/2020	"The tourists and public have ruined life on the north shore"
7/12/2020	"I'm signing because this "turtle traffic" depletes the quality of life for residents that live on the northshore."
7/12/2020	"It is time. Well past time."
7/12/2020	"the turtles need protection from people."
7/12/2020	"Time to take north shore back from the tourists"
7/12/2020	"No large groups at Laniakea. Covid 19"
7/12/2020	"I don't want to see people getting ill, and I want these turtles to be safe."
7/12/2020	"This is a great idea. Thank you for starting this petition. Please know that the turtle viewing has also been happening in front of the residential houses at Laniakea. When a turtle comes up to the beach to rest, a large group of visitors (including nearby vacation rental guests) immediately surround it. This seems to intimidate the turtle and causes it to go back to the ocean. Even in the water, the visitors with snorkels have been chasing turtles as if the turtles are some kind of celebrity. Visitors seem to think that once they are away from the cove the 10 Feet Away rule doesn't apply. I'm hoping that the potential sign makes it clear that moving few hundred yards away from the cove doesn't make it OK for the visitors to surround and disturb turtles."
7/12/2020	"I grew up at Laniakea and visit here frequently. I see all the time that turtle watching causes large groups of visitors to gather close to each other. And to make the problem worse, people don't social distance or wear masks on the beach.If Hawaii is trying to stop the spread of COVID-19 by preventing large gatherings of people, then something needs to be done at Laniakea."
7/13/2020	"To truly protect Laniakea beach which is part of the Hawaiian cultural sites in the area."
7/13/2020	"I wish we could do something like this more permanently. It really upsets me to see visitors that are so selfish that they have to hound the turtles and put cameras in their faces."
7/13/2020	"Tourist companies and the Hawaii Visitor's bureau refuse to stop the "Turtle Tours" to this site. Tourists are promised a turtle experience including swimming along with a lunch and visit to Dole Plantation, for the shower and clean up from the sandy beach. Each tour van drops off the tourists and leaves them there for an hour and a half unattended, with no water, no restrooms and no shade or shelter. These tour operators are receiving a minimum of 100\$ to endanger themselves, the turtles, and the North Shore Community. Stop this major tourist attraction at a beachside location. Stop issuing permits for this State Park, City Park, or roadside business... on a State beach??? How are the permits issued. Stop and close the beach for OUR safety."
7/13/2020	"It is the right thing to do."
7/13/2020	"To both protect us from Covid 19 and the turtles from people coming too close and even mistreating them."
7/13/2020	"The tourism in this small town is destructive. Bus loads are dropped off here straining facilities and beaches! It needs to stop!"
7/13/2020	"Our Aina needs protection and we need to speak for the sea turtles no tourist invading our home. Many other places such as Haunauma Bay need to at least limit visitors!"
7/13/2020	"KAPU Keep Tourists away from Laniakea, put back the safety barricades !"
7/13/2020	"It's the right thing to do. People don't make great decisions on their own, especially visitors. Let's not do too little too late."
7/13/2020	"Tourists are overcrowding this beach ! Give the turtles some rest. There are other spots to see the turtles that don't cause the traffic hazards!!"
7/14/2020	"It is very dangerous, the virus is still everywhere"

7/15/2020	"Hawaii is my home and I want to protect the residents from being unnecessarily exposed to COVID from tourists who may bring it to the islands."
7/15/2020	"I wish everyone would leave the poor turtles alone."
7/16/2020	"It's important to protect"
7/16/2020	"Otherwise, this lovely little spot WILL become a Covid hotspot! People have proven the majority do a poor job at self monitoring (social distancing, etc) especially if they think they are going to miss out on something! Protect all life and close it for 6 months."
7/17/2020	"I want to be safe and not at the mercy of tourists."
7/18/2020	"Decades in the making. Chance to make it better"