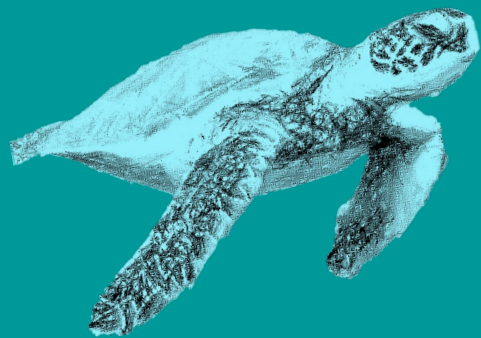


# Native Hawaiian Cultural and Traditional Practices of Honu Harvest

*Opportunities and challenges to restoring a cultural right to a  
traditional food source*



Godfrey Akaka, Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association

Joshua DeMello, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

# Making the connection

- Historical perspective and Hawaiian Rights
- Cultural connections and restoration
- Facilitating discussion
- Opportunities and Challenges



# Historical Perspective and Hawaiian Rights



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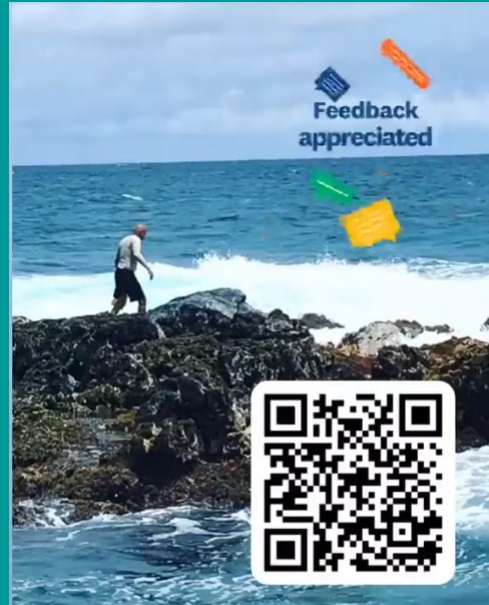


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# Cultural Connections and Restoration



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COMMUNITY MEETING  
WITH  
NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
GATHERING RIGHTS  
ASSOCIATION  
(NHGRA)

TUESDAY AUGUST 3RD, 2021  
7-8PM ON ZOOM  
MEETING ID: 861 3978 3488  
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# Key Concepts of Community Discussion

- No commercial harvest; cultural/subsistence use only
- Limits on:
  - Harvest locations, methods, restrictions
  - Turtle Age and gender
  - Frequency, duration
  - Permitting, reporting, monitoring, outreach




# Facilitating Discussion

- Request from the NHGRA
- Council involvement:
  - Requests from the fishing community
  - Fishers Forum on Honu Management
- Turtle Delisting Request by AOHCC
  - DPS Review and Results
- NMFS, USFWS, and Department of State

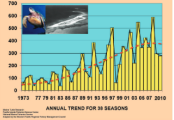


## The Future of Honu Management

Scientists say the Hawaiian green sea turtle is well on the way to recovery and, while tourists enjoy the honu near shore, some forage areas are approaching carrying capacity. Now is the time to begin discussing options for managing the Hawaiian green sea turtle.



GREEN TURTLES NESTING AT EAST ISLAND, PPS



ANNUAL TREND FOR 19 SEASONS

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ELKS CLUB  
2933 KALAKAUA AVE.  
JUNE 16, 2011 (TH)  
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.  
VALIDATED PARKING ON SITE

The honu nest every 2-4 years and the population in Hawaii has been increasing by 6.7% annually.

- Hear opening remarks by Micah McCarty, Makah Tribal Chairman, on the tribe's experience with the management of gray whales
- Join an informed public discussion with fishermen, native peoples, scientists and others on the future of honu management
- Listen to what others say and VOICE YOUR OPINION!

Enjoy Refreshments, Informational Booths, Family Activities, and Prizes from POP Fishing and Marine, Nico's at Pier 38, Hawaii Fishing News and Others!



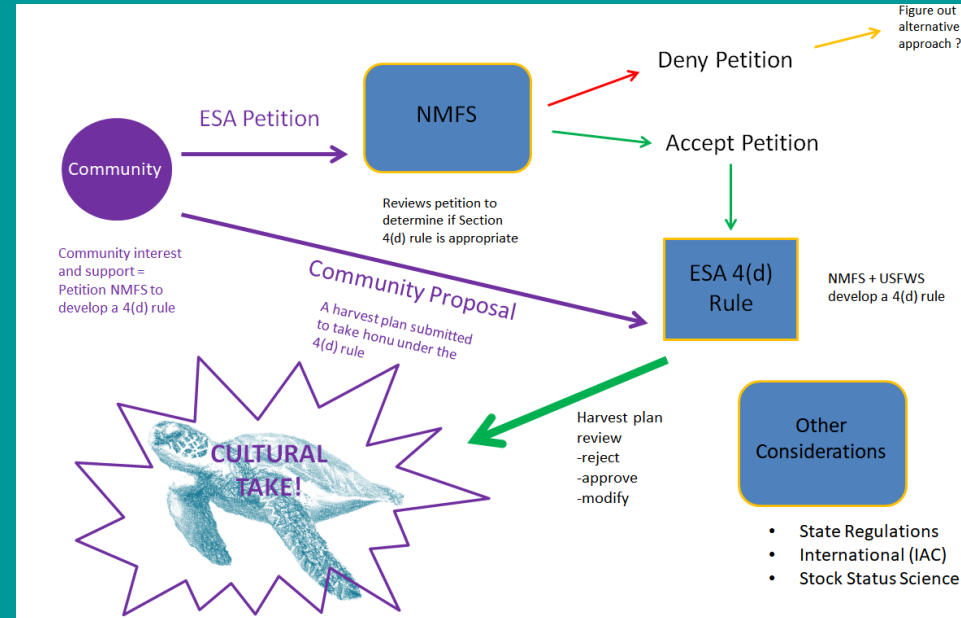
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# Opportunities and Challenges

- Feasibility study-is there a path to a cultural take of Honu?
  - Yes-through ESA, MSA, and IAC
- Opportunities
  - Presidential Executive Orders on Equity
  - Door not completely closed
- Challenges
  - IAC
  - Colonial conservation mindset



## Domestic law

### ESA (1978)

*Turtle take prohibited*

~~4(d) rule~~

~~*Can tailor take prohibitions  
(could allow for limited take)*~~

~~Recovery~~

~~*Remove from list*~~

US in ratifying  
IAC: ESA take  
prohibitions  
used to meet  
IAC obligations

## International Treaty

### IAC (2001)

*Prohibit intentional capture*

*Economic subsistence  
exception*

US in ratifying IAC:  
No community  
permitted to engage  
in activities that  
would qualify

*Even if take could be allowed under ESA, as a matter of policy, it would be challenging for the US to advance petition for IAC economic subsistence exception because it would contradict what Dept of State told the Senate at the time of ratification.*



# IAC Convention Area



Where do we go from here?



# Mahalo



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