

## 5/6/14 Waiau HECO Visit- Thank you for your useful and pleasant professional tour

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Hello Kirk and Derrick (cc Barney and Edna ): It was indeed a pleasure and an honor to meet you this past Tuesday, to see Waiau, and be shown the near shore facilities up close- outflows and coastline. And the two juvenile turtles.

All of the information you kindly shared was of high-value in deciding what might be best as a next step, - how to proceed in learning more about the few turtles commonly seen there. My conclusion would be to just 'stand and observe' systematically observing the near shore out-flow waters. Perhaps 3 times, spread over a 2 month period, from an hour before sunset to about 2 hours after sunset. Myself and one other person- either noaa colleagues Shandell Brunson or Devon Francke. Their availability will depend on after-hours personal schedules, so I'll need to check. In my case, I'm pretty much open and able to do the 'sea-watch' census and behavioral observations excepting weekends, whenever I'm on island, not on travel.

So if you approve of this modest and easy sea-watch idea, a safety training session would be needed, and for sure I'm totally on-board to proceed in that manner, at your convenience. Note that Barney already has my CV as well as the CV of Shandell Brunson.

Again, thank you for your time and hospitality in the true Spirit of Aloha. Best regards, George

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