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Dear Dr. Aluli:

Please consider what I have written in the enclosed article.

As Walter will verify I have for over 10 years now I have been working to learn more about Hawaiian sea turtles.

When I first started,  
I was virtually the only one to  
speak out on behalf of this  
native resource in an effort to  
protect it from being exterminated by  
commercial turtle fishermen. You, J  
and some of these very same fishermen  
are calling for their "subsistence"  
rights to take turtles again.  
The turtle population needs more  
time to recover from its  
previous abuse. Enforcement is  
already a problem so it is.

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Hawaiian sea turtles are a cultural, as the tie and scientific resource of these Hawaiian Islands. Some day, when the population recovers sufficiently, they will also be a trick. But nutritional resource for people. But short-sighted resumption of legal hunting at present will turn both the everyone into losers - turtles and the people.

Best regards,

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As of June I will formally be an employee of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Consequently, I will not be able to publicly speak out for Hawaiian sea turtles. The way I have done so often over the past decade.

"THE TROUBLE WITH SOME CONSERVATIONISTS AND GOVERNMENT MANAGERS."