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CHAIR'S REPORT BY LANCE HOLTER

By Lance Holter, Maui Group

With year 2007 just around the corner, the big changes that have occurred in National Politics have good environmental tidings for the Nation and Hawaii. With the Democratic wins in Congress expect new chairmanships on Energy, Resource and Environment committees that will result in the United States taking seriously Global Warming, automobile fuel efficiency standards (CAFÉ), research monies for renewable energy, National Parks funding and protecting from oil development The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. With Hawaii Senator Daniel Akaka's seniority, he will be taking over Chairmanship for the Senate Committee on National Parks and Historical Monuments. Finally money can be found to make up the continuous and drastic financial shortfalls our National Parks have suffered over the years since the Newt Gingrich Congress took power in 1994. Expect money to be found for invasive species and renewable energy research because of Akaka's senior position on the Energy Committee and Senator Daniel Inouye with his Chairmanship of the Defense Appropriations Committee and the Transportation Committee. This bodes well for Hawaii. No longer will America have the "flat earth" Senator James Inhofe in charge of the Senate Energy Committee claiming that "global Warming is the greatest fraud to be perpetrated on the American public," nor do we have to endure Representative Richard Pombo, Chairman of the House Energy and Resource Committee, making and pushing every effort possible to drill the Arctic Refuge for oil or to sell off 15 National Parks to mining and resource development corporations. Could you imagine the natural world our children would inherit if these people had their way for another two years?

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California) has been named Chairwoman for the Senate Committee on the Environment. With this announcement consider the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge safe for the next two years. Senator Boxer has been the champion for preserving the Arctic Refuge as wilderness and because of her tireless efforts no drilling has been allowed in this sacred place. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico) has been named Chairman of Energy and Natural Resources, another no-nonsense champion for preservation of the Arctic Refuge and solutions for the Global Warming crisis.

Senator Daniel Akaka has agreed to revisit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. As promised Senator Daniel Akaka will be joining The Senate Energy and Resources Committee task force this summer (June-July) to visit the Inupait Eskimo village of Kaktovik in the Arctic Refuge and the Gwichin Athabaskan Village of Old Crow, Alaska. The proposed official visit will be to discuss the Natives' perspective about oil drilling. With Native opinions changing and after years of negative impacts from oil drilling, these villages have become active in opposing oil industrialization. Last time Senator Akaka visited Kaktovik it was in 1995 during the month of April while the North Slope was a frozen barren landscape. Further, in 1995 Senator Akaka did not meet with Gwichin Natives whose lives depend upon the 130,000 strong Porcupine Caribou herd (which use the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge as their principal calving grounds) for their subsistence. No longer will oil development lobby groups like Arctic Power be able to steer the Senators to incorporate "Natives" who are proponents of oil industrialization and away from the real voices who want to see their land preserved for future generations. Expect a real push to establish a Wilderness Area and permanent protection for the Refuge's Coastal Plain during the next two years. *Please write Senator Akaka and tell him you absolutely approve of his visit this summer and support the new Congress in making permanent protection for the Coastal Plain possible.*

Recently I went to Borders and found Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth - A global Warning" for sale in DVD. I purchased it and spent the weekend watching all the special sections, including a 30 minute update by Gore on new developments. Please think about purchasing this video as a gift for your friends this Christmas. You can go to their website www.Climatecrisis.com and see what each individual can do to participate in reducing the production of greenhouse gases as individual intervention and action.

Anticipate that this coming year 2007 the Hawaii Sierra Club is making it's legislative priority and policy in the Hawaii Legislature to initiate steps to have Hawaii become the showcase and innovator in the United States for sustainable and renewable energy. Watch the legislative priorities for Bio-fuels, sustainable and renewable energy appear as new laws and bills this coming session.

Finally, it is most important that you all check to make sure your membership is up to date and to please recruit new members from your circle of friends. Sierra Club Maui Group is known throughout the State for its progressive efforts to protect our Island home and we can't do it without you the membership. So please help us recruit new membership or make sure you are signed up for an exciting year of environmental activism and advocacy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2007.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Red White and Blue Candidate's Picnic (Sept 9) was very successful and canoe races were fun! Mahalo to Karen and Malama Chun and Na Kai Ewalu Canoe Club.

Congratulations to newly elected MG Ex Comm. Members: Lance Holter, Stacia Bobikevich, Rob Parsons, Kallie Keith-Agaran and Bob Babson.

Local Elections: MG sponsored a successful mayor's race debate, broadcast live on AKAKU public access TV.

Maui Group will have a booth with plants for sale at the Haiku Ho'olaulea Festival on Saturday, March 10th at the Haiku Community Center and needs volunteers and donated plants. Please call Kathy McDuff at 572-5662 to donate time or plants. Mahalo!

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

by Lucienne de Naie and Kallie Keith-Agaran

Pa'ia Bypass: A "mini bypass" is open. Traffic still backs up on high volume days. MG will continue to work for a bypass w/greenway.

Gill Net Ban on Maui recently approved by DLNR. The island of Moloka'i is not included. Now comes the challenge of enforcement. And the need to limit, or end, huge volume of aquarium fish collected in Maui waters.

Marine Protected Areas: The state is considering creation of additional "no take" zones marked by buoys, which have proven successful in boosting fish counts on the Big Island. Write Peter Young peteryoung@hawaii.gov and ask that this program be expanded to Maui.

North Shore Park: A comprehensive inventory of lands recommended by past planning documents for park, open space, cultural preserves, trails, bikeways and native plant preserves has been compiled by Maui Coastal Land Trust and forwarded to County planners. A North shore park concept is part of the inventory.

Pali to Puamana Parkway: 8-mile long coastal park is still being discussed by landowners, county planners and citizen groups. Hopes are to include the concept in upcoming General Plan update.

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Makena Resort Rezoning: "Keaka Beach Club" -Everett Dowling's gated luxury condos on 11-acres was approved by Maui Planning Commission with many questions left unanswered. Citizen lobbying resulted in more public parking spaces.

Kaheawa Wind Farm: 10 mgw now being generated. Recent rains and fires in the area demand urgent conservation planting. More turbines are proposed for the site.

Hamakuapoko Wells: Maui County Council voted to not use tainted water from two controversial wells in Pa'ia. Mayor Arakawa insisted the water would be fine, but was outvoted.

East Maui Streams: Community pressure mounts to increase stream flows in rural E. Maui. Decision by state expected by early 2007.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: County funds approved to begin purchase discussions with Wailuku Water Co. for 13,000-acre watershed. OHA and Feds will help with funding. Earthjustice represents community members.

Fuel Crops: MG will be offering educational programs on best choices for fuel crops.

Superferry Update: Maui Judge August will announce Dec 7 if he will allow MG's allies to challenge lack of environmental review for Harbor improvements to accommodate proposed Superferry. County of Maui was recently allowed to enter the case by Judge August.

West Maui Developments: Pulelehua - 800 units surrounding the West Maui airport, will be reviewed by incoming County Council. Sufficient water and sewage capacity, school facilities and traffic improvements seem unlikely to be in place by project's projected 2008 construction date.

Affordable Housing Ordinance: County's Workforce housing policy (40%-50% affordable units for new projects) passed Nov 3. Mayor Arakawa has vetoed the bill, but incoming Mayor Tavares supports it. On Dec 5, the County Council unanimously overrode the Mayor's veto.

Kahului Harbor 2030 Plan Update: First scoping meeting held. MG testified to the need for a number of protections for existing resources and uses, plus a pedestrian friendly harbor area.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): The \$175 million project that will soar 143 feet above the summit of Haleakala does not yet have secure funding from Congress. MG is part of a broad coalition: "Kilakila o Haleakala." EIS comments submitted in October. Bottom line: telescopes get much clearer data from space.

Pumping Policy for Harbor tour boats: MG supports efforts by local group "Pump Don't Dump" to end dumping of human sewage in marine sanctuary waters. Go to pumpdontdump.com to help.

Kapalua Coast Trail: Maui Land and Pine plans to build a coastal trail stretching from Kapalua Resort to Honolua Bay. MG is following the progress of the EA. Stay posted for updates.

SAND THROUGH THE HOURGLASS

by Rob Parsons

Twice weekly, passengers walking from Norwegian Cruise Lines vessels docked in Kahului Harbor are likely to see lines of semi-trailer trucks, each loaded with sand, waiting to drive on to the new "Big Boy" barge to deposit their loads. Since July, new, super-sized barges have been utilized to haul sand excavated from Maui's inland dunes to Oahu, for making concrete, and other construction uses such as trenching. While this practice has been going on for some 15 years, the rate of sand exports has accelerated at an alarming rate.

Two companies, Ameron and Hawaiian Cement, mine sand from the dunes between Wailuku and Waikapu. Part of the extensive Onehe'e Dune system, which stretches from Waihe'e through Maui's central isthmus, these mining sites are among the last reserves not impounded by urban development, or protected by conservation rules, such as the 277 acre site at Waihe'e, dedicated to the Maui Coastal Land Trust. And, according to a recent study, they could be gone in five years.

But to those familiar with the Maui Inland Sand Quantification Study, contracted by Mayor Arakawa's administration, there is some question whether there may even be another two years of sand, at the current rate of removal.

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The Maui Sierra Club, in testimony to the County Council, urged swift action to limit the exports, as the need for clean sand for beach replenishment is vital for the health of Maui's shorelines. But Council members seem frustrated at the lack of legal precedent to impose restrictions of any kind. "We have prohibited sand mining in the SMA shoreline rules," said Council member Michelle Anderson, "so why can't we restrict it inland?"



Arakawa sent the long-awaited study to the County Council in March, with a recommendation for a moratorium of sand mining. While Council staff and County lawyers researched their options, Maui residents were shocked last summer by the severe erosion at Baldwin Beach Park near Paia. Nearly 20 trees were lost, including 50 year old ironwoods, and two false kamani trees which may have been 70-80 years old. A shower also fell into the shoreline escarpment, which stopped just a few feet from the park's rest room.



Ironically, Baldwin Beach Park abuts the old Lime Kiln parcel, and is the site of decades of sand mining from the early 1900's until the late 1970's. It is thought by many that one of the primary causes for the seasonal erosion is the large boulder revetment which once fronted the Lime Kiln building. The strong summer easterly trades and currents tend to scour away the beach just west of the rock wall.

But Baldwin Beach is not the only Maui beach which is a candidate for sand replenishment and nourishment. UH Sea Grant Coastal Geologist Zoe Norcross-Nu'u testified that if the sand excavation in the central dunes were to cease today, there still would not be enough sand to satisfy current and future beach replenishment needs, based on the erosion rate over the past century. Sea level rise is a visible reminder of global warming, and man's plunder of another natural resource, fossil fuels.

Besides the conflicting uses for beaches or for construction, the sand mining has raised another concern. The inland dunes are the resting place of many Hawaiian kupuna, and over 60 burials have been disturbed by grading activities at the Hawaiian Cement site. Generally, they are left in place, documented, and buffered with orange mesh fencing. The Maui-Lana'i Islands Burial Council and the State Historic Preservation Division guide any burial treatment plans. Hawaiian Cement is finding their operation increasingly limited, and is actually buying sand from Ameron to meet their demand.

While cement operations can utilize silica sands found many other places in the world, it is not suitable for Hawaii's beaches, which are carbonate sand, composed of skeletal material of carbonate-producing organisms in the reef ecosystem, such as coral and mollusks. Loss of reef fish which help produce sand, such as parrot fish, further tips the scales of imbalance in the natural system.

Will Maui succeed in limiting the rapid depletion of its inland dunes, or can it stockpile sand for the future? Time will tell.

--Rob Parsons is the current Maui County Environmental Coordinator, and was recently re-elected to the Sierra Club Board.

MAUI GROUP OUTINGS, SERVICE TRIPS, AND PROGRAMS

Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. A donation of \$5 (\$2 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. Please register early. Pre-registration is required for some hikes. Call Sierra Club hike line at 573-4147 or the hike leader number shown below. Also, please check our web site, www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui, and click on Hikes and Activities for additional hikes and outings and/or changes which we have added after this newsletter was published. Mahalo!

Just a quick note to also say we do need new hike leaders. Being a hike leader is fun. You can pick the hikes you lead. Please call Lucienne de Naie at 572-8331 or Bob Babson at 874-1166 for more information if you are interested. Bob Babson will take care of getting permission from land owners and issuing certificates of insurance, if needed.

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS

Project Malama Honokowai: This is a service trip and you will be helping in an archaeological stabilization, reforestation and education project known as Project Malama Honokowai. Every Saturday at 9 am, 52 weeks of the year, a very special experience! Simply meet at the intersection of Honoapiilani Highway (between mile marker 25 and 26) and Pu'ukoli'i Road at the "Sugar Cane Train" station parking lot in Ka'anapali. You don't have to register - just show up. In the mountain valley above is a three mile long valley with significant archaeological ruins where an estimated 600 ancient Hawaiian families once lived. For more information, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085 or just show up. For additional information please go to: www.kaanapali2020.org/plan/hono_gulch.shtml. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Maui Coastal Land Trust Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Restoration: Be a part of restoring an ancient fish pond and other sites which have a major cultural significance and participate in a remarkable learning experience. Every Friday, 8 am to noon. No need to register, just show up. Go to Waihe'e and turn toward the ocean on Halewau Road. Turn left onto the dirt road marked "Maui Coastal Land Trust" and park at the parking lot overlooking the ocean. This area is called "Roundtop." For more information, please call Scott Fisher at the Maui Coastal Land Trust at 808 244-5263 and/or go to: www.mauicoastallandtrust.org and click on Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands. MCLT also offers a free guided walk of the Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Call 244-5263 for more information and to make a reservation. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Community Work Day Cleanups: If you know places that need to be cleaned up and would like to organize it with friends or an organization you belong to, you can call Community Work Day at 877-2524 and they will provide you with trash bags, advertise your location in the newspaper to get more volunteers to help you, and coordinate having a truck come out and pick up all the trash you bag and leave along the roadside. Community Work Day is a 501c3 charitable organization and organizes these clean ups state-wide five times a year. They are truly a wonderful organization!! For more information please go to www.cwdhawaii.org. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

JANUARY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 6: From La Perouse Bay, hike south on the Kings Highway to Kanaio Beach - one of the most remote and beautiful areas on Maui. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp) and archeological sites along the way. Bring lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 8 mile roundtrip all day hike. This hike goes about 2 miles further south than our regular La Perouse Bay hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Leader: Mary Ann Ciuffini. Assistant leaders: Ann Fielding, Bill Schnitzer and Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Monday, January 15: Makena Cultural Tour and heiau cleanup. Tour begins with cleanup at Pa'ako heiau, just South of Makena State Park and includes several stops between heiau and Pu'u Ola'i. Tour concludes with short hike from Pu'u Ola'i to Keawala'i Church (approx 1 mile.) Bring lunch for picnic and optional swim at Maluaka Beach. Meet 8:30 am at second paved parking lot, Makena State park. Tour ends around 12:30 pm with lunch. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit 25.

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Saturday, January 20: Community Work Day "Aloha Aina Cleanup." Please call Community Work Day at 877-2524 and volunteer. There are numerous cleanup sites all over Maui and they will give you the location of the one nearest to where you live and what time to be there. Mahalo for volunteering. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, January 21: Olowalu Petroglyphs Tour & swim. Two mile walk. Great views and historic sites. Meet 9 am in dirt parking lot just north of Olowalu General Store (Honoapi'ilani Hwy). Bring lunch and swimsuit. Limit 18. Leader: Neola Caveny. Call Bob Babson to Register at 874-1166.

Tuesday, January 23: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call 579-9802 to confirm meeting time and place.

Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27: Maui Recycling Group (a 501c3 organization) Compu-Swap at the War Memorial Stadium parking lot on Kanaloa Avenue, Kahului. Friday is for commercial donors only (large drop offs) from 10 am to 2 pm, and Saturday is for the general public to donate from 9 am to 1 pm. Compu-Swap will take your old computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, cell phones, connecting cables, etc., you no longer want. Please delete personal information off your hard drives if you can before donating, but if you can't or don't know how, they will remove the hard drive and hand it back to you if you wish. Suggested/optional donation of \$10/system is requested from donors to help with administrative costs of recycling but is not mandatory. Compu-Swap personnel will identify newer computers in good condition to be given away for free as follows: (1) General public giveaway on Saturday: Arrive at 9 am and take a number and comeback at noon (12pm) to pickup your free computer. (2) 501c3 giveaway: If you are a 501c3 organization, call Ron Riccio and describe the computer system you need. Compu-Swap will then attempt to set aside such a computer system and refurbish it for you and call you when it is available for pickup. Please don't put computers in the land fill. They have hazardous waste in them. Compu-Swap ships all computers they can't use here on Maui to the mainland to be recycled properly. For more information, please call Ron Riccio at 879-9390. The next Compu-Swap will be in July, 2007. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

FEBRUARY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 4: Pali Trail Hike. Hike to the top of the Pali. Spectacular views of whales, ocean, mountains and the new Kaheawa wind farm. This is the same trail ancient Hawaiians walked to get from Lahaina to Wailuku. It rises from sea level to 1,500 feet and is 6 miles round trip. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and camera. Meet 8:30 am at Pali trailhead (Lahaina side of tunnel just as the highway comes down to sea level – approx. mile marker 10.8) Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Please call 874-1166 to register.

Saturday, February 10: Sierra Club Annual Membership Meeting. 11am-3pm, Kaunoa Senior Center, Spreckelsville. Please put this date in your date book and go to the Maui Group web page at <http://www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/> and click on hikes and activities for more details as we get them. The whole Maui membership of 650 people and the general public are invited and we have food for all. Sierra Club t-shirts and other items will be for sale. Please come and talk story! Free admission!

Saturday, February 17: Maui's Whale Day Celebration. Free, all-day family celebration of Maui's humpback whales, from 10 am to 5 pm at Kalama Park (by the big whale statue) on South Kihei Road, Kihei. Features live entertainment all day, including hula and performances by some of Hawaii's most popular musicians. A Hawaiian craft fair will feature the work of local crafters. Enjoy a children's carnival, great food by Maui restaurants at the many food booths and pick up some excellent bargains on golf packages, accommodations, restaurant meals and art at the Silent Auction. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Monday, February 19: Ma'alaea Petroglyphs. Learn about Ma'alaea's long history and discover some of the hundreds of petroglyphs hidden near an ancient village site. Short, uphill hike. Long pants recommended for brushy terrain. Meet 9am Ma'alaea harbor parking lot in front of Buzz's Wharf. Limit: 20. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Please call Bob Babson to register at 874-1166.

Tuesday, February 27: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call 579-9802 to confirm meeting time and place.

MARCH HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 4: Kanaio Stupa Tibetan Monastery - Hike 1.5 miles up steep grade to this monument/shrine built in 1982. Meet 9 am across from Grandma's Coffee House to carpool. Bring lunch and also bring rain gear just in case. Hike leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit 18. Call Lucienne to register at 572-8331.

Saturday, March 10: Haiku Ho'olaulea Festival. Music, food, contests, auction, farmer's market, historical display & family fun!! Check out the Maui Group plant sale booth in the Farmer's Market! Free admission! 9 am-3:30 pm, Haiku Community Center on Hana Hwy. Plant sale help needed. We need donated plants as well as volunteers to work at the event. Start your keiki plants

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now! Please contact Kathy McDuff at 572-5662 to donate plants or time.

Sunday, March 18: Haleakala National Park crater hike. Hike in Sliding Sands trail (10,000') and hike out Halemau'u Trail (8,000'). Explore the crater and enjoy the absolutely breathtaking scenery. Strenuous, high elevation 11 mile all day hike. Must be in good condition. Dress warm, rain gear, hiking boots, bring lunch & water (2 liters per person - there is no water in the crater). Meet 7:30 am Bank of Hawaii, Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center to carpool to the top where the hike begins. Leaders: Ann Fielding and Bob Babson. Limit 12. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register.

Saturday, March 24: Maui Coastal Land Trust's famous "Buy Back the Beach" Lu'au and Auction at the Old Lahaina Lu'au. Call 244-5263 for more information and to buy tickets. This is not a Sierra Club Activity.

Monday, March 26: North Shore Historical Tour - Mama's Fish House to Maliko Gulch (approx. 9am to noon). Learn about the rich history of this scenic coastal area from ancient fishing villages to plantation days. Route includes sand, dirt and rocky areas. Meet 9 am at Pa'ia Community Center. Hike leader: Lucienne de Naie. Call 572-8331 to register.

Tuesday, March 27: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting. 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please call 579-9802 to confirm meeting time and place.

Saturday, March 31: Hike south from La Perouse Bay to light beacon. Beautiful ocean and mountain views. Be prepared to get wet while scrambling over rough lava to pools carved in the lava. Bring lunch, sun tan lotion, bathing suits and water. Approximately a 3 mile hike. Meet at 9 am at the Kihei Community Center on Lipoa Street to carpool to La Perouse Bay. Hike leader: Mary Ann Ciuffini. Call Bob Babson to register at 874-1166.

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To contact your State officials, go to www.hawaii.gov

To contact your County officials, go to www.mauicounty.gov

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