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SIERRA CLUB, MAUI GROUP **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 2009 NEWSLETTER**

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

1. Due to the recession, donations have declined. Therefore, to save money, we are no longer mailing the Sierra Club, Maui Group newsletter, but instead we are combining our Maui Group newsletter with the Hawaii Chapter "Malama" newsletter which is mailed to all members in Hawaii. Please read the Maui Group section of the Malama newsletter.

2. We will still prepare the Maui Group newsletter as always and post it on our website for all to read. Please go to our website at www.mauisierraclub.org and click on:

- a. "Newsletters" to get the latest newsletter.
- b. "Hikes and Activities" to get the latest Hikes and Activities with all updates.
- c. "Join Our Email List" to receive action alerts regarding environmental issues and how you can help. We will

also send you an action alert when the latest newsletter has been posted to the website. This email action alert system is for members and non-members. So everyone, please feel free to sign up. Also, when you receive an action alert, please feel free to forward it to your friends. We are trying to reach as many people as possible.

3. The Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter also has an email Action Alert for members and non-members to sign up for statewide environmental issues. Please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org and click on "Action Alerts" to sign up. If you are a member, please also sign up for "Email My Newsletter."

4. To further save money, we have cancelled our old telephone number (579-9802) and have replaced it with 206 426-5535. The new number is free. When you call the 206 number, you will be asked to leave a message. This message is then recorded into an audio file and automatically instantly emailed to our webmaster who listens to it and forwards it to the member of the Board of Directors best able to answer your question. This person will then call you to discuss the matter. You may also call us directly if you wish. Please see list below.

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Give us a call and let us know your thoughts.

Sierra Club members are invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to learn where and when the next meeting is and to add an agenda item you want to discuss.

Who Will Defend Our Environment?



THE SIERRA CLUB WILL!

And you can too, become a member now!

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CHAIR'S REPORT

By Lance Holter

Last week I received a call from a Maui Agriculture Inspector telling of a Fed-X shipment, back in February, 2009, marked Cichlids (a small fish). The alert and knowledgeable Inspector, upon opening the package found plastic containers with "guppies" marked on them. Holding the containers up for a better look the Inspector in fact found that someone had shipped into Maui PIRANAH (a carnivorous fish and predator from the Amazon)! Now as bad as it sounds this does show that our inspection system is working and the dedicated Agricultural Inspectors more than doing their jobs. Imagine if these voracious predators had been released into our streams and waters... Which brings me to the subject of the headlines in Sunday's 8/30/09 Maui News... "Inspector layoffs may mean near 'shutdown' of imports." The story went on to describe that Governor Lingle will be laying off 50 Agricultural Plant and Quarantine Inspectors statewide by November.

At issue is that this completely puts at risk all our local farm production and shipments to the mainland of flowers, orchids and farmed food production needing Ag permits before they can be flown out to the mainland. It also puts at risk all fresh food and fresh produce shipments into Maui because everything requiring inspection, will need to be routed thru Honolulu and subject to spoilage for lack of cold storage and the extra step of re-routing thru the Honolulu port of call. The loss to our local economy and the increased cost of food will be the result. A shattering development to our economy.

Some salient points follow for your awareness of our shared predicament. Hopefully you will join us all in sending to Governor Lingle your concerns, telephone: 808-586-0034, fax: 808-586-0006 and email: governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

In an attempt to balance the state budget, the Lingle administration has authorized the layoff of almost 1200 public workers including 118 Department of Agriculture employees. The drastic cut in DOA inspectors means that most imported produce will be inspected in Honolulu before being shipped by barge to Maui. Delays, higher costs, fewer choices and lower quality are all expected as a result of this change. This chaotic situation may allow some produce and other goods to enter Hawai'i uninspected. The improvement to our inspection regime, hard won over the past twenty years will be lost with this dismantling of the DOA wall of protection. Ag inspectors targeted for lay off have intercepted the Brown Tree Snake on eight occasions and the dangerous Red Imported Fire Ant on two occasions. The Lingle administration's abandonment of this essential infrastructure leaves us vulnerable to a flood of invasive species that threaten our economy, health and way of life. Under this policy it is unlikely there will be any certification of export farms and nurseries. This will cause a collapse of Hawai'i's export agriculture industry, the closing of hundreds of small businesses and the loss of untold number of jobs.

Thank you for your concerns and action,
Lance Holter, Maui Group Chair

GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Kathy McDuff

As you may have noticed, Maui Group has moved our offices from Paia to Kahului. Mahalo to our longtime landlords Ralph and Loretta Ikeda and to our new landlords Peake and Lavoy and to the Akaku staff at our new office upstairs at the Akaku building at 333 Dairy Road, Kahului. We will have our blessing ceremony conducted by Lei'ohu Ryder on Sunday September 13, 2009 at 3:00 pm. Please bring a pot luck dish and join us for the fun and talk story. The time will be noted on our website closer to the event. Drop by and see our great archives covering Sierra Club Maui Group's 33 year history.

Mahalo also to Harriet Witt, noted Maui astronomer, for our phenomenal star watch fundraiser on the beach at Makena on August 14. Thanks also to Linda McDonald for helping us out at the event by volunteering her house for our meeting point.

Recent conservation issues Maui Group has been weighing in on include:

- Happy to learn that the Blue Earth biodiesel company did not get PUC permit for their imported palm oil plant.
- Speaking at the recent EPA hearing on wastewater treatment plant permits for Lahaina to support redirecting treated wastewater from ocean injection to reuse on land, e.g., irrigating county parks and golf courses, etc.
- Shark ban. Maui Group supported council ban. Council members say feeding sharks for entertainment is offensive to Native Hawaiians, who attach religious significance to the animals. They also say the practice is dangerous to the ecosystem because it could change sharks' natural behavior. There are no shark tour businesses in Maui County, but supporters of the ban say they want to stop them before they start. The bill is expected to go before the full council for a first reading on Aug. 25.
- Fish farms. Conservation Chair Rob Parsons has been educating people about the down side of fish farms and building support for the Big Island protests.
- Speaking out regarding Maui Island Plan on North Shore Park, more land at Makena and sand dunes in Central Maui.
- Promoting feed-in tariff bill but utility dragging feet on it. Purpose is to move the island state away from dependence on imported oil, and toward indigenous renewable resources of which the islands have abundance. Utility would be bound to implement a series of tariffs to dramatically accelerate the addition of renewable energy from new sources. The parties further agreed that the feed-in tariff "should be designed to cover the renewable energy producer's costs of energy production plus some reasonable profit."
- Attended hearings regarding proposed ATST telescope on Haleakala to speak out regarding the sacredness of the Mountain for Native Hawaiians.

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

North Shore Heritage Park & Ho'okipa Expansion: Northshore's two popular beach parks were crowded this summer and both need room to expand. A&B proposed 200 additional housing units along Hana Hwy, from Kuau Bayview to Holomua Road in the updated Maui Island Plan (MIP). Maui Planning Commission members, going against the recommendations of County Planning staff and the citizen GPAC, included this land in the Maui Island Plan Urban Growth Boundary. Planning Commission review of Maui's Urban Growth Boundaries ends on Sept 29. In 2010 Maui County Council will make the final land use decisions that shape our future until 2030. Email comments to: generalplan2030@co.maui.hi.us or call 270-7214. See Maui Group website for more details.

East Maui Streams: Maui Group Members continue to provide information to the state water commission supporting implementation of the 2001 citizen petition for increased flows in 28 East Maui streams. Public hearings will be held later this year and dates will be posted on the MG website.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: Water Commission hearing officer Miike recommended returning 50% of the average 60 mgd diverted Na Wai Eha stream waters. Final decision on the matter is expected by the water commission in late 2009. Citizens call the proposal to build a joint A&B county treatment plant to use 9 mgd of Iao stream water "premature," pending the commission's final decision on stream flow levels. A&B recently reported that they will be using well water from Central Maui for their new Kahului Business Park, not stream water from a future Waiale plant.

Hamakuapoko Wells: MG members went to court in 1993 to keep these wells from public use, due to ag chemical contamination. More recently policymakers decided to not use the wells due to their low yield and high costs of treating for ag chemicals and nitrates. A proposed ordinance by Council Water committee chair Victorino would allow the wells to be pumped during drought emergencies for upcountry water supplies. MG supports careful analysis of costs, risks, and benefits of this and any prospective new water source before they are brought into the County water system.

Sustainable Ag: GMO TARO BAN: MG supported a Council Bill banning GMO taro in Maui County. Bill has advanced to full Council for review.

Caged Shark Tour Ban: Maui Group supported a bill that passed the County Council, offering testimony that feeding sharks for entertainment is offensive to Native Hawaiians and dangerous to the ecosystem because it could change sharks' natural behavior.

Fish Farm Education: MG Conservation Chair Rob Parsons has been educating people about the unsustainable side of the fish farms proposed for the Big Island's Kona coast.

Wastewater Injection Wells: MG is part of the Island-wide DIRE (Don't Inject, Re-Direct) coalition that invited EPA officials to hear from the public about Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Plant's Injection well permits. MG testimony urged a shorter permit span with clear benchmarks to phase out the wells which studies have shown impact to ocean water quality and reef health. Mayor Tavares announced support for a phase out of wells and DIRE will be part of the task force developing a plan.

Sustainable Energy: Before the Public Utilities Commission, one of the most exciting ideas is the European system of "Feed in Tariffs." In simple terms, utilities are required to purchase home generated power at market rates, giving many homes and businesses incentives to produce clean, homegrown power. For more information on new energy policies please go to www.hi.sierraclub.org.

Superferry Update: The Superferry bankruptcy proceedings continue. New revelations have appeared which link the push to build a high speed Superferry type vessel as a prototype for future military contracts.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): Local cultural practitioners found that the Final EIS for telescope project did not address their comments or concerns. For next steps, go to www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

Honolua Bay Development: No news on protection plans for the Bay, Lipoa Point and surrounding valleys. County Planners support conservation designation for lands of Lipoa Point, Honolua Bay and Valley. Updates: www.savehonolua.org.

Wailea 670: Sierra Club Maui continues to track the EIS process to press for preservation for the whole southern 200 acres of Wailea 670 due to the extraordinary amount of native plants still surviving there.

Makena Resort Rezoning: Makena Resort recently announced that its lenders had foreclosed on outstanding loans. Just who the future owners will be and what their plans will be is still unclear. Maui Group supports a master plan for the resort lands which sets aside lands surrounding Pu'u Ola'i and Makena State Park and other lands of high biological and cultural value.

WHERE HAVE HAWAII'S FISH GONE?

By Rene Umberger

Increasingly snorkelers and divers in Hawaii are asking "Where have all the fish gone?" Reef fish decline can be attributed to several factors, however none weigh so heavily as the losses due to extraction, including collecting reef animals for the home tanks of hobby aquarists.

According to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, "Severe overfishing for the aquarium trade occurs even in the United States. Aquarium fish species have declined by 59% over the last 20 years in Hawaii...Aquarium fishes outside of reserves experience significant declines – from 14% to 97%."

The fish collected are Hawaii's most beautiful, unusual and often rarest species. Given that the "marine ornamental" trade operates with few species limits and no limits on the number of fish they may collect, nor on the numbers of permits issued, it's no wonder reef fish populations are in serious decline.

Hawaii has the highest rate of endemism for warm-water fishes, worldwide. These rare and beautiful species are highly prized by aquarium hobbyists and in fact, 45 percent of Hawaii's top 20 collected species are endemic. As such, there is no replacement pool to draw from if they are over collected to the point where they cannot rebound, so these unique species could be lost forever.

Each example of the sacrifice and waste associated with the aquarium industry diminishes our reefs and ultimately begs moral questions. In 2007, Hawaii's collectors reported that of the 700,000-plus animals collected, 20,340 animals died before being sold (the true numbers are estimated to be several times higher). Putting 20,340 fish in perspective, it equates roughly to every fish on a reef the size of five football fields.

Half of Hawaii's 20 most collected species are listed by aquarium experts as "unsuitable for captivity." The most egregious examples of fish sacrificed for brief entertainment in a tank are the coral-eating butterflyfish, the Moorish Idol and the Hawaiian cleaner wrasse; all known to starve within weeks because their preferred foods are not available in captivity. Additionally, collecting cleaner wrasses is especially harmful to the reefs; their removal reduces overall fish diversity and abundance quickly in the areas they're taken from.

Mortalities continue throughout their journey from wholesalers to retailers and finally to hobbyists. Many will die shortly after arriving on the mainland from the stress of being starved, drugged and bagged for shipping, and the rest will succumb because they are almost impossible to keep outside their native reef habitat. Bob Fenner, a well-respected, 40-year veteran of the aquarium industry, wrote, "It is my estimate that even given sustainable collection practices . . . less than one percent live more than a year in captivity."

Four-fifths of all collected species are herbivores, affecting the reef's algae/coral balance, and most are Yellow tangs. Recent research in Hawaii shows that Yellow tangs are long-lived, surviving on reefs for decades; the oldest found so far is 41. Collected in Hawaii by the hundreds of thousands annually, suppliers consider them easy to care for and good for beginners, but only a few thousand of them will live beyond a year. The aquarium trade claims the losses are worth it: hobbyists cite their tanks' "educational value" and industry professionals cite the need for livestock to support their lucrative "dry goods" sales of tanks, filters and lights. Common sense says reef animals are fueling a disposable hobby: When the fish die, they are thrown out and replaced, like cut flowers.

If you believe Hawaii's reefs can no longer support the luxury trade in reef animals for a hobby, then visit our web site to sign the petition and learn more: www.FortheFishes.org. For questions or to join our "Take Action" mailing list, contact Rene directly at octopus@maui.net. Rene is a scuba instructor, underwater tour guide, member of the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council and is a member of the Sierra Club.



E-CYCLING

Maui residents can e-cycle their televisions, computers, and related electronic equipment such as copiers, fax machines, cell phones and office equipment with circuit boards year-round at Habitat for Humanity's twice-a-week e-cycling program. Tuesdays from 9-2 and Saturdays from 9-12, go to 970 Lower Main in Wailuku to e-cycle the above items. This new program is largely funded by Maui County grant funds. Where possible, computers are refurbished and made available to organizations and individuals. If they can't be refurbished, they are sent to the mainland to be safely disassembled recycled. Please call 573-4018 for more information.

PRESERVING PARADISE

There is an incredible book out called "Preserving Paradise" which lists 65 different organizations that are dedicated to preserving Maui and Hawaii for generations to come. The book describes each organization, what they do and how to contact them if you want to volunteer and get involved. For more information, please go to their web site: www.preservingparadisevolunteering.com and click on "Buy the Book" to get your copy. Amazon books has given it a 5 star rating. Or drop by your favorite bookstore to buy it. List price is only \$9.95 and used copies are even cheaper.

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS

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 (which also goes to the golf course). Turn left onto the dirt road marked "Maui Coastal Land Trust" and park at the parking lot overlooking the ocean. This area is called "Roundtable." 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. Spots fill up quickly, so call early. The MCLT is a 501c3 charitable organization. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

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 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. A very special experience! Simply meet at 9:00 am 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 go to www.mauiculturallands.org. To confirm date and place to meet, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Project Malama Kaheawa-Hanaula: Help reforest the area around and above the Kaheawa Wind Farm above Ma'alaea. Meet every Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Park in the public parking lot near Carl's Jr. Restaurant at Ma'alaea. Carl's Jr. is located next to the gas station at the stop light. Then carpool 2,000' up to the wind farm where the view is incredible. Help remove alien species and replant endemic plants and learn about the area and the wind farm. The wind farm currently consists of 20 1.5 MW turbines and provides 9% of the electricity for Maui and 14 more turbines are planned. Bring your camera, lunch, water and suntan lotion. For more information please go to www.mauiculturallands.org. To confirm date and place to meet, please call Ed Lindsey at 808 572-8085. Also, please go to www.kaheawa.com. No registration is necessary - just show up. 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.

MAUI GROUP HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Please be prepared for outings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Hiking boots are recommended and please trim your toenails. No kidding! Hiking can cause "tennis toe." A donation of \$5 (\$3 for Sierra Club members) is requested of hikers over age 14. Please register early. Pre-registration is required for some hikes. Call the hike leader number shown below. Also, please check our web site, www.mauisierraclub.org, and click on Hikes and Activities for additional hikes and activities and/or changes which we have added after this newsletter was published. Mahalo!

We need more hike leaders. It lots of fun. You pick the hikes. To be a hike leader, you need to read a 100 page book published by the Sierra Club on hiking, be certified in CPR and First Aid, and be a Sierra Club member. CPR and First Aid classes are 2 hours each and are offered by Kaiser (phone 243-6484) each month for \$20 each and we will reimburse you for the \$40 when you lead your first hike. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 for more information.

In the hike descriptions below: (E) means educational like visiting archeological sites and naming of plants and flowers, (C) means conservation like discussing how to conserve this land for future generations to enjoy, and D equals round trip hike distance.

SEPTEMBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 12: Hike from Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor Center (seven pools) up the Pipiwai Trail through beautiful grasslands and bamboo forest to 400' Waimoku Falls. At end of hike, swim in pools near visitor center. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and bathing suit. Park entrance fee is \$10/car. Meet 8:30 am at the Pukalani Shopping Center near the Bank of Hawaii to carpool via the scenic backside of Maui through Ulupalakua and Kaupo. Limit 12. Hike Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register. (E) D = 5 miles.

Sunday, September 13, 3 pm: Please come and join us in our blessing ceremony for our new office conducted by Lei'ohu Ryder. Everyone is invited. Our new office is upstairs in the Akaku Building, 333 Dairy Road, Suite 201E, Kahului. If you would like to bring a small pot luck, that would be great. Please join us in this ceremony.

Thursday, September 17, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm: Free Talk: Aquarium collection in Hawaii. Rene Umberger (scuba instructor, underwater tour guide, Maui Nui Marine Resource Council member and Sierra Club member) will present a free talk on aquarium collection in Hawaii. Collection of fish from local reefs to fill the demand created by hobby aquarists is largely unregulated, leading to collection at unsustainable levels in some areas. Rene will discuss the threats posed by such collection to reef ecosystems, as well as development of laws to regulate collection. The talk is part of Pacific Whale Foundation's monthly Making Waves Lecture series. At Pacific Whale Foundation's Discovery Center in Ma'alaea (next to Maui Ocean Center). Admission is free and open to the public. Call 249-8811 for more information. No registration required. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, September 19: From La Perouse Bay, hike south along the coast on the Kings Highway to Kanaio - 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. We actually walk off the recent lava flow onto the ancient shoreline where we explore further south. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. This hike goes 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: Lucienne de Naie. Limit 18. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 8 miles mostly level.

Saturday, September 19: Community Work Day cleanup: "Get the Drift and Bag It!" Please call CWD at 877-2524 to find the cleanup nearest to you or watch for the listing of all cleanup locations in the Maui News. Mahalo for helping keep Maui beautiful! This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Thursday, September 24, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at our new office upstairs in the Akaku Building, 333 Dairy Road, Suite 201E, Kahului. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Sunday, Sept 27: Explore Ke Ala Loa (King's Hwy/Old Hana Hwy) in East Maui (Huelo) and learn about the area's history as we pass historic and cultural sites related to taro growing, missionary times and the Huelo sugar plantation (c. 1880's). Meet 9 am at the top of Door of Faith Road in Huelo. Leader Lucienne de Naie. Limit 20. Call 214-0147 or email laluz@maui.net to register. (C) (E) D = 2.5 miles, w/ some hills and sections of narrow jungle trails.

OCTOBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 4: Explore Maui's North Shore. Swim in the Olivine pools, walk the Ohai Loop Trail at Papanalaoa Point near Kahakuloa and visit the Nakalele Blowhole. The Ohai Loop Trail features native plants, including the endangered Ohai along with the more common nehe, ulei, akoko and aalii, plus native seabirds, turtles and whales in season. Bring swimsuit, camera and lunch. Meet 8:30 am Waihe'e School parking lot to carpool. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (E) (C) D = 5 miles.

Saturday, October 17, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Make a Difference Day Cleanup! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Sunday, October 18: Kanaio Stupa Tibetan Monastery - Hike across the slopes of Haleakala to this beautiful shrine built in 1982. Meet 9:00 am across from Grandma's Coffee House in Keokea to carpool. Bring lunch and also bring rain gear just in case. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Mitch Skaggerberg at 875-4970 to register. (E) D = 3 miles with some steep grades.

Thursday, October 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting our office upstairs in the Akaku Building, 333 Dairy Road, Suite 201E, Kahului. Sierra Club members are invited to attend and share their ideas. Please email Karen Chun at Karen@RedwoodGames.com to confirm meeting time and place and to add any agenda items you would like to discuss.

Saturday October 24: Blue Line project for climate change awareness. Worldwide rallies will be held to raise awareness of climate change and to establish a goal of 350 parts per million of CO₂ in preparation for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen December 7-18, 2009. This 350 ppm number is a tangible and appropriate goal that our leaders need to have in mind going into the Conference. To illustrate effects of climate change and sea level rise, community groups will gather across the state on the 24th to create a "Blue Line" to illustrate where sea levels would rise with just a 1 meter increase. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Monday, October 26: Pilale Bay historical hike. Peaceful, scenic, historically significant bay overlooked by Halehaku Heiau. Meet 9:30 am at Haiku Community Center to carpool to site. Very limited parking. Bring picnic lunch/snack & foot wear suitable for muddy jungle trails and stream crossings. Ocean swim possible if weather cooperates. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit: 15. Call 572-8331 or email laluz@maui.net to register. (C) (E) D = 2 miles, w/ some steep slopes.

NOVEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS

Sunday, November 1: Hike to the Pauwela Point Lighthouse. Meet at 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center. We will walk from here. It is directly north through the pineapple fields. See where the lighthouse once stood and then walk down to sea level and swim in the "Birthing Pools" where we will have lunch. Bring your bathing suit, lunch and water. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 3 miles.

Tuesday, November 10: Visit beautiful Kahanu National Botanical Garden in Hana and see the largest heiau in Hawaii. \$10/person entrance fee. This hike is very educational because all plants are named. We will also visit the Hana Cultural Center and see a reproduction of an ancient village and old jail house and visit Hana Bay. Meet 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center and carpool to Hana. Bring lunch and camera. Limit 18. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 2 miles.

Sunday, November 15: Makena Historical Tour. Learn about the heiau, fishponds, and ancient villages surrounding Makena State Park and Pu/u Ola'i and get updates on the state Park Master Plan process. Meet @ 8:30 am 2nd parking lot (to south) of Makena State Beach. Wear good shoes for varied terrain and bring water and lunch or snacks. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit: 15. Call 572-8331 or email laluz@maui.net to register. (C) (E) D = 2.5 miles, mostly level, some rocky.

Saturday, November 21, 8:30 am to noon: Community Work Day: Holiday Gift to Maui Nui Cleanup! To volunteer, please call CWD at 877-2524 for the cleanup nearest you. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Saturday, November 28: Hike spectacular Skyline Trail above the timberline with vistas of the Big Island 100 miles away on a clear day. Witness numerous cinder cones from Haleakala's most recent eruptions. Strenuous five mile hike round trip at high elevation (10,000') begins and ends at Skyline trailhead parking lot near Science City at the top of Haleakala. Meet 8:30 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center (Bank of Hawaii). Carpool to top. \$10/car entrance fee to Haleakala National Park. Bring camera, water, lunch, hiking boots and warm layers of clothing. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Mitch Skaggs at 875-4970 to register. (E) D = 5 miles.

DECEMBER HIKES AND EVENTS

Sunday, December 13: Hike spectacular Kapalua Resort Coastal Trail and snorkel at Kapalua Bay: Meet 8:30 am in front of Buzz's Wharf in Maalaea to carpool. If you live in the Lahaina area, meet 9:30 am at D. T. Fleming Beach Park which is where the trail starts. Bring bathing suit, lunch, hat and camera. Limit 18. Please call hike leader Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 3.5 miles mostly level.

Saturday, December 26: From La Perouse Bay, hike south on the Kings Highway to 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. We have lunch and swim on a beautiful sandy beach. Bring swimsuit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. All day hike. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) at 8:30 am to carpool. Limit 18. Please call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D = 6 miles mostly level.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join the national Sierra Club or renew your membership, please go to www.sierraclub.org and click on "Join or Give." When you join the national Sierra Club, you automatically also join both the Hawaii State Chapter and the Maui Group and receive the national Sierra Club magazine, the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama" (to take care of) and the Maui Group newsletter. The national Sierra Club now has over 1,300,000 members nationwide and is a leading organization in the fight to preserve the environment and stop global warming for future generations to enjoy. Think what America would be like today if environmentalists had not fought to preserve it 20, 40 and 60+ years ago. Did you know that "Big Beach" almost became a hotel? But because of environmentalists in the early 1970's, it was bought by the state for future generations to enjoy forever!! Please tell your friends to join!! Anyone can join for as little as \$25.00 per year.

Also, whether you are a member or not, everyone is welcome to surf our national home page at www.sierraclub.org. It is highly informative of all the projects we are working on nationwide. Anyone can sign up for national Sierra Club email alerts of environmental actions the national Sierra Club is taking and how you can help by emailing your elected Senators and Representative asking them to vote for vital legislation that will preserve our environment. Please also surf our Hawaii Chapter home page for State of Hawaii environmental news at www.hi.sierraclub.org, and our Maui Group home page at www.mauisierraclub.org for Maui County environmental news.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to the Sierra Club Foundation, please make your check out to the "Sierra Club Foundation, Maui Group Account," and mail it to 85 Second Street, Suite 750, San Francisco, CA 94105. Your donation will be used here on Maui to protect the environment for future generations. The Sierra Club Foundation is a 501c3 organization and is active in environmental education and the enforcement of environmental laws to protect our environment. Its federal tax ID # is 94-6069890 for your tax records. The Sierra Club Foundation will send you a letter meeting all IRS donation requirements for your tax records. If you would like to mention us in your will, your IRA and/or your 401k, just say: "Sierra Club Foundation, Maui Group Account" and include the Federal ID # above. For more information, please go to www.tscf.org.

If you would like to make a donation to the "Sierra Club, Maui Group" which is not tax deductible but which will help us pay for our direct lobbying of government officials here on Maui to protect the environment, please make your check out to "Sierra Club, Maui Group" and mail it to POB 791180, Paia, HI 96779-1180. Mahalo! For more information about what we are doing, please go to www.mauisierraclub.org.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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