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Give us a call and let us know your thoughts.

Sierra Club members are invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of the month at

The Akaku Building, 333 Dairy Road, Suite E, Kahului from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

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.

For more information about what we do, please visit our websites:

Sierra Club, Maui Group: www.mausierraclub.org

Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter: www.hi.sierraclub.org

National Sierra Club: www.sierraclub.org

CHAIR'S REPORT

By Lance Holter

With the new decade arriving one of the new projects recently to come on board in Hawaii is a huge aquaculture project planned to grow farmed Ahi Tuna off the coast of North Kohala-Kona. I recently received the following notice:

"Ahi Aquaculture Project, Kohala Coast, Hawaii

Applicant: Hawaii Oceanic Technology Inc.

Contact: Bill Spencer, (808) 225-3579, Federal Action: Federal Permit

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Offshore North Kohala Coast, 2.6 nautical miles SW of Malae Point, Hawaii

Latitude: 20°05'40.00N, Longitude: 155°55'40.00"W

CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878, jnakagaw@dbedt.hawaii.gov

"Proposed Action: Deploy and operate 12 "Oceansphere" aquaculture cages to produce Ahi, and install marker/feeder buoys. The cages are 55 meters in diameter and will be submerged at least 60 feet below the surface in ocean waters where the depth is 1,320 feet. Each cage will have a volume of 40,000 to 82,406 cubic meters with a stocking density of less than 1 fish per 4 cubic meters and will be able to produce up to 1,000 tons of Ahi per year. Deployment of the cages will be incremental as follows: one cage in year 1, two cages in year 2, four cages in year 3, and five cages in year 4. The cages will be composed of an anodized aluminum or high density poly-ethylene frame covered in taut, anti-fouling netting, with no dangling lines or tethers. Because the cages will not be tethered they will be held in place with a dynamic positioning system constantly monitoring their location and a propulsion system powered by a generator or biofuel engine and thrusters. For details, please see the Final EIS at: <http://bit.ly/CpIBI>, Comments Due: March 9, 2010."

While at the same time legislation arrived at the Hawaii State Capitol that would give the farming operation 65 year long renewable leases to the project operators who, once the leases were obtained, could then sell their rights to out of state/international aquaculture conglomerates. During hearings the company requesting the permits expressed their love and concerns for Hawaii and how this would employ numbers of Hawaii residents and provide jobs. The usual mantra, say what everyone wants to hear despite what really is the intention on the planning board.

The recent February, 2010 issue of National Geographic ironically included articles about Salmon Farms <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2010/02/patagonia/klinkenborg-text> discussing the dangers of aquaculture in the pristine bays of Patagonia in Chile. Likewise a similar coincidence occurred with a recent February 15, 2010 editorial in the LA Times.

While Americans' appetite for seafood continues to grow, most of us know little about where our fish comes from or how it was produced. In California, more than half of our seafood comes from aquaculture, often imported from fish farms in other countries. Just as most chickens, pigs and cows are raised in tightly confined, intensive operations, so too are many farm-raised fish.

But raising fish in tight quarters carries some serious risks. Disease and parasites can be transmitted from farmed to wild fish. Effluents, antibiotics and other chemicals can be discharged into surrounding waters. Nonnative farmed fish can escape into wild fish habitat. And a reliance on wild-caught fish in aquaculture feed can deplete food supplies for other marine life.

These environmental impacts have been evident in many other countries with intensive marine fish farming. In Chile, where industry expansion was prioritized over environmental protection, salmon aquaculture has collapsed, causing a major blow to what had been one of Chile's leading exports. Tens of thousands of people are now jobless in southern Chile, where the salmon farming industry once boomed.

If aquaculture is to play a responsible role in the future of seafood here at home, we must ensure that the "blue

revolution" in ocean fish farming does not cause harm to the oceans and the marine life they support. Editorial By George Leonard.

Both stories and the Editorial point to the danger of not fully examining the consequences of fish farming. I know from my own travels into Alaska that Salmon farms are destroying the wild salmon runs of the Pacific coast. In fact British Columbia has banned future fish farming and the Canadian Supreme Court has stopped all expansion until the industry can catch up with the science.

Let's make sure we have the right science here in Hawaii when dealing with international conglomerates planning to make Hawaii waters the International farmed sushi capitol of the world.



Who Will Defend Our Environment?

THE SIERRA CLUB WILL!
And you can too, become a member now!

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Kathy McDuff

This has been a busy month for Maui Group Sierra Club. We have provided written and oral comments to County Council and the Planning Department on several conservation matters around the island. At our annual meeting in January we had a panel discussion on water sustainability on Maui and were pleased to grant our *Malama ka 'aina* award to Lei'ohu Ryder, our *Onipa'a* award to Jonathan Starr and Dick Mayer and our Volunteer of the Decade award to Lucienne deNaie.

We had a booth at Pacific Whale Foundation's Whale Day in Kihei in February, where we were able to provide educational information to both island residents and tourists on issues affecting Maui County. Many petition signatures were collected on the proposed North Shore Heritage Park and Wailea 670 Project. In March we had a tent at the Ha'iku Flower Festival and Ho'olaulea for our annual plant sale fundraiser.

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

North Shore Heritage Park & Hookipa Expansion: Please support both these community treasures being included in the final version of the Maui Island Plan, currently under discussion by the Council's Planning Committee. Email a short note supporting preservation of the undeveloped shore line from Hana Hwy to the sea, from Wawau ("Baby Beach") to the Paia Youth and Cultural Center and the flood zone lands mauka of Hana Hwy and the expansion of Hookipa Park as pictured on the GPAC maps. Send comments to: pc.committee@mauicounty.us

East Maui Streams: State Water Commission staff proposed at the Commission's Dec 2009 meeting, to restore partial flows in only 1 of 19 East Maui streams under review. The State's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) released a report recommending partial flows be restored to 8 of the 19 streams, including Waikamoi, Puohakamoa, Honomanu and East and West Wailua Nui, which would provide up to 60% of original habitat for native stream species important to near shore fishery health and Hawaiian culture. The Water Commission voted to defer decision making until additional information on water use by HC&S and east Maui farmers was available. The next public hearings on citizen petitions to return water to the streams will likely be in April, 2010.

'Iao & Waihe'e Stream Restoration: Final decision on whether to return up to 47% of stream flows to the four great Maui streams is expected by spring of 2010. A recent US Geological Service research report <http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2008/5236/> predicted that restoring partial flows would result in 12 mgd of recharge to Iao aquifer, which serves 50% of Maui's population. The stream recharge was predicted to extend the healthy productivity of Iao aquifer over the next 30 years.

Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP): On April 30, the draft WUDP will go to the Council Water Resources Committee. Maui Group is party to a consent decree agreement that affects one of the proposed strategies for future water development: extremely expensive Haiku well fields that transport ground water to central and South Maui. MG has given testimony urging more use of reclaimed water; more investment in water efficiency; improved well spacing and stream restoration in the Iao aquifer and use of any future Haiku wells to serve local residents in the region. WUDP is posted at <http://co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?NID=213>

Hamakuapoko Wells: Will the Hamakua poko wells be used for agricultural water? Backup for upcountry's potable water system? Or not used at all? Will DBCP/TCP and EDP levels in the wells, not tested for 5 years be higher or lower than before? Will the charcoal filtration system used to remove the chemicals get clogged by nitrate concentrations in the same water. Will salt levels rise in the wells if they are regularly pumped? The Council needs to know the answer to these and other questions, before a decision is made to invest limited funds to put the wells into use for upcountry residents.

Sustainable Ag: Research is beginning to show potential health effects of Genetically Modified corn. An International Journal of Biological Sciences article concluded that "there was a clear negative impact on the function of these organs (the kidneys and liver) in rats consuming GM maize varieties for just 90 days." The article is posted at <http://www.biolsci.org/v05p0706.htm#headingA5>. Kapalua Organic Farms in west Maui recently announced an expansion with support from the Ulupono

Initiative, a Hawai'i-focused social investment organization supporting a transition to sustainable agriculture.

Fish Farm Education: Fish farms on the Big Island have been given minimal scrutiny by state regulators causing citizen groups to demand that the long term impacts of the unproven and resource intensive technology be disclosed through public review.

Wastewater Injection Wells: MG continues to advocate for phase out of injection wells, and reuse of valuable reclaimed water. MG will participate in a broad based citizen task force convened by the DIRE (Don't Inject, Re-Direct) initiative, to supplement the work of Mayor Tavares' wastewater task force. Funding is needed to move forward on better water systems. Support a Clean Water Trust Fund. Go to http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=404&track=FWWO

Superferry Update: A settlement was reached with HSF that will release court ordered funds for partial legal fees incurred during the HSF EIS challenge. Maui Group expresses its deep appreciation for the precedent setting legal work done by Isaac Hall during the many phases of the case. Various bills are in the state legislature regarding future ferry systems.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): a Memorandum of Understanding between National Science Foundation (NSF) and native Hawaiian practitioners. Once the MOU is signed, the NSF is expected to file for a state Conservation District permit to utilize public lands. Check www.kilakilahaleakala.org for updates on opportunities to offer comments; upcoming benefit concert and future legal challenges.

Honolua Bay Development: County Planners included Honolua/Lipoa as a Conservation/Park area in the latest version of Maui Island Plan maps sent to the County Council. The Council Planning committee will review MIP maps during 2010 for final adoption. Stay involved. Go to: www.savehonolua.org. To help Malama Honolua Bay contact Les Potts: lespotts@msn.com

Wailea 670: Sierra Club Maui continues to advocate for a 130-acre preserve in the southern portion of Wailea 670 to protect numerous cultural sites, extensive Wiliwili groves that have survived wasp attacks, the endangered Blackburn Sphinx moth and 24 species of native plants.

Makena Resort Rezoning: It was recently announced that a receiver has been appointed to oversee an auction of Makena Resort lands. It is expected that several bidders, including previous owner Everett Dowling, could bid on the lands at the April auction.

Makena State Park Master Plan: Oneloa Coalition, a stakeholders group formed as a result of Makena Resort rezoning conditions, launched a survey to allow park users to share their ideas and preferences about the park's Master Plan. The survey will be linked to the MG website.



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 and the third Saturday of every month, 8 am to noon. No need to register, just show up. Go to Waihe'e and turn toward the ocean on Halewaiu 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 Puanani Lindsey at 808 572-8085 or email her at mcl@hawaii.rr.com. 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. Fourteen 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 Puanani Lindsey at 808 572-8085 or email at mcl@hawaii.rr.com. 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 statewide 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.mausierraclub.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!

The East Maui Irrigation Company (EMI) allows us to hike across their beautiful land so long as each hiker has a waiver. An EMI WAIVER IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED FOR EMI HIKES (LISTED BELOW). One waiver covers all EMI hikes for this quarter. Call in your waiver request to Jackie at 579-9516 well in advance and make an appointment with her for when you can sign it. Then go to EMI's Pa'ia office at 497 Baldwin Avenue to sign the waiver. Please be considerate of Jackie's time and pick up waiver 5 days in advance whenever possible. THE WAIVER MUST BE BROUGHT ON THE HIKE AND SHOWN TO THE HIKE LEADER.

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

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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: (C) means conservation such as discussing how to conserve this land for future generations to enjoy. (E) means educational such as visiting and learning about archeological sites and naming the plants and flowers. D equals round trip hike distance.

MARCH HIKES AND EVENTS

Saturday, March 6: Haiku Ho'olaulea and Flower Festival. Free admission! Music, food, contests, auction, farmer's market, historical display & family fun!! Check out the Sierra Club PLANT SALE booth in the Farmer's Market! 9 am-3:30 pm, Haiku Community Center on Hana Highway. Plant sale help needed. We need donated plants as well as volunteers to work at the event. Start your keiki plants now! Please call Lucienne de Naie for information about how to donate plants and to volunteer at 214-0147.

Thursday, March 25, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at 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, March 27: La Perouse Bay - 4 mile R/T sunset walk. Explore ancient landscapes and learn about archaeological remains. Visit anchialine ponds (unusual shallow ponds with tiny red shrimp). Bring snacks, water, hat and flashlight. Meet at Kihei Community Center (Lipoa Street & Piilani Highway) 3:30 pm to carpool. Call hike leader Lucienne de Naie at 214-0147 to register. Limit 18. (C) (E) D = 4 miles roundtrip, return by dark.

APRIL HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 3: "More Fish in the Sea" 9am to 2 pm. Displays, speakers, group planning and musical entertainment from some of Hawaii's best. FREE. Check out more details at <http://www.morefishhawaii.com>. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Other April Earth Month activities include citizen water monitoring days in south west and north shore Maui. See <http://southmauisustainability.wordpress.com/> for event times and details.

Saturday, April 10: Wailua Iki Water Hike: Six mile roundtrip moderate uphill hike above Hana Highway through beautiful forest on windy jeep road. Pools, waterfalls and lush plant life. Bring sturdy shoes, bathing suit, sunscreen, lunch and water. Meet 8:30 am at Haiku Community Center (Hana Highway at mm 11.6). EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE - PLEASE SEE ABOVE. Limit: 18. Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register. (C) (E) D = 6 miles.

Wednesday, April 21: John Muir's Birthday. He was born in Dunbar, Scotland in 1838. He was the founder of the Sierra Club. He became friends with President Theodore Roosevelt and helped create Yosemite National Park and the National Park System.

Date and Time TBA: Earthday at Akaku. Music. Speakers. Food. Displays. Will include John Muir birthday event: "Saving Maui's Legacy Lands." Inspirational images and updates on most treasured places that we are working to preserve or have recently been preserved. Free cake and Ice cream! Details at Sierra Club website: www.mauisierraclub.org.

Thursday, April 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at 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, April 24: Community Work Day: "Keep Hawaii Beautiful Cleanup." 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.

Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25: 18th Annual East Maui Taro Festival in Hana. Come visit the Sierra Club booth. Concerts, musicals, plays, performing arts, cultural and Hawaiian food & beverage. A wonderful festival. For more information, please go to www.tarofestival.org. Please come and enjoy. This is not a Sierra Club activity.

Monday April 26: Pilale Bay historical hike. Explore stunning east Maui site of ancient Hawaiian village where Kamehameha I landed to invade Maui. Short hike, one steep section. Bring picnic lunch. Possible ocean swim if weather is calm. Meet 10am at Haiku Community center to carpool. Limit 10. Leader: Local historic researcher, Lucienne de Naie. To register: laluz@maui.net or 214-0147. (C) (E) D = 2 miles.

MAY HIKES AND EVENTS

Sunday, May 2: Hike from Haleakala National Park Kipahulu visitor Center (at sea level) 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 8:00 am Haiku Community Center to carpool. Limit 12. Hike Leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Please call Mitch at 875-4970 to register. (E) D = 6 miles.

Monday, May 10: Hamakuapoko coastline historical tour. From Mama's Fish house to Maliko Gulch. Learn about the rich history of this region from ancient Hawaiian settlements and heiau sites to 19th century sugar plantations. Approx. 2 mile hike will follow shoreline when possible, with some roadside walking. Meet 9am at Maliko Gulch overlook (Paia side of Gulch). Leave vehicles at both ends of route. Limit 15. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. To register: laluz@maui.net or 214-0147. (C) (E) D = 2 miles.

Thursday, May 27, 5:30 to 7:30 pm: Maui Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at 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.

JUNE HIKES AND EVENTS

Saturday, June 5: National Trails Day hike and trail clearing Old King's hwy in Huelo. 2 to 3 mile hike includes streams, historic church and remnants of Spreckels original 1870's ditch. Help maintain traditional access. Meet 9am @ Twin Falls parking area (Hana end). Limit 12. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. To register: laluz@maui.net or 214-0147. (C) (E) D = 3 miles.

Sunday, June 13: Wahinepe'e hike. Spectacular hike in East Maui watershed above the Hana Highway through beautiful forest with waterfalls and pools. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE - PLEASE SEE ABOVE. Six miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, camera and hat. Meet 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center (Hana Highway @ mm 11.6). Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit 18. To register: laluz@maui.net or 214-0147. (C) (E) D = 6 miles. (C) (E) D = 6 miles.

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Sunday, June 27: 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. Leader: Lucienne de Naie. Limit 18. To register: laluz@maui.net or 214-0147. (C) (E) D = 3 miles with some steep grades.



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 join both the Hawaii State Chapter and the Maui Group and receive the national Sierra Club magazine and the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama." Malama means "to take care of." The Maui Group newsletter is posted on our website at www.mausierraclub.org and will be emailed to you if you sign up for "action alerts." Please also go to www.hi.sierraclub.org and sign up for Hawaii Chapter "action alerts." 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.

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If you are moving and want to change your address for the Sierra Club, please send old and new addresses and a Sierra Club address label (if you have it) to Sierra Club Member Services, P.O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80328-2968, or call (415) 977-5653, or email the information to address.changes@sierraclub.org. This one notification will change your address for all newsletters and magazines including the national Sierra Club magazine and the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama."