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JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 2010 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Sierra Club Maui Group Board of Directors election takes place in October. New board members will serve a two year term beginning January 1, 2011. To nominate yourself or nominate another person, please contact Marta Sweeney at 878-6743.

MAUI GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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 the Sierra Club, please visit our websites:

Sierra Club, Maui Group: www.mauisierraclub.org Please sign up for "action alerts."

Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter: www.hi.sierraclub.org Please sign up for "action alerts."

National Sierra Club: www.sierraclub.org Please sign up for "action alerts."

CHAIR'S REPORT
Monk Seal and Critical Habitat
By Lance Holter

Around March 19, 2010 a Monk seal (tagged a year ago on Kauai as R4DF with V02 bleach markings) hauled up on Baldwin Beach. Please see picture below. It had been seen the day before at Kapalua and swam thru the night in 20 foot seas to arrive at Baldwin east of baby beach. First seen on Maui in December of 2009 at La Perouse Bay, this young female has been visiting shorelines on Maui ever since. Monk seals have been seen on the North Shore of Maui for some time and considering that it's estimated only 1,200 of these marine mammals remain in the Hawaiian Archipelago, we have a special visitor and this makes the North Shore beaches of Maui critical habitat for the survival of the species.



Hawaiian Monk Seal resting at Baldwin Beach, Paia, Maui

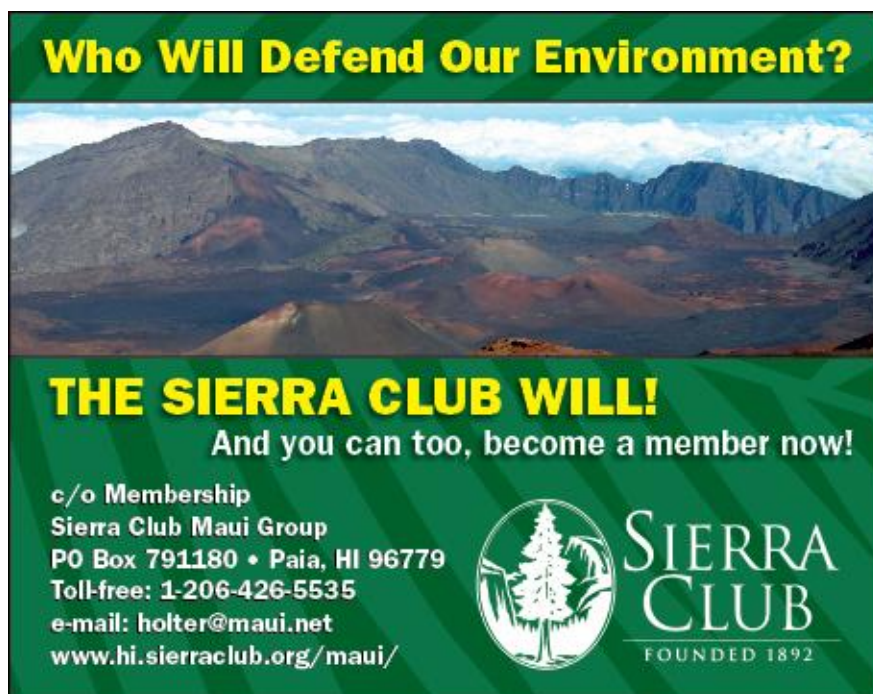
I went to the web site of www.NOAA.gov and began reading more about the Monk seals on the National Marine Fisheries page. I learned that never has the population been so low as it is now. I also learned on that same page that conservation groups (Hawaiian Monk Seal Critical Habitat Petition, July 2008) had petitioned the Federal Government to name key beaches and sandy areas in the main Hawaiian Islands as critical habitat for the seal. These areas are essential to the recovery of

the mammal the petition stated. It is anticipated that the population will drop below 1,000 in the next five years from 2008.


Reasons for the sharp population decline in the North West Hawaiian Islands are attributed to starvation, predation of seal pups by sharks, male aggression, fishing net entanglement and habitat destruction caused by global warming and sea level rise. As a result, more and more monk seal adults are making their way down to the main Hawaiian Islands in search of food and protection from sharks and to escape competition for food from jacks and sharks. It seems that jacks (Ulua) have adapted and are learning to follow seals as they head out in search of food and are actually stealing their catch.

I spoke with a scientist about seal recovery and I was told we need more funding to rear the seal pups in their existing NWHI habitats in rearing pens to allow the pups to grow up big enough to survive the sharks and male aggression. Money is there for research but not for rearing programs and recovery. It would be a similar situation as when the Fish and Wildlife service captured the last remaining North American Condor (around 20 at the time) and began a rearing and egg hatching program to bring the population back. It was successful and the Condor was brought back from the brink of extinction.

According to the NOAA Fisheries Service announcement May, 2010 regarding the establishment of Critical Habitat Designations, once the areas have been designated and published there will be a public comment period with public hearings held around the Islands. The final draft of the Critical Habitat study is out for peer review and should be made public at any moment. Please come to the hearings and provide your Manao to NOAA and support protection of Maui's unique sandy beaches and the world's most endangered seal. In the meantime go to the www.U.S.A.Gov website and use the keywords Hawaiian Monk Seal in your search and enjoy the research and key information.




Who Will Defend Our Environment?



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

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MAUI GROUP UPDATES, SUMMER 2010

Are you interested in serving on the Maui Group Executive Committee or on one of our event or issue committees? Please contact Lucienne 214-0147 or laluz@maui.net. Candidates for "Excom" will be reviewed by the nominating committee and have their names and statement placed on the September ballot. All members are welcome to be considered. Committee members are appointed. It's your talents and energy that help the Sierra Club continue to be an effective voice for our island home.

Mahalo to Marta Sweeney, Neola Caveny, Charlotte King and others who helped at our Maui Group displays at More Fish in the Sea, East Maui Taro fest and Mother Earth Festival.

Plans are currently underway for the Red White and Blue Candidates Picnic July 31. Volunteers very much needed to help set up tents and event grounds, solicit donations for the auction and be in charge of various activity areas. Sign up at the Sierra Club website.

If politics is your thing, volunteer for the MG political committee. Also sign up at the Sierra Club website.

Please enjoy our summer hikes and join in to advocate as important events and hearings come up. Our council will be reviewing and making final decisions on two important policy documents this summer: the Central Maui Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP) and the Maui Island Plan (MIP). Both will shape how Maui grows over the next 25 years.

UPDATES ON MAUI CONSERVATION ISSUES

Ma'alaea Harbor Expansion: Army Corps of Engineers goes back to the drawing board! After 30 years of hearings and environmental review, the Army Corps has scrapped their former harbor expansion plan that involved destruction of 4 acres of reef. COE consultants are meeting with community groups and members to consider what they recommend to improve harbor safety and basic infrastructure such as restrooms, parking, ramps and mooring docks.

North Shore Heritage Park & Hookipa Expansion: The Council Land Use Committee will vote on maps in July or August that include expansions of Hookipa and Baldwin Beach parks in the 25 year County Plan update (MIP). For email alerts on hearing dates sign up at Maui Group webpage.

East Maui Streams: State Water Commission voted on May 25 to restore partial flows during the wet season and minimal flows during the dry season to East and West Wailua Iki, Waiohue and Hanawi streams, partial flows to Waikamoi during the wet season and partial flows year round to Makapipi stream. Although the commission's decision is historic, Native Hawaiian Legal Defense Corp, representing various east Maui residents, asked for a contested case because certain key information was still not being made available. Maui group supported a greater percentage of return and urged investment in the health of the watersheds.

Na Wai Eha Stream Restoration: US Geological Service recently presented the results of a 3-year study on the relationship of stream flows and native fish habitat and aquifer recharge for Iao, Waiehu, Waikapu and Waihee streams. The report predicted that restoring partial flows would result in 12

mgd of recharge to Iao aquifer, which serves 50% of Maui's population. Restoration would also substantially increase survival rates and habitat for native stream life, replenishing the food chain for near shore fisheries. The State Water Commission decision on stream flow restoration for Na Wai Eha is expected this summer. While HC&S and Wailuku Water Co have asked the commission to limit any restoration to a small amount, records show that WWCo categorizes over 20 mgd of the 60 mgd of water currently diverted as "unallocated and available".

Water Use and Development Plan (WUDP): The draft WUDP for Central Maui has good provisions supporting wise use and reuse of our water resources. The Council Water Resources Committee will schedule discussions of the WUDP over June and July. Maui Group is working with other community groups to sponsor a public forum on the WUDP to help the average citizen understand what is proposed. WUDP is posted at <http://co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?NID=213>.

Hamakuapoko Wells: Use of the County's two Hamakuapoko Wells in Paia aquifer for cane irrigation in exchange for HC&S releasing additional stream water for the County's Upcountry system is being discussed. Any public use would require completely new tests for the various contaminants that have been found in the well water. State Water Commission staff recently stated that existing HC&S wells in the Paia aquifer are being pumped at or beyond the aquifer's sustainable yield. What does this mean for the future salt levels of the unused county wells if they are proposed for drinking water? 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: The county's "Got Choice? Buy Local" program is supporting local agricultural efforts and homegrown businesses. A school garden program has been launched with a Youth Garden Workshop on September 18, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm @UH Maui College Campus. Find out more about this and other ways to grow, exchange or learn about healthy, locally produced food at a new website: www.mauifoodweb.com.

Fish Farm Education: Fish farms on the Big Island have been given a loophole by state regulators. Citizen groups have launched a drive to demand that the long term impacts of the unproven and resource intensive technology be disclosed through public review.

Regulation of Aquarium Fish: Wonder why our reefs don't have the fish they used to? Commercial collectors have taken at least 119,000 colorful reef fish from Maui in the past decade, many of which die, and must be replaced, before they find their way to pet stores on the mainland. County Council Public Service committee will have its first hearing on "Aquatic Life Animal Control Bill" (Agenda Item PS-25) on June 2. Check out the bill: <http://www.mauicounty.gov/archives/187/psproposedbill.pdf>. Please email your support of regulation to ps.committee@mauicounty.us.

Wastewater Injection Wells: The recent issue of Environment Hawaii www.environment-hawaii.org features efforts on Maui by the DIRE (Don't Inject, Redirect) coalition to require the county to upgrade the level of sewage treatment and redirect the effluent to irrigation and other uses. MG is part of DIRE and continues to advocate for phase out of injection wells, and reuse of valuable reclaimed water. Support a Clean Water Trust Fund. For more information, please go to: http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=404&track=FWWO.

Haleakala Solar Telescope (ATST): A state Conservation District Permit to utilize public lands is the next step for this 14 story, energy gobbling telescope proposed for the summit of Haleakala. Citizen groups are expected to challenge the permit. For updates: www.kilakilahaleakala.org.

Honolua Bay Development: Cleanups, plantings, reef monitoring and educational events are ongoing at this popular Bay. Support the conservation designation for Honolua Bay and valley and Lipoa Pt. in the Maui Island Plan. Stay involved. Go to: www.savehonolua.org. To help Malama Honolua Bay contact Les Potts: lespotts@msn.com.

Wailea 670: A 2000 page Draft EIS on the proposed 670 acre golf course-subdivision plan has been released. Comment date was recently extended to June 30. 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. For info on where to see EIS and send comments go to: www.savemakena.org.

Ulupalakua Wind Farm: MG expressed support for renewable energy projects such as the wind farm, and submitted comments on an EIS prep notice for the proposed 20 MW wind generation facility in remote Auwahi. Comments requested clearer maps and asked that additional details be revealed re: impacts to the nearby Natural Area Reserve as well as discussion of alternatives for transmission line routes, turbine sites and future phases.

Makena Resort Rezoning: An auction of nearly 1800 acres of Resort land took place on May 28. No serious buyers were present, but the creditor's trustee made a bid, based upon their current holdings and now has control. They will take the matter to court next month to seek further compensation, with eventual sale to new owners. MG will continue to monitor plans for this environmentally and culturally important area.

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. Please share your mana'o. Survey link: go to: www.savemakena.org.

GOOD BOOK:
"FACING HAWAII'S FUTURE"
"HARVESTING ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT GMO'S"

This outstanding book fully explains the enormous impact genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are having on Hawaii and the fight to protect Hawaii. It was written and published by Hawaii Seed which is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Their website is www.hawaiiseed.org. For more information on this book, please go to their website and click on "in print" and then click on "publications" and then click on "Facing Hawaii's Future." You can then download the book in pdf format and/or order it over the telephone. This is a statewide organization with representatives on all islands.

STAY INFORMED AND TESTIFY FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

Go to the Maui County home page at www.mauicounty.gov and click on "Email Notifications." This will take you to a signup page where you can input your email address and then check off all the County Council and Committee meetings such as "Land Use, Planning, etc., that you would like to receive meeting notifications. The County will then email you the notification of the meeting and the agenda. You can read the agenda and be informed of what the County is doing. Furthermore, you can send an email to the Council Chair or the Committee Chair and include your testimony on the agenda item you wish to testify about. Make sure to mention the date of the meeting and put the identifying code of the agenda item on your email. Your testimony will then be received by the Chair and will be made available to all Council or Committee members and be made a part of the permanent record for that agenda item. For example, if the County Council sends you an agenda with a major land development being proposed and you would like to testify, simply email your testimony to the Council Chair. Done! You testified from the comfort of your home! If you would like more information on this agenda item and to see the testimony of other citizens, you can go to the Council Services office and ask to see all information and testimony. It is all kept in loose leaf binders in chronological order for review. Note: Using the email notification system, you can also signup for civil defense warnings, high waves, high winds, road closures, etc. Please note that all agendas are also posted on the Maui County website for your public review in case you don't want to receive them by email.

CONTINUOUS SPECIAL SERVICE EVENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Maui Coastal Land Trust Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Restoration: Every Friday, 8:00 am to noon. 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. 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 take a left through the inner gate at the beach parking lot and go to the green caretaker's house. 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: Every Saturday, 9:00 am to not later than 5:00 pm. This is a service trip and you will be helping in an archaeological stabilization, reforestation and education project known as Project Malama (to take care of) Honokowai. 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. In the mountain valley above is a three mile long valley with significant archaeological ruins where an estimated 600 ancient Hawaiian families once lived. Please call 249-8811 in advance to sign up! For more information please go to www.mauiculturallands.org. 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.

Additional Volunteer Activities: Please go to the Pacific Whale Foundation website at www.pacificwhale.org and click on "Get Involved" and then click on "Volunteering on Vacation." They have listed additional activities for volunteers. These are not Sierra Club activities.

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!

The East Maui Irrigation Company (EMI) allows us to hike across their beautiful land so long as each hiker signs a waiver. **AN EMI WAIVER IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED FOR EMI HIKES (LISTED BELOW) AND THE WAIVER MUST BE BROUGHT ON THE HIKE AND SHOWN TO THE HIKE LEADER.** One waiver covers all EMI hikes for this quarter. So get your waiver early. Call in your waiver request to Jackie at 579-9516 well in advance (7 day minimum) 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 at least 7 days in advance.

We need more hike leaders. It is 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: (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) is the round trip hike distance.

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 AND SHOW TO HIKE LEADER - 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.

Thursday, June 24, 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.

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.

JULY HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 10: Hike up Kaupo trail to Haleakala National Park. Enjoy the magnificent natural beauty. The views of the ocean and mountains just get better and better and if we are lucky we will see the Big Island in the distance. Trail starts at 1,500' and we'll hike up to about 4,000' and then have lunch. This is a difficult trail and you should wear hiking boots that support your ankles. Seven miles round trip all day hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and sunscreen. Meet at 8:00 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center in front of Bank of Hawaii to carpool. If you have an SUV or jeep, please bring it because the last mile to the trailhead is dirt. Limit 12. Call Bob Babson at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=7 miles RT.

Saturday, July 17: Community Work Day cleanup: "Litter Bugs Me!" 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, July 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.

Sunday, July 25: Upper Waikamoi Trail/Makawao Forest hike. Six mile moderate round trip through Koa and 'Ohi'a forest to reservoir. Meet 8:30 am at Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii to carpool to top of Olinda Road where the hike begins. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (SEE ABOVE). MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE AND SHOW TO HIKE LEADER. Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=6 miles RT.

Saturday, July 31: Red, White and Blue Picnic at Kanaha Beach Park behind the Kahului Airport. Every two years before the primary election, the Sierra Club has a picnic and invites all the candidates to come and speak. You will be able to meet the candidates and ask them questions. It is a family

event that features outrigger canoe races, ono grinds, awards, and information tents. A good time is had by all. Please plan on attending. Schedule of events: 8am: Canoe Race Registration, 9am: Canoe Races, 9am-noon: Festivities and booths and meet the candidates, and 1pm: Awards. For additional information, please go to our website at www.mauisierraclub.org.

AUGUST HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 7: Drive out to Keanae and hike Piinaau Road up the beautiful Keanae Valley. The area is also known as the Koolau Gap because lava from Haleakala used to flow down through this valley to the sea in ancient times. Meet at 8:30 am at the Haiku Community Center to carpool. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water and sun screen. Limit 18. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED (SEE ABOVE). MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE AND SHOW TO HIKE LEADER. Hike leader: Mitch Skaggerberg. Call Mitch at 875-4970 to register. (C) (E) D=6 miles RT.

Sunday, August 22: Hike Skyline Trail above Poli Poli. Meet at Pukalani Shopping Center near Bank of Hawaii at 8:30 am to carpool. We drive up to Poli Poli State Park and then hike up the Mamane Trail to Skyline Trail. We have lunch above the timber line with fabulous views. Approximately 6 miles roundtrip. Bring lunch, sun screen and water. If you have a SUV or jeep, please bring it because the Poli Poli road is dirt road. Limit 18. Hike leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=6 miles RT.

Thursday, August 26, 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.

SEPTEMBER HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 11: Papa'aea Reservoir Trail. Moderate, uphill 5 mile hike above Hana Highway in lush East Maui watershed. Eat lunch and swim at a beautiful pool with waterfall. EMI WAIVER REQUIRED – PLEASE SEE ABOVE. MUST BRING WAIVER ON HIKE AND SHOW TO HIKE LEADER. Bring lunch, water and bathing suit. Meet at the Haiku Community Center at 8:30 am. Limit 18. Leader: Bob Babson. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=5 miles RT.

Thursday, September 23, 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, September 25: 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.

Sunday, September 26: 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 (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 including walking on the original ancient Piilani trail built in the 15th century. Bring bathing suit, lunch, water, hat and sunscreen. 8 mile roundtrip all day hike. 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: Bob Babson. Limit 18. Call Bob at 874-1166 to register. (C) (E) D=8 miles RT.

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 and the Hawaii Chapter newsletter "Malama." Malama means: "to take care of." The Maui Group newsletter is posted on our website at www.mauisierraclub.org and will be emailed to you if you sign up for "action alerts." And, you can email it on to all your friends to spread the word about how to protect Maui's environment. 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,

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