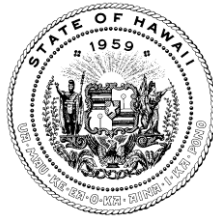


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In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 49/SENATE RESOLUTION 35
URGING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
TRANSFER MANAGEMENT OF ALL SUBMERGED LANDS, THE BOAT LAUNCH
RAMP, AND ANY RELATED BOAT LAUNCH RAMP FACILITIES LOCATED AT
THE WAHIAWA FRESHWATER STATE RECREATION AREA FROM THE
DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES TO THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND
OCEAN RECREATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution 49/Senate Resolution 35 urges the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer management of the submerged lands, boat launch ramp, and related boat launch ramp facilities at the Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area (Area) from the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these measures and offers comments and a recommendation.**

The Department's Cooperative Agreement regarding the Area with Dole Food Company, Inc. has a stated purpose of "introducing, protecting, and conserving and propagating fresh water fishes and [...] establishing, maintaining, managing and operating fresh water fishing reserves, refuges and public fishing areas therein." The Department therefore recommends that these measures be amended so that a certified copy would be transmitted to Dole Food Company, Inc. as well.

DOBOR has been managing most small boat harbors, boat launch ramps, piers, docks, and wharves statewide since the Boating Program was transferred from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources in 1991. While DAR has been successfully managing the boat launch ramp at the Wahiawā Freshwater State Recreation Area,

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the Department agrees that management of the submerged lands, boat launch ramp, and boating-related facilities in the Area should be under DOBOR's jurisdiction because DOBOR focuses on regulating vessel operation and boating facility management. DAR would continue to manage the public fishing area and freshwater fishery at the Area, and enforce the fishing restrictions contained in the Cooperative Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.