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December 19, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of Relating To the Game Management Advisory Commission report as required by Section 183D-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2024/FW24-Game-Management-Advisory-Commission-Rpt-FY23.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dawn N.S. Chang".

DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson

Enclosure

RELATING TO THE GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

PURPOSE

The Legislature finds that enhancing and maintaining sustainable public hunting opportunities for subsistence and recreational purposes is critical to the State and its people. A coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders is needed to prevent and offset the loss of public hunting areas and hunter opportunities on any island of the State and expeditiously find a replacement land for hunting.

Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016, amended Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new section to establish the Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). Section 183D-4.5, HRS, requires an annual report on its efforts to be submitted by the GMAC, including a summary of its activities during the year preceding the regular legislative session for which the report was prepared.

The GMAC is made up of nine members, including:

- (1) One member from the County of Kauai.
- (2) Three members from the County of Maui, with one member from each of the Islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai.
- (3) Two members are from the County of Hawaii, with one member from East Hawaii and one from West Hawaii.
- (4) One member from the City and County of Honolulu.
- (5) One at-large member and
- (6) The Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative shall serve as an ex officio voting member.

GMAC MEETINGS

During the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, no commission meetings were held due to scheduling conflicts and the vacant commission seats. Meeting times will be set bi-annually for future meetings to avoid scheduling conflicts. The most recent meeting was held on June 28th, 2022, with six commissioners present. Meeting agendas and recorded minutes can be found at the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (Division) website at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/gmac/>. Over the past year, the terms for several GMAC members have expired, and no replacements have been identified until recently. The Division will continue to post notifications to gain additional interest. Notifications will be posted on our division's website and through a mailing list of 20,000 public hunters, where messages can be distributed. To date, there are two commission members with active terms. Recently, two new commissioners have been appointed, one for Maui and one for West Hawaii. It has been requested that DLNR's new administration designate a department representative for the commission. With the new appointments, a quorum can now be reached, which makes for more productive commission meetings. The division continues dialog with active members on questions related to the commission and hunting policies as they communicate with the different districts. Meetings will continue to be

scheduled quarterly during FY24 with the hopes of new applicants who can share and play a role in the GMAC.

Commission info:

Lanai Representative - vacant

Oahu Representative – vacant

Maui Representative – vacant (new commission member identified)

Molokai Representative - vacant

Member at large - Nancy Timko

East Hawaii Representative - Jason Sanborn

West Hawaii Representative – vacant (new commission member identified)

Kauai Representative – vacant

Ex officio (voting) Designee for the Board - Chairperson