

GM 1

AEN Committee Questionnaire Responses by Lisa Hadway Spain

A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee?

I have spent my entire career committed to protecting and managing Hawaii's unique and irreplaceable resources. I have worked with some of the most critically endangered species in Hawaii including both plants and animals on several of the main Hawaiian Islands. I feel it is my civic duty to contribute my expertise to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Throughout my career, I have worked on several projects that include the need for collaboration between the state and federal government, private landowners, non-profits, businesses and concerned community members.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee?

As I understand my role, I will be tasked with reviewing Safe Harbor Agreements, Habitat Conservation Plans, Incidental Take Licenses, along with other matters that pertain to endangered species in the State of Hawaii and outlined in HRS195D. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and is not a decision making body. In addition to reviewing documents, we must also conduct site visits to each project area. I have had natural resource management experience working across the State in several of the project areas and will be able to contribute my expertise to the committee in a fair and ethical way.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee, why do you believe that you're qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

Please see attached resume. Briefly, I have been committed to conservation in Hawaii for the last 26 years. I possess an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Zoology focused on Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology. In addition, I received an Executive MBA from the Shidler College of Business also at UH Manoa. Most of my career was working directly with Endangered Species including plants and animals from across the state. My 15 year career at Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife including oversight of the State's Endangered Species Program. I also served on the national State and Federal Joint Task Force regarding the Federal Endangered Species Act.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

During my term of service, I hope to assist the committee with fair and accurate reviews of Safe Harbor Agreements, Incidental Take Licenses, Habitat Conservation Plans, and other relevant endangered species issues that will be considered by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I will use my experience and expertise to the best of my ability to evaluate each project.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Endangered Species Recovery Committee?

The three qualities that best describe me include passionate, committed, and a strategic thinker. I have had a great deal of experience working with Endangered Species in Hawaii. I have seen incredible successes, and some unfortunate losses on this front. I am passionate and committed in protecting our natural resources in Hawaii. I come to it with the ability to think strategically across sectors that are impacted, as I am a conservation biologist with a business degree, a combination that is not typical. I feel my skills and experience will contribute to the success of the committee.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Endangered Species Recovery Committee?

In my former role as Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, I participated in the National Endangered Species Act State and Federal Joint Task Force. I was one of seven State Wildlife Administrators that worked directly with the Federal USFWS Leadership in DC to work towards improving the relationship between state administrations and the federal government.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Endangered Species Recovery Committee? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interests with my service on the ESRC. Should something unforeseen arise, I would consult with the staff Deputy AG and recuse myself from reviewing the project.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 1
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, LISA SPAIN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) expresses its strong support for Governor's Message 1 on the confirmation of Lisa Spain as a gubernatorial appointed member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee (ESRC).

Pursuant to Chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the ESRC reviews all applications and proposals for habitat conservation plans, safe harbor agreements, and incidental take licenses. The ESRC makes recommendations, based on a full review of the best available scientific and other reliable data and at least one site visit to each property that is the subject of the proposed action, and in consideration of the cumulative impacts of the proposed action on the recovery potential of the endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species, to the Department and the Board of Land and Natural Resources as to whether they should be approved, amended, or rejected.

Ms. Spain holds bachelors and master's degrees in Zoology as well as an executive master's degree in business administration, giving her a sought-after combination of academic and professional knowledge. Ms. Spain's 24 years of natural resource management includes previous service as the Hawaii Island Branch Manager and later State Administrator for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, which has given her significant working knowledge of the State's regulatory processes. In addition, Ms. Spain has previously served on a number of boards and commissions, including the University of Hawaii Mauna Kea Management Board, the Bishop Museum Business Plan Task Force, and the National Endangered Species Joint Task Force. Her administrative background combined with her motivation to protect and conserve Hawaii's natural resources would greatly benefit the ESRC and make her an ideal committee member. The Department strongly supports and recommends Lisa Spain's confirmation for the ESRC.

From: [Colleen C](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for GM1 on 8/29/17 at 1:30pm - nomination of Lisa Spain to ESRC
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017 10:41:24 AM

To whom it may concern:

I would like to submit my strong support for the appointment of Lisa Hadway Spain to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Lisa has been a long time leader and visionary in the conservation of Hawai'i's native plants, animals, and ecosystems for many years. She has broad experience in management, research, and policy in conservation and her expertise and experience would be a great asset to this committee. She has served the people of Hawai'i for the entirety of her career through her years of public service for the Department of Land and Natural Resources and at the University of Hawai'i - Hilo. She is dedicated to the long-term sustainability of our natural resources and our precious and unique landscapes.

Mahalo,

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To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

From: Rachael Wong 

Date: August 27, 2017

Re: GM 1 – Confirmation to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Lisa Spain

Hearing: August 29, 2017 at 1:30 PM
State Capitol, Room 225

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I am writing in **strong support** of Lisa Spain's nomination to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee for a term through June 30, 2021. Thank you for scheduling this hearing during the special session to address confirmation of members of this committee.

Lisa and I have been colleagues and friends since 2014, when we started the Omidyar Fellows Program as cohort-mates. Through this program, we had the opportunity to get to know each other well. She is astute, experienced, a subject matter expert, and a true professional. She will be able to contribute to the committee in multiple ways, one of which includes offering a deep understanding of how state and federal government work from her many years of leadership in the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This is invaluable.

Lisa brings her full attention and integrity to whatever she does, and she is committed to the health of our shared environment, which includes endangered species. Hawai'i will benefit from her service in this capacity, and I support her without reservation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony. I respectfully ask this Committee to support the confirmation of Lisa Spain as the member of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

From: [Nicole Velasco](#)
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For GM1 on the following agenda:

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As a citizen concerned about our efforts to maintain biodiversity, I support Lisa Spain's nomination and confirmation.