MACZAC Hotspots 1/15/2020

Submitted by Jim Coon of Maui:

Probably our biggest Coastal issue here on Maui is the Kaanapali Injection Well law suit that is being heard by the Supreme Court. There are fears that if the Court makes a ruling in favor of the County it would weaken the Clean Water Act.

https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2019/10/lawsuit-filed-over-injection-wells-case/

Maui has had massive fires this year which has left the West Maui Mountains with little or no vegetation to stop run off after heavy rains. We are very concerned about the further damage that silt will likely cause our West Maui Reefs.

https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2019/12/2019-was-mauis-year-of-fire/

There are issues with Molokini access by the Maui Charter Boat fleet. The Governor vetoed HB 1133 (the bill that would have solved the issue in the opinion of the stake holders). DAR is drafting rules which will likely not be well received by many of the Stakeholders.

Submitted by Sue Sakai of Oahu:

This has been in the news—the collapsed section of Kamehameha Hwy on the Hau'ula coastline currently undergoing emergency repairs.