

Agenda Item 3: Public Comments. Email from Jim Kauahikaua

On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 5:07 PM, Kauahikaua, James <jimk@usgs.gov> wrote:

Aloha Renee,

I regretted not being able to make any of the workshop but I'm sure you all did exceptional jobs. It's such a stimulating environment and I missed the comraderie, too.

On your questions about my email, yes to everything. Feel free to show them the Emery article explaining how those seamounts got named by him. Also feel free to share those thoughts about mixed place names. I suspect that many of these names came from late 19th century surveying compiled into the first set of USGS topo maps. At least many seemed to be based on place names used in those old 15' quadrangles. I don't know how to find out more about why those place names were used in those topo sheets but I'm looking for the answers. Will let you know if I find anything!

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On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 3:06 PM, Renee Louis <mapdr@hawaii.rr.com> wrote:

Aloha Jim,

We missed you greatly this weekend. I was hoping to thank you in person for sending this.

I am going to the Hawai'i Board of Geographic Names Meeting on Thursday. I volunteered to be part of a small interaction group the Board has tasked with collecting information from the community members about their thoughts on the name Lo'ihi and/or Kama'ehu. If it is okay with you, I would like to share the document you sent with them.

I would also like to bring up the issues you shared in this email with them and strategize with you on the best plan to get these questions answered. Is that okay?

-rpl

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 10:16 AM, Kauahikaua, James <jimk@usgs.gov> wrote:

Renee,

I've attached the Emery 1955 paper that provides the only documentation available for the origin of some seamount names off of the eastern coast of the Island of Hawai'i. A friend of mine (Bobby Camara) tried to find any relevant correspondence at the Bishop Museum but came up empty.

We remain very interested in Hawaiian place names and their origin and would appreciate any information you can point us to on decisions about names. Currently, Bobby and I are discussing hapa names like Halema`uma`u Crater and Mano Point. Kupuna called these places Halema`uma`u (or Halemaumu depending on who you ask) and Lae Mano.

I searched for "crater" features on the Island of Hawai'i and found that 16 of 59 had names that didn't end in "Crater" or start with "Lua." 256 locations are classed as "cape" and 179 of those include "Point" as either the GNIS name or a variant while 32 include "Lae" in either the GNIS name or a variant. It seems that if the location had a Hawaiian name, the type of feature would have been preserved in the GNIS feature class and wouldn't need to also be included in the name. There doesn't seem to be a clear trend in crater or cape names so we're kinda left with they question "why some and not others, why do any need english additions?"

I see that the State Office of Planning has HBGN meeting materials available online for 2016. Any plans for making more of those kinds of notes available for previous years? What would be most useful is some sort of database of materials that could be looked up by place name so we could look up any deliberations or discussions of names like Halema`uma`u Crater. We can only ask.

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