

"Pepeekeo Palace" Saga continues. This has been reported previously as an extreme example of controversial coastal development, gentrification, and closing of coastal access in Hamakua. The owner and his building partner are asking the County to amend the SMA Use Permit 450, condition 11 which currently reads: "No structure less than 40 Ft from top of Pali" so that it reads: "No structure less than 40 feet from certified shoreline". Such an amendment would allow the builder to complete the building already started partially within the setback zone closer to the cliff and across the coastal trail thus blocking access to the old Pepeekeo landing. The trail would have to be re-routed inland from the house. In turn the owner has suggested he might drop the lawsuit against the County. At issue, allegedly, is county vs state jurisdiction. Iselle postponed a Planning commission Site visit so this spot is staying hot.

Hurricane Iselle did substantial damage to a number of older and some newer houses in Kapoho and vacationland. While Albizzia may be "the tree that ate Puna", the ocean was force that swamped Kapoho. The storm surge was as high as 4 feet and came in on a rising tide, pushing some houses off their foundations. One resident had a blocked downstairs door blow out and he was pushed up the stairwell by the incoming wave, but with only minor injury. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. Kapoho, Vacationland and the Waiopae tidepools area is a very low lying area subject to subsidence, so it remains highly vulnerable to storm damage. What will we learn when damage assessment is complete??

Heavy and overlapping swells from Iselle may have caused some Sea cliff erosion and slumping. It was the highest surf I've ever seen in the Honolii area. Boat based photo shoreline inventories might be useful, if they were conducted with an adequate research design. When one cruises that coast there is always fresh slumping every ¼ mile or so. Heavy rain and ground saturation contributes to the slide risk. The old Laupahoehoe slide (1994) was over 1500 feet long and went inland nearly 300 feet!

from Jim

Maui Spearfishing Academy

Maui Spearfishing Academy (MSA) is commercial spearfishing company that attracts visitors to spear fishing the reefs of Maui. This company is an example of how this new "industry" is catching traction. It all started with Spearfish Maui, and now there are more operations such as MSA. Although MSA seems to be a more responsible operator than Spearfish Maui, there is still no question that operations like this will only lead to further depletion of Maui reef resources, and go unchecked and completely unregulated.

It is important to note what they say in their website and what is actually happening on their tours. They claim to only target invasive species and a few "trophy fish", but in reality they are killing a whole lot more.

1. Web Addresses

Website: <http://mauispearfishing.com/>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/MauiSpearfishingAcademy?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Tripadvisor: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60634-d3723902-Reviews-Maui_Spearfishing_Academy-Lahaina_Maui_Hawaii.html

Yelp!: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/maui-spearfishing-academy-lahaina>

2. Website Information

This is the largest of the 2 companies, and does the most damage...

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Discover the BEST
Spear fishing experience in MAUI

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Help save our delicate reef

Spearfish Maui

Spearfish Maui is a commercial spearfishing company that introduces visitors to the sport of spearfishing. They access reefs by shore, primarily on West Maui, and take groups of up to 8. The links below are for their published website and Facebook page as well as online review sites such as Tripadvisor and Yelp. This document is intended to shed light on the growing popularity of this commercial activity, how it is completely unregulated and is resulting in a severe pressure on Maui's reefs which ultimately leads to less populated reefs and lower fish counts for Maui's own community and visitors alike.

What is important to note is the difference between what their website claims they are doing and what they are actually doing. They pride themselves in being responsible stewards of the reef and only going after target species (such as the Roi), but in reality Spearfish Maui and their guests are simply hunting the unprotected reefs of Maui, and trying to get whatever they can shoot, and show paying customers a good time in doing so. While some of what they do can be considered "good" (i.e. Targeting invasive species such as the Roi), the vast majority of their tour is simply killing fish and

1. Web Addresses:

- A. Website: <http://spearfishmaui.com/>
- B. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/spearfishingmaui?fref=ts>
- C. Trip Advisor: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60634-d1548992-Reviews-Spearfish_Maui-Lahaina_Maui_Hawaii.html
- E. Yelp: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/spearfish-maui-lahaina>

