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**MANAGEMENT
PRIORITY #10**

*Community and
Place-Based Ocean
Management
Projects*

Meet Our December Presenters

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Community Based Fisheries Area Program

Shaelene Kamakaala, Esq. currently serves as the Community Based Fisheries Area (CBFA) Program Coordinator on contract to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) through the University of Hawai'i (UH), Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative. She earned her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL) with Certificates in both Native Hawaiian Rights and Environmental Law and has gained great experience since then working at The Nature Conservancy, UH, and Townscape to incorporate cultural perspectives in planning and address resource management and intersecting legal issues. In her current role, Shaelene is continuing to establish the CBFA Program's foundation within DAR while facilitating co-management relationships with agencies, communities, cultural practitioners, and partners statewide.

David Sakoda is the Marine Law Fellow with the State of Hawaii, DLNR-DAR. He specializes in marine resources law and policy, providing technical and legal research, writing, and administrative rulemaking capacity for DAR. In his role, David was instrumental in the adoption of rules to establish the State's first Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area in Ha'ena, Kauai. He continues to work closely with various communities to assist them through the State rulemaking process.

Makai Watch—Building Relationships Through Education and Transparency

Edward "Luna" Kekoa graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in Marine Science and Biology. His experience includes coordinating community projects in South Kona, being a monitoring technician with DAR, coordinating the West Maui Coral Priority site as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coral Fellow, leading a place-based cultural afterschool program in Waimanalo, and his current role as the state Makai Watch coordinator within DLNR-Division of Conservation Resources and Enforcement (DOCARE).

Community and place-based projects are an ideal forum for demonstrating cooperation and partnership between local groups and ORMP agencies. Support may be provided to such initiatives through assistance navigating the permit process, development of best management practices, provision of monetary assistance, and information sharing.

This month, our presenters will highlight two programs: Community Based Fishing Areas and Makai Watch. These initiatives serve as unique examples of collaborative efforts between public sector agencies and Hawaii's engaged populace as we work together to enhance our understanding and guide our stewardship of nearshore natural resources.

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Goal C: Partner with communities to better manage Hawaii's marine resources

- Increase the number of CBFA rule packages adopted
- Establish and fund a permanent state position for a CBFA Coordinator
- Establish and fund a permanent state position for a Makai Watch

Questions?

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