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**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Huelo Streams Testimony  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:20:24 PM

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Dear Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

Please establish effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo ASAP. The IIFS must be updated sooner rather than later.

The water needs to be restored now to support the streams ecosystems, provide habitat for native species, support nearshore marine abundance, and support Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, recreational and spiritual value, and domestic and agricultural needs for local communities.

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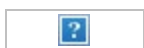
Please act immediately to set effective IIFS and protect these streams.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Paula Phillips

Haiku, Maui



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**From:** [Lacey Levitt](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] establish effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo  
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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Lacey Levitt, Ph.D.

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**From:** [Serafina Gajate](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Establish IIFS for Huelo Streams  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:11:34 PM

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Aloha mai kākou e Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

I am writing to you today to urge you to please establish effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo without delay. Even if the 180-day extension is granted, the public trust demands that the IIFS be updated sooner rather than later, and our survival as an island community depends on the protection of our water sources

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2. People and non-human communities that depend upon and have a right to see their streams flowing suffer
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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Serafina Gajate

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [redahi](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IIFS  
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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

B. A. McClintock

**From:** [John Conti](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stream Protection  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:25:42 PM

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely, Jacqueline Skill

**From:** [Amber](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Streams of Huelo  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:30:27 PM

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Aloha, Amber

**From:** [Michele A. Halligan](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging the expedited establishment of effective IIFS for the twelve streams in Huelo, Maui  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:49:53 PM

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To: Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management

From: Michele Halligan, former Maui resident and current supporter of free-flowing streams on the island

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. It's the right thing to do.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment, and for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Michele Halligan



Ukiah, California (formerly of Makawao, Paia, and Haiku)



**From:** [Harriet Witt](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IIFS for Huelo streams  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:53:03 PM

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Sincerely,  
Harriet Witt

 Haiku HI 96708

**From:** [Barbara Barry](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] C-1  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 8:13:19 PM

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Aloha Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

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2. People that depend upon and have a right to see their streams flowing must do without which is unacceptable.
3. There is no consequence and never has been for A&B wasting significant amounts of the water they divert due to their failure to fix their leaky infrastructure. They are not being monitored by anyone. The County of Maui trusts them to self-monitor! We clearly do not know what other streams they are illegally diverting in Ha'ikū. Perennial streams in my neighborhood have suddenly gone dry like a tap has been turned off and water is released only when there is heavy rainfall for a few days.

Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. This public trust needs defending!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

With appreciation,

Ms. Barbara Barry



Ha'ikū, HI 96708

**From:** [SierraDew.Info](mailto:SierraDew.Info)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn.P](mailto:Hyatt, RaeAnn.P)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony support for Effective IIFS for Huelo Streams  
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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Sierra Dew

**From:** [Greg Puppione](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] update the IIFS and protect MORE streams  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:36:56 AM

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Sincerely,

**From:** [Jennifer Valentine](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] iifs  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:41:06 AM

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Please hold CWRM accountable to their public trust obligations.  
It is important you act quickly to update the IIFS and protect streams.

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**From:** [Jennifer Valentine](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] iifs testimony:  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:43:22 AM

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely, ben valentine

**From:** [Kalyani Heather](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] agenda item (C-1) for Tuesday  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 9:11:22 PM

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Healthy, free flowing streams support thriving ecosystems, provide habitat for native species, support nearshore marine abundance, and support Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, recreational and spiritual value, and domestic and agricultural needs for local communities.

Please do not delay in establishing effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo. Please act to set effective IIFS and protect these streams and also fix the water waste.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do!

Sincerely,

Kalyani Lynn



**From:** [Lapa'au Farm](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:22:31 AM

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Sincerely,

Lauren Marchand

Co-owner of Lapa'au Farm

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With Aloha,  
Lauren & Michael

**From:** [Waikiki - Hawaii Condo](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] July 19, 2022 CWRM meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 10:35:44 AM

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Dear Chair Case and Commissioners,

Please consider this testimony as support for urgent Interim Instream Flow Standards to be established for the 12 unprotected streams in the Huelo area.

The unnecessary diversion of the baseflow for these streams results in their being dry for most of the year, and thus destroying the ecosystems along the full length of each stream.

Mahalo for your understanding of the urgency we find ourselves in when it comes to preventing wasted water and preserving our ecosystems. Every day counts.

Kim Jorgensen

Denise Boisvert

[REDACTED]  
Honolulu, HI 96815

July 17, 2022

RE: Testimony for July 19, 2022 meeting  
Commission on Water Resource Management

Dear Chairperson Case and the members of the Commission on Water Resource Management,

Where does time go?

While starting to write my testimony to beg you to urgently establish effective IIFS for the twelve streams in the Huelo area, I remembered a Letter to the Editor I sent to the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in December, 2016 (attached).

I can't help but be astounded that so many years have passed and I am still writing testimony to protect water, the essence of life and ecosystems, and our most valuable resource, in East Maui.

The age of my letter, not even 6 years, is a mere fraction of time when compared to the decades upon decades that Big Five member Alexander & Baldwin has selfishly monopolized water in dozens of streams that should have always been accessible to those inhabitants who depended on it.

And the quintessential insult to injury is that we know that much of that monopolized water is being wasted; and that ecosystems are being devastated where those streams should be flowing.

Please urgently establish effective IIFS and give the water back to Hawai'i's people.

Sincerely,  
Denise Boisvert

Enclosure

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Dr. James Baker, left, Herbert Cristobal and Alvine Aliwis tended to a dental patient in 2014 at the Kalihi-Palama Health Center, one of Oahu's community health centers.

## Community centers ensure health care

By Jeffrey Caballero



*Jeffrey Caballero is the executive director of Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, an AHJ co-founding member with Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles.*

More than three years ago, an elderly Micronesian couple first visited Honolulu's Kalihi-Palama Health Center (KPHC). Experiencing homelessness, they were seeking help to manage their challenges with diabetes and high blood pressure.

Teko Gabriel, a KPHC community health worker, became the couple's front-line advocate, providing them with assistance in their native Chuukese language. When the husband was hospitalized this June, Gabriel handled paperwork to ensure the couple had shelter after they were released. Gabriel's work helped the couple at a time when Hawaii, with its high cost of living and nation's highest per capita homelessness rate, is struggling to provide care and shelter for many individuals.

Staff like Gabriel within Hawaii's 15 community health centers, and more than 1,400 such centers across the country, fill critical roles in their patients' lives. For decades, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have supported

medically underserved populations healthy, including low-income, minority and limited-English proficient communities.

Health center providers remain many patients' preferred choice, even when some have access to other providers through other health plans. Often, these patients' health coverage does not grant them much access to care. This gap between coverage and care disproportionately affects Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander

assistance, and depend on programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to access the care they need.

Community health centers narrow the coverage to care gap, addressing patients' complex needs with culturally competent care, language assistance and expertise with key health concerns affecting the communities they serve. They also provide enabling services, such as case management, health education in-language and transportation. These centers are a safety net for those who would otherwise be lost amid language barriers or other challenges in navigating the health system.

Their holistic approach results in improved health outcomes. Explaining her efforts to help the couple transition to a shelter, Gabriel said, "Home is good health. Housing is good education, housing is wellness."

Community health centers save billions of dollars in health care costs each year but themselves struggle for funding and resources. This includes payment or reimbursement for in-language assistance — required of but often in-

such as transportation and those addressing social determinants of health, such as housing.

Community health centers need support to sustain the progress they have achieved. Elected officials and all policymakers must continue to invest in health centers, and health plans must partner with community health centers to effectively serve the most vulnerable patients.

With the next open enrollment period underway through January, work to help more people get health coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act continues, and community members should continue to enroll. In the AA and NHPI community, 70 members of Action for Health Justice, including KPHC, have reached nearly 1 million people in efforts to maximize enrollment.

Achieving health equity means getting more people covered and ensuring access to effective care. A stronger and healthier America begins with closing the coverage to care gap, ensuring continued coverage for our society's most vulnerable, and investing in community health provid-

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Don't give A&B water permit

This is 2016, and yet it seems that the oppressive and tyrannical days of The Big Five over the lives and livelihood of Hawaiians are not over.

If they were, then the small farms in East Maui would not be begging for water for their taro and crops to survive. Alexander & Baldwin's entire history is one of privilege at the expense of hardworking local people. The Board of Land and Natural Resources should not grant A&B's request for a new temporary permit to continue to divert water from public streams.

Sugar cane is no longer an excuse, but A&B still wants to keep the public water from the people. The BLNR's approval would not only be environmentally criminal, but socially and economically unfair to farmers and fishermen. Show A&B that they are no longer in control.

**Denise Boisvert**  
Waikiki

#### Don't validate nutty theories

It's beyond me why the Star-Advertiser would help promote wild conspiracy theories about Hillary Clinton ("Trump's agenda better than Clinton's," Star-Advertiser, Letters, Dec. 8).

The country has enough problems as it is. For example, a president-elect who spent years promoting the theory that Barack Obama was not born in America; and a director of the Environmental Protection Agency who is a climate-change denier.

Meanwhile, the national security adviser nominee and his family are peddling nutty theories about how Islamic law is taking over America and the Clintons are running a child sex abuse ring out of a pizzeria in Washington.

What the country needs now is to deal with facts, not right-wing conspiracy theories.

States leads the world in locking up its own citizens.

Now Hawaii is talking about a new correctional facility. Why? To continue feeding the almighty prison-industrial complex, in which a few become rich off the misery of others?

A new facility should not even be considered until alternatives to our current ineffective judicial system are fully explored. Portugal was smart when it decriminalized drugs. We should follow its example.

**Erick Ehrhorn**  
Kailua

#### DOE incapable of nimble change

Gov. David Ige should have appointed members to his ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) task force who are committed to his campaign promise of empowering schools. They recently released a draft "Blueprint for Education," which contains aspirational statements about school empowerment, but no plan for achieving it.

School empowerment requires a restructuring of Hawaii's public school system, because the way in which an organization is structured affects its capacity to respond to a changing environment.

Hawaii's school system is structured in the style of a highly bureaucratic model developed in the 1800s to operate factories. It can work in an environment that changes slowly because it adapts slowly.

School systems, of course, operate in environments of constant change. They need modern structures that adapt quickly in dynamic environments.

Although "Blueprint for Education" contains worthy educational objectives, it relies on an obsolete organizational structure that cannot possibly achieve them.

**John Kawamoto**  
Kaimuki

**From:** [Megan Powers](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Agenda Item C-1: Testimony - CWRM must protect the ecosystem first, according to the State Charter  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 3:25:00 PM

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Aloha,

This is Megan Loomis Powers testifying of Agenda Item C-1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this very important and personal issue. I grew up living on our family property that borders Ho'olawa stream below Twin Falls. My family still uses our property and spends time bathing and recreating at the stream.

It is vitally important to the East Maui Watershed that CWRM do their job and protect the 12 streams in Huelo by establishing "Interim In-stream Flow Standards" (IIFS). Only by requiring a base stream flow can we protect native stream life who require Mauka to Makai connectivity, the fisheries and cultural practices that rely on natural flow. We also need to provide for domestic and Ag water for residents that live along these streams. We have Ag land there where we subsistence farm. Access to water for agriculture would enable us to scale up our production and create a bountiful line of value added food products. Furthermore, recreation by residents and visitors alike greatly impacts their lives in a positive way. These uses must be protected according the law.

It appears as if CWRM has been dragging their heels... Perhaps is it because Ho'olawa stream is one of Big Ag's largest and closest sources of water along the East Maui watershed. As A&B & Mahi Pono are trying to get their foot in the door and acquire long-term leases on State and Private land in the Watershed, it is suspicious that CWRM is delaying their establishment if IIFS... as if they are coordinating in the back rooms with the Big Players instead of doing their job, which is "protecting the natural resources for present and future generations."

Even though water is flowing now (in some of the 12 streams... not all) by not establishing in-stream flow standards; it leaves them vulnerable to BIG Ag taking ALL the water, if they win battle for the long-term leases.

It's not that we don't support farming in the Central Valley. But not at the expense and destruction of the "balance of life" that creates a healthy watershed (which has been the status quo for the last 100+ years). Those of us that have spent much of our lives living and working and playing in the watershed have witnessed the harm done by bad resource management. It can no longer be tolerated.

The central valley farmers need to focus on building soil tilth & health so that their soil retains water that it receives from rain and irrigation. Currently the soil is so devoid of proper structure and micro organisms that it does not retain water, hence leading to the overuse and abuse of the water resources as well as the need for synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, which in the end contaminate the aquifer and the food. Healthy soils grow healthy and more disease resistant plants. Sadly, the Big Ag in the central valley is stuck in a positive feedback loop. Add to that, the leaking water transport system that loses up to 22,000,000 gallons a day. Giving Big Ag more water to waste on poor soils, meanwhile killing the Watershed is not a solution.

#1 Protect the water shed. Establish IIFS.

#2 Require that the transport infrastructure be repaired and maintained so that 22,000,000 MGD can stay in the watershed.

#3 Keep the control of our water resources out of the hands of a foreign corporation. Do Not approve the long term leases.

#4 Establish a storm water utility and build water storage reservoirs (both lined and unlined for recharging the aquifer.)

#5 Swale / contour the agricultural slopes of Haleakala so that they retain water and slow it's passage across the landscape.

The problems with the watershed, and the problems with the Central Valley soil health are the result of 100+ years of poor resource management.

Another example of extraction from nature and the native culture without giving back.

This trend continues as CWRM delays establishment of IIFS for the 12 Huelo streams being discussed.

Perhaps they are trying to establish an exact number before they make a final decision.

The operative word here is "interim". The demands within the watershed will change within a range based on: changing as weather patterns, effects of the re-establishment of native species, and local residents farming practices.

For example, my family currently subsistence farms, but as we get our infrastructure established and our farming systems more streamlined and

our value added products developed ... and if next generations become passionate about carrying on the legacy, then we may have a higher demand for ag water as we provide more products to the community.

The required flow volumes will need to be able to fluctuate over the years.

But an established base flow for the support of native species and native crops is absolutely essential sooner than later.

Thank you to all the folks working hard at CWRM and I hope that these IIFS can be established sooner than later.

Mahalo,

Megan Loomis Powers

**From:** [Dylan Ramos](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 7/19/22 re: Huelo streams  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:42:33 PM

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Dylan Ramos

Honolulu

**From:** [Diana Dahl](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IIFS — Agenda item C-1  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:55:26 PM

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Dear Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

As an owner of land on Ho'olawa Stream, I am writing to testify to the importance of establishing interim in-stream flow standards (IIFS) as soon as possible to allow for maintaining healthy stream life.

My family has owned properties on Ho'olawa Stream since 1971 and has lived there since then. My two grand-children were born there, and my great-granddaughter, Waiola, was born there two years ago. We have seen the life of the stream ebb and flow for over fifty years.

That IIFS have not been established for Ho'olawa and eleven other streams in Huelo after all these years is surprising and seems negligent. Healthy streams and reefs are the main wealth of the 'aina. A baseline needs to be established for enriching the many uses of the streams. Doing so, moreover, may ultimately serve to repair the ditches, preventing waste of precious water through unmaintained diversions.

We are asking CWRM to set in place IIFS for these particular streams without delay. Mahalo for the opportunity to share our mana'o. Thank you for your important work.

Sincerely,

Diana Loomis Dahl — for the Dahl/Loomis/Powers 'Ohana

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**From:** [steve@vcasa.net](mailto:steve@vcasa.net)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](mailto:Hyatt, RaeAnn P)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testamony to the Commission on Water Resources Management,I  
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Suzanne Case & Members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,  
(raeann.p.hyatt@hawaii.gov)

July 17, 2022

My wife and I have attended water meetings off and on for the past 40 years. Not much seems to change, hopefully we are in a new generation now where the 'good old boy' aspects of plantation days are waining. I hope this commission will do diligence in a timely manner even if the 180 day extension is given.

Beside a concern for the ecology especially the marin ecology of the north coast of Maui, we have another reason to be concerned about a particular stream flow, Waipio stream.

We purchased our 3.8 acres at the beginning of 2003, our deed specifically designates that we have the right to a 1 inch pipe from Waipio stream for domestic use. Our property was part of a four part subdivision, of two different tax map keys. The three other properties in our subdivision were forced to give up their water rights and compensated with \$50,000. The owner that we purchased from declined accepting any monetary compensation and wanted to keep the water rights because his property/our property had its own tax map key while the other three were sharing what had once been a single tax map key.

Now for almost 18 years we haven't pressed the matter, we've been satisfied with our rainwater catchment system and see no need, to put any more stress on the pathetically flowing Waipio stream. However as climate change starts to hit we want to ensure that we have our rights to the stream as our back up. For us to truck and water is over \$850 for 4000 gallons, that might only last us three weeks. We want to be able to count on Waipio stream as our back up! 50,000 was waived for this right, which is now ours. We have justifiable legal interest.

Steven & Jette Slater

 Huelo

**From:** [Pete Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022 12:18:04 AM

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Dear Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

Please do not delay in establishing effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo. Even if the 180-day extension is granted, the public trust demands that the IIFS be updated sooner rather than later.

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Dewatering streams destroys habitat for native stream species – most of which require mauka to makai stream connectivity to complete their life cycle – and also disrupts nearshore marine ecosystems, depriving species of nursery grounds and limiting limu growth which supports our fisheries. Lack of flow creates stagnant water that provides breeding grounds for mosquitos, and prevents communities from accessing the cultural, recreational, spiritual, and domestic and agricultural values of the streams.

We cannot allow such continued negligence when it comes to our most precious resource.

Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Pete Wilson

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**From:** [Heather Salmon](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Huelo Streams Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022 5:57:05 PM

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Sincerely,

***Heather Salmon***

**From:** [lauren stirpe](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2022 10:04:49 PM

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Dear Chairperson Suzanne Case and members of the Commission on Water Resources Management,

Please establish effective IIFS for the 12 streams in Huelo. In the case that the 180-day extension is granted, the public trust demands that the IIFS be updated ASAP.

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As I'm sure you are faced with this a lot in your position, just a humanly reminder — When it comes down to it, the act of making the decision for nature, please consider all the living things and natural order you are choosing to disrupt and the rippling effects that will have. Tune into the deepest parts, and what you are truly supporting.

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Please act urgently to set effective IIFS and protect these streams. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and thank you for the integral work you do for our community.

Water is life.

Sincerely,

Lauren Stirpe

**From:** [Bernard M Lassalle](#)  
**To:** [Hyatt, RaeAnn P](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimonial regarding 12 streams in Huelo  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 10:50:00 AM

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