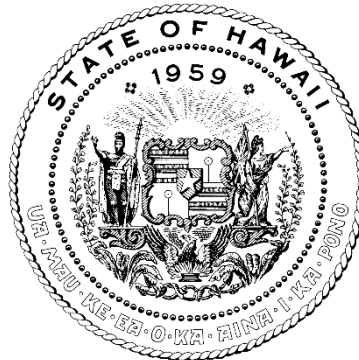


**REPORT TO THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**RELATING TO THE GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**



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In response to Section 183D-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Honolulu, Hawai‘i  
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## FISCAL YEAR 2022

### PURPOSE

The Legislature finds that the enhancement and maintenance of sustainable public hunting opportunities for subsistence and recreational purposes are of critical importance to the State and its people. A coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders is needed to prevent and offset the loss of public hunting areas and hunter opportunities on any island of the State and expeditiously find a replacement land for hunting.

Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016, amended Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new section to establish the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). Section 183D-4.5, HRS, requires an annual report to be submitted by the Game Management Advisory Commission on its efforts, including a summary of its activities during the year preceding the regular legislative session for which the report was prepared.

The Game Management Advisory Commission is made up of nine members, including:

- (1) One member from the County of Kauai;
- (2) Three members from the County of Maui, with one member from each of the Islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai;
- (3) Two members from the County of Hawaii, with one member from East Hawaii and one member from West Hawaii;
- (4) One member from the City and County of Honolulu;
- (5) One at-large member; and
- (6) The Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designated representative, who shall serve as an ex officio, voting member.

### GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETINGS

During the 2022 fiscal year, a total of three Game Management Advisory Commission meetings were held with a reduction of meetings due to COVID-19. Meetings were conducted on July 22, 2021, February 17, 2022, and June 28, 2022. Below are the agendas for the meetings: the minutes for these meetings are available on the Division of Forestry and Wildlife website at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/gmac/> .

#### **July 22, 2021 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Meeting held via ZOOM

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Stan Ruidas —Lanai (Chair)  
Nelson Rapanot—Molokai  
Jason Sandorn—East Hawaii  
Robert Masuda—Representative of the Chair of DLNR  
Nancy Timko—Oahu (at-large)  
John Terry—Oahu  
Nicolai Barca—Kauai

## AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors; request for move-ups on the agenda.
- ITEM 2. **Action Required:** Approval of minutes from the February 18, 2021 GMAC meeting # 16.
- ITEM 3. Discussion on SB-1364 Wanton Waste
- ITEM 4. Hunting program discussion- Management plans and projects.
- ITEM 5. Discussion on Hunter Surveys
- ITEM 6. Determine the feasibility of creating a game management plan – Develop a SOW
- ITEM 7. A short report by each commissioner summarizing their meetings with DOFAW staff on the island that they represent. Commissioners to provide a list of hunting and wildlife issues for each island that includes priorities and changes each commissioner would like to see.
- ITEM 8. Set future meeting schedule and potential Agenda items
- ITEM 9. Announcements.

## Adjournment

### February 17, 2022 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Meeting held via ZOOM

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Stan Ruidas —Lanai (Chair)  
Nelson Rapanot—Molokai  
Nicolai Barca—Kauai  
Robert Masuda—Representative of the Chair of DLNR  
Nancy Timko—Oahu (at-large)  
Nicolai Barca – Kauai  
John Terry - Oahu

#### AGENDA:

- ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors; request for move-ups on the agenda.
- ITEM 2. **Action Required:** Approval of minutes from the July 22, 2021 GMAC meeting # 17. Link: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2021/11/GMAC-Meeting-17-Minutes.pdf>
- ITEM 3. Axis Deer Emergency Proclamation Discussion

- ITEM 4. Overview of game bird release projects- Ohau and Kauai
- ITEM 5. Ungulate Research presentation- Derek Risch
- ITEM 6. Short report of game program activities – Jason Omick
- ITEM 7. Hunter Mentorship Program Discussion
- ITEM 8. Private Public hunting partnerships
- ITEM 9. A short report by each commissioner summarizing their meetings with DOFAW staff on the island that they represent. Commissioners to provide a list of hunting and wildlife issues for each island that includes priorities and changes each commissioner would like to see.
- ITEM 10. Set future meeting schedules and potential Agenda items.
- ITEM 11. Announcements.

Adjournment

**June 28, 2022 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

DLNR, Kalanimoku Building Board Room  
 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu HI 96813

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Stan Ruidas —Lanai (Chair)
- Nicolai Barca—Kauai
- Robert Masuda—Representative of the Chair of DLNR
- Nancy Timko—Oahu (at-large)
- Nicolai Barca – Kauai
- John Terry - Oahu

AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors; request for move-ups on the agenda.
- ITEM 2. Discussion on pig contraceptive
- ITEM 3. Bovine Tuberculosis -surveillance/response
- ITEM 4. Short report of game program activities – Jason Omick
- ITEM 5. A short report by each commissioner summarizing their meetings with DOFAW staff on the island that they represent. Commissioners to provide a list of hunting and wildlife issues for each island that includes priorities and changes each commissioner would like to see.
- ITEM 6. Set future meeting schedules and potential Agenda items.

ITEM 7. Announcements.

Adjournment