

Mo'omomi Northwest Coast of Moloka'i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area Proposal



What is the problem?

Key species in the north coast of Moloka'i such as moi, uhu, and kole are declining, while kūmū and ula (lobster) populations have nearly disappeared. There is a need to restock the ice box!

What is the solution?

In 1994, the Moloka'i Subsistence Task Force report showed that Moloka'i relies heavily on subsistence fishing and gathering. Resource health and abundance are critical to allow Moloka'i's subsistence practices to thrive. On behalf of the Ho'olehua Hawaiian Homesteaders, the Hui Mālama O Mo'omomi (HMM) has proposed draft rules that reflect the knowledge of past & present lawā'a by designating the northwest coast of Moloka'i, from Kalaeoka'ilio to Nihoa Flats, as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA).



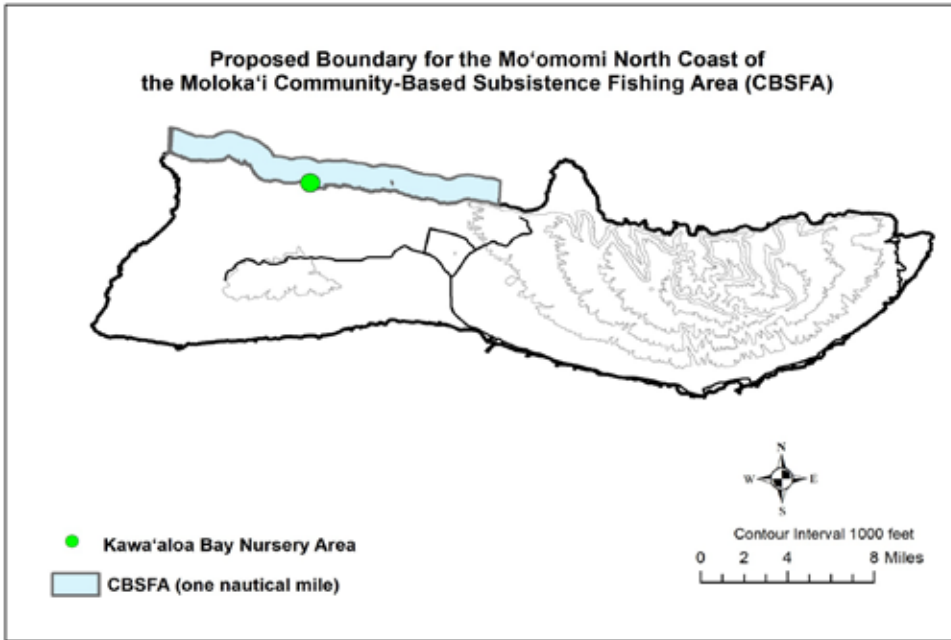
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● ◐ What is being proposed for the Northwest Coast of Moloka'i? ◑ ●

..... **PURPOSE:** To reaffirm & protect fishing practices customarily & traditionally exercised for purposes of Native Hawaiian subsistence, culture, and religion.

..... **PROPOSED BOUNDARIES:** From Kalaeoka`ilio (Īlio) to Nihoa Flats, from the shoreline out to one mile



How does a CBSFA work?

CBSFA designation recognizes local communities as valued partners in sustaining natural resources, while supporting Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. CBSFAs are not meant to keep people out. Everyone is welcome to fish within the area, but they are required to fish according to the rules.



..... **DRAFT PROPOSED RULES** *existing State regulations continue to apply

- No night diving from 6pm to 6am
- No SCUBA spearfishing (including rebreathers and/or other underwater breathing devices)

Commercial Fishing

- Only fish taken by trolling or deep 7 bottomfish taken in waters deeper than 40 fathoms may be taken for commercial purposes and sold



IMPLEMENT PLACE-BASED PONO FISHING PRACTICES

Uhu pālupaluka / ahu`ula* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag Limit: 2 per day • Kapu from April 1 - June 30 	Uhu `ele`ele / uliuli (large blue uhu)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kapu year round
Kūmū* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag Limit: 2 per day • 16" maximum fork length • Kapu from Jan 1 - March 31 	Kole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag Limit: 20 per day • 5" minimum fork length • Kapu from April 1 - June 30
Moi* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18" maximum fork length • Take by hook-and-line, spear, or throw net only 	Ula (spiny lobster)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag Limit: 2 per day • Take by hand-harvest, hook, or trap only
Opīhi* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No take or possession while diving 	Native Limu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take by hand harvest only (use of scissors is allowed) • No taking with holdfast/ roots attached



PROTECT THE KAWA`ALOA BAY NURSERY AREA

Fishing and gathering not allowed EXCEPT for the following:

- Gather `āma crab from shoreline by hand-harvest only
- Gather limu from shoreline from 6am - 6pm by hand-harvest only
- Throw net from 6am - 6pm
- Hook-and-line from shoreline from 6am - 6pm using artificial lures only (minimizes bycatch)

No operating a vessel or conducting any other activities that may disturb the marine environment within the Kawa`aloe Bay Protected Area

Kawa`aloe Bay Nursery Area Boundary (A->B->C->D)
Mo`omomi Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area



Point	Boundary	Latitude	Longitude
A	Kaiehu Point	21°12'4.50"N	157°9'26.03"W
B	Northernmost Submerged Rocks	21°12'2.94"N	157°9'8.47"W
C	Eastern Offshore Submerged Rocks	21°12'1.55"N	157°9'6.30"W
D	Eastern Boundary of Kawa`aloe Bay	21°11'54.48"N	157°9'6.30"W

Three ways to submit testimony:

More info here: <https://bit.ly/moomomi-hearings>

- 1) IN PERSON: Testify in person on Aug 19, 5:30-8:30pm @ Kualapu`u Charter School Cafeteria, 260 Farrington Ave. Kualapu`u, Moloka`i.
- 2) ONLINE: Present live testimony online on Aug 19, 5:30-9:30pm. Email CBSFA@hawaii.gov to sign up for in-person or online testimony, at least 48 hrs in advance. Confirmation and instructions will be sent.
- 3) WRITTEN: Submit written testimony by Aug 26. Mail to: Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), 1151 Punchbowl Street, Rm 330, Hon., HI 96813 or email CBSFA@hawaii.gov or DLNR.Aquatics@hawaii.gov.