

Getting to know the proposed Kīpahulu Moku CBSFA

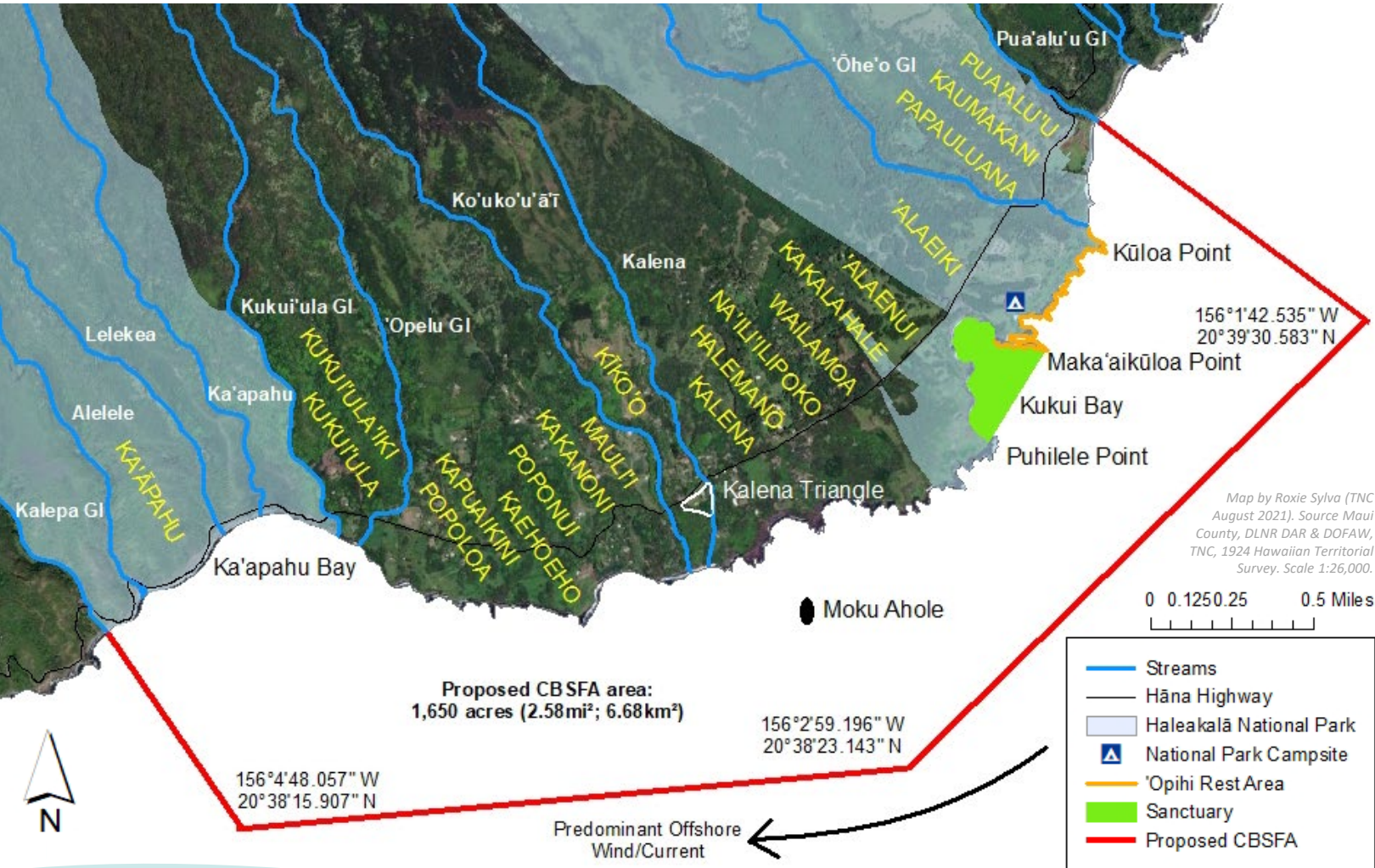
Frequently asked questions and comments

PURPOSE

The proposed Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) will help ensure high quality fishing now and in the future by addressing community concerns about declining resources and reaffirming customary fishing traditions. "If fishing access increases without additional management in place, Kīpahulu could experience rapid and significant declines in fish abundance and biomass, similar to other more populated areas on Maui."

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- The proposed CBSFA spans roughly 5.7 miles of coastline & 1,650 acres of submerged area
- 680+ East Maui residents signed a petition in support of the Kīpahulu CBSFA
- 2010 was the year our community started our Mālama I Ke Kai program and planning process leading to CBSFA



BOUNDARIES

From Kālepa Gulch to Pua'alu'u Gulch out to 60-meter depth

Kīpahulu MOKU. Our Moku. Our Kuleana.

WHY THESE AREAS

- **Kīpahulu Moku (Kālepa GI. to Puaaluu GL.)** – This is the proposed CBSFA boundary, the traditional boundary of the Kīpahulu moku, and an area that provides subsistence resources for its residents.
- **'Opihi Rest Area (Oheo to Makaaiuloa Pt.)** – This area fronting the Haleakalā National Park campground has been an 'Opihi Rest Area since 2014 where we have asked people to voluntarily not harvest 'opihi. Prior to the voluntary rest area, 'opihi populations were low and declining every year. In our years of research since, we've found an increase in 'opihi within the rest area and in surrounding areas open for harvest.
- **Kukui Bay Sanctuary (Makaaiuloa Pt. to Puhilele Pt.)** – This is the proposed Kukui Bay Sanctuary, or no-take area. Kukui Bay was chosen because it is one of the most biologically diverse areas in Kīpahulu, home to many different types of fish and invertebrate populations. It is an important estuary for reproduction of some species and recruitment of others. If protected, it will benefit those who fish the area fronting the Haleakalā National Park campground and other areas surrounding the Sanctuary.

PROPOSED RULES

Per person per day within the Kīpahulu Moku CBSFA | Existing State regulations continue to apply

Bag Limits, Size Limits, Seasons		Gears
All Finfish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit 10 combined (except roi, ta'ape, to'au, and akule) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surround Gill net: Minimum mesh size 2 ¾"; no surround gill net except for akule and ta'ape (bag net prohibited) <i>State standard is 2"</i> Throw net: Minimum mesh size 3" <i>State standard is 2"</i> Hook-and-line: Max 2 lines deployed with max 2 hook per line SCUBA/underwater breathing apparatus: No take/possession of marine life while using gear (except for ta'ape and akule using net) Freediving: No take 'opihi while freediving Night diving: No take or possession of marine life while night diving from 6pm to 6am
Akule Bigeye Scad <i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-commercial take only 	
'Ōmilu Bluefin Trevally <i>Caranx melampygus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit 2 each <i>State bag limit is 20 'ōmilu</i> 10" minimum - 24" maximum <i>State minimum is 10"</i> 	
Kala Bluespine Unicornfish <i>Naso unicornis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit 2 each 	
Kole Goldring surgeonfish <i>Ctenochaetus strigosus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5" minimum 	
Moi Pacific Threadfin <i>Polydactylus sexfilis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11" minimum - 18" maximum <i>State minimum is 11"</i> Closed May – September <i>State closed season is June-August</i> 	
'Opihi Limpet <i>Cellana spp.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit ½ gallon (shell on) <i>approx. 40-50 pieces</i> 1 ¼" minimum-2" maximum <i>State minimum is 1¼"</i> No take within 'Opihi Rest Area 	
Ula Banded Spiny Lobster, <i>Panulirus marginatus</i> Green Spiny Lobster, <i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit 2 each Closed May – September <i>State closed season is May-August</i> 	<p>'Opihi Rest Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 'Ohe'o Gl. to Maka'aikūloa Pt. No harvest 'opihi within Rest Area
Limu Līpoa, <i>Dictyopterus Plagiogramma</i> Kala, <i>Sargassum echinocarpum</i> Kohu, <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No taking native limu (līpoa, kala, kohu) with holdfast/roots attached 	<p>Kukui Bay Sanctuary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Maka'aikūloa Pt. to Puhielele Pt. No take within Sanctuary

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HOW WERE THE RULES CHOSEN?

The proposed rules were developed over 10 years through conversations with East Maui residents, fishers, DLNR, science experts, and of course, our kūpuna to reflect the mana'o and traditional practices of our community. Each rule has a reason for being written, detailed in our [Proposal and Management Plan](#). For example, 'opihi that are bigger put out more larvae, so we want to protect the big 'opihi. We conducted surveys for years and found that it is unusual to find opihi over 2" in Kīpahulu moku. We also found that by resting an area from harvest, 'opihi numbers and sizes increase within and surrounding the area being rested.

HOW WILL THE RULES BE ENFORCED?

We aim to educate fishers about the CBSFA and develop an understanding about the reasons behind the rules. If fishers understand and respect the rules and the request of the Kīpahulu community, then our hope is that the rules will be followed because they make sense, not from fear of enforcement. But enforcement will be an option for those who are willful or repeat violators. We worked with DOCARE officers to word the rules in a way that is most enforceable for them. The community will continue education, and if necessary, report resource violation complaints to DOCARE through the Makai Watch program.

SHOULD THESE RULES BE FOR THE ENTIRE ISLAND?

Kīpahulu 'Ohana supports that goal! We hope that a lot of these rules get adopted throughout East Maui and even statewide. There's a balance in designing specific and appropriate area regulations without making it too confusing and difficult for fishers to understand and comply, but the State DLNR and local community groups need to step up and take the lead to ensure our Maui fishing ground don't get fished out. We in Kīpahulu are doing that to set an example and hope it helps create support for island-wide or statewide rules.

HOW DO THE OPIHI REST AREA AND KUKUI BAY SANCTUARY AFFECT ACCESS FAIRLY?

- The 'Opihi Rest Area has been in place voluntarily since 2014 and fronts the Haleakalā National Park campground. This is an area accessed by a lot of people, and it seeds 'opihi in surrounding areas open to harvest.
- The proposed Kukui Bay Sanctuary is located in an off-trail area without public access south of the Haleakalā National Park campground; fishing will still be allowed in the area fronting Haleakalā National Park.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit our website at kipahulu.org/cbsfa to download our full [Proposal and Management Plan](#) and other educational materials, and view videos that provide more information about our Mālama I Ke Kai programs and the proposed CBSFA rules. Also feel free to email cbsfa@kipahulu.org with any questions or comments about the CBSFA. Mahalo!

