21st Annual Hawaiʻi Conservation Conference (HCC) Media Report, 2013

The following media articles were produced prior, during, and shortly after the 2013 HCC.

Television:

ʻŌlelo TV:
- Next Gen Session: Tuesday 7/16, Session Three: 3:30-5:30, #316BC
- Community Connection Event including HGGI World Cafe: Wednesday 7/17, 1:00-8:30, #316BC
- Community Connection Event: Wednesday 7/17 5:30 – 7:00pm (include art walk, chef’s, movie)
- Micronesia Challenge Session: Thursday 7/18, Session Eight 10:30-12:30, #316BC
- CBFSA/KUA Session (Same room as Micronesia Challenge): Thursday 7/18 2:30-4:30, #316BC

Radio:
All Things Marine radio show on Hawaii's Tomorrow 760 AM.
- The podcast available at http://www.cosee-ie.net/programs/allthingsmarineradioshow/.
- It is also available for download at https://www.hawaii.edu/filedrop/dl/MvUvT-JeqfY-DOzJM-iThKI/.

Online:

Damon Tucker, Hawaiʻi News and Information
- April 18th, 2013: “Student Rates Announced for the 2013 Hawaii Conservation Conference”
- December 20th, 2012: “Call for Proposals & Abstracts for the 21st Annual Hawaii Conservation Conference”
- November 5th, 2012: “Members Needed for the 2013 Hawai‘i Conservation Conference Abstract Committee
- October 19th, 2012: “2013 Hawai‘i Conservation Conference – Call for Proposals and Abstracts”

Hawaii Independent
- July 3rd, 2013: “Come to Connect On Land, Food, Sustainability”

Hawaiʻi Visitors and Convention Bureau
- June 22nd, 2013: “21st Annual Hawaiʻi Conservation Conference, July 16-18, 2013”

KUPU
- July 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2013: "Hawai‘i Conservation Conference"

Print:

Islandtimes
- August 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2013: “PAN FUND attended 21\textsuperscript{st} Annual Conservation Conference”
The Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance in partnership with Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation proudly announces the 2013 Hawai‘i Conservation Conference Student Rate Program. Under this program, Hawai‘i high school students, college students, and emerging professionals may be qualified to attend this year’s Hawai‘i Conservation Conference at a special rate of $50. Our neighboring island recipients will also receive a $200 travel stipend.
Please visit the following link for more details, eligibility requirements and applications (printable & fillable pdfs). Applications are due by May 30th, 2013.

http://hawaiiconservation.org/activities/hawaii_conservation_conference/conferences/2013/

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Posted on December 20, 2012 by Damon


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Revisions Due: March 15, 2013

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**Members Needed for the 2013 Hawaii Conservation Conference Abstract Committee**

**Posted on November 5, 2012 by Damon**

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A description of the Abstract Committee and a timeline is included below. The Call for Proposals can be found at [http://hawaiiconservation.org/activities/hawaii_conservation_conference/conferences/2013/call_for_proposals](http://hawaiiconservation.org/activities/hawaii_conservation_conference/conferences/2013/call_for_proposals)

**Abstract Committee Description**


**Session Proposal & Abstract Review Timeline**

- Abstract Committee email comments on Oxford Abstracts submission form and evaluation criteria: DUE November 19
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- Abstract Review Committee MEETING in person or conference call (8hrs): March 1st
- All Revisions deadline: March 15
- Scheduling of session and oral presentation MEETING (2-3 volunteers in person only): March 29

Please sign up at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJYHR3F](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJYHR3F) or email coordinator@hawaiiconservation.org
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Posted on October 19, 2012 by Damon

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Community Connections will be divided into two sections and the public is invited to attend both at no cost. From 1-5:30 p.m., the Hawaiʻi Green Growth Initiative will host “Building Partnerships for a Sustainable Future”. This afternoon session will feature interactive revolving round table discussions sharing “Bright Spots,” examples of cross-sector collaboration. Visitors may also attend forums showcasing sustainability issues such as seafood security, water and climate change, tourism and environment, and more.

The evening session, “Kupa ‘Ai Kakou,” taking place from 5:30-8:30 pm, will feature a variety of activities highlighting multisensory Hawaiian art, culture and cuisine. One of the most anticipated events of the day is the Pau Hana tastings featuring locally sourced food and drink by Oahu’s favorite chefs such as Mark Noguchi of Pili Hawaii and Taste, Ed Kenney of TOWN, and Daniel Anthony of Mana Ai. Attendees will also have the opportunity to talk story with 40+ green market vendors and green organizations, view a pop-up art exhibition by Maoli Real Time Arts Gallery, listen to live Hawaiian music and view the film screening of Seeds of Hope. No registration for the free event is necessary.

Event Details:
Who: Hawaiʻi Conservation Alliance
What: Community Connections Pau Hana
When: Wednesday July 17, 2013 1:00pm-5:30pm, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Where: Hawaiʻi Convention Center 1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815
“Tourism and the Environment” will be the topic of a panel discussion at the upcoming Hawaii Conservation Conference. This forum will focus on the efforts currently taking place by the tourism sector to protect Hawaii’s natural resources as well as a discussion on what more can be done to foster partnerships between the visitor industry and the state’s environmental organizations. Representing the visitor industry on this panel will be Noelani Schilling Wheeler, senior director of marketing, Oahu Visitors Bureau; Kelly Hoen, general manager, The Royal Hawaiian; Dr. Andrew Rossiter, director, Waikiki Aquarium; and Neil Hannahs, director of strategic integration, land assets division, Kamehameha Schools.

Beyond this session, the Hawaii Conservation Conference will feature a three-day schedule of presentations and discussions that will highlight various aspects related to the sustainability of Hawaii’s ocean, land and culture.

We hope that many members of Hawaii’s visitors industry will register for this conference dedicated to our industry’s most important and fragile assets. More information about the speakers and session and online registration are available at http://hawaiiconservation.org, or click here for a printable version.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Visit the Hawaii Conservation Alliance website for more information.
Interested in networking or collaborative opportunities? View the new HVCB Membership Directory to find potential partners.

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Hawaii Conservation Conference

Exciting things are happening for conservation throughout the year here in Hawaii, yet it is rare to connect with the many people, places, and planet all in one place. A rare opportunity to connect is the 2013 Hawaii Conservation Conference that took place at the Honolulu Convention Center. With so many inspiring and informative talks going on at the same time it is difficult for an attendee to choose which talks to attend!

Many local businesses and organizations are also tabling at the event and are happy to talk to you about what they're doing and give you more information on how to get involved. Of the many attending some included: KUPU, Kealopiko, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural History and Hui Ku Maoli Ola Native Plant Nursery.

A talk by Chad Wiggins discussed the decline in fish numbers on Puakō reefs over the past forty years. Even within the marine life conservation district, where only pole fishing is permitted, fish numbers have declined. One reason for this decline is a constant sediment plume originating from Puakō bay. This study began monitoring fish numbers in 2009 and combined that data with a meta analysis of all previous studies of the bay. Other signs of declining health are apparent, for instance, coral cover have declined from 80% in 1973 to 30% today. Community education efforts have focused on educating fishermen about the size of prime spawners for specific fish species and the seasons in which each species spawns. However, the trend on Puakō's reef is declining fish numbers and coral health.

(Image of Puako Bay, retrieved from puakobay.com)
Many other exciting talks are taking place throughout the conference. Talks from the world of marine resource management, coral reef management and science, climate change, sustainability, and many more provide insight into the many opportunities to work in the field of conservation here in Hawaii. Some highlights include monitoring of native bee species, and diversified agriculture on the Hamakua coast.

-Veronica Gibson
PAN FUND attended 21st Annual Conservation Conference

While this year’s conference theme “Live Today, Sustain Tomorrow: Connecting People, Places and Planet” has a rudimentary ring to it, it was truly all but that... And much more! The intensive 3 day conservation conference (July 16-18) hosted by Hawaii Conservation Alliance (HCA), at the Hawaii Convention Center, featured some of the most dynamic conservation leaders from all over the region. HCA is a cooperative collaboration of conservation leaders representing nineteen government, education and nonprofit organizations. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate information transfer and interaction between natural resource managers and the scientific community.

During the Micronesia Challenge Forum, held on the last day of the conference, remarkable information presented included the following:

1) Micronesia Challenge: Overview and Progress - Wayne Andrews, PIMPAC & MCT

PANF wishes to thank all the panellists: Wayne Andrews, Peter Houk, Matthew Lutkenhouse for the excellent collaboration, along with special thanks to Michael Lamier, of NOAA-Fisheries, for his wonderful support in facilitating the panel. In addition, PANF extends a warm “Alii and Kom Kmal Mesulang” to Lihla Moorward.

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5) Micronesia Challenge: Lessons Learned and a Way Forward

CAT 84-01 to hold farewell concert

BY PETER ERICK L. MAGBANUA Reporter

As their tribute to the warm hospitality given to them during their tour here for the last six months, the Civic Action Team (CAT) 84-01 will holding a farewell concert on August 3 at the Riptide Bar and Grill.

The event will be from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. and tickets are sold at $5 for early buyers while tickets at the gate will be sold at $7.

CAT 84-01 led officer in charge 1Lt. Danielle Monroe will be performing on stage together with the Simple Lang band.

For more information call Camp Katuu at 587-1311 or Ben at 775-2723 or Diony at 775-1200.

JUST SAY NO TO DRUGS
PAN FUND to attend 21st Annual Conservation Conference

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PANF is the financial trustee corporation for the Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN). The purpose of the PANF is to provide funds for the conserving Palau’s biodiversity and ensure the sustainable use of its natural resources through strategic actions and medium to long term financial support of the PAN.

Kevin Chin, PANF Vice Chairman, and Clarinda Ziegler, PANF General Manager, Tutii Chilton PANF Chairman will be travelling to Hawaii to attend the conference. This will be an ideal networking opportunity with numerous conservation leaders from all over the region and not to mention, the wealth of information, resources, and discussions on diverse topics including biosecurity, climate change, and watershed protection.

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