



Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

2. OLA I KE KAI O KANALOA Ocean Resources Management Program

July to September 2019

Grant Update & Review

NOAA Bay Watershed Educational Training (B-WET) Grant; Learning 'Āina Through Kaho'olawe and Arts Integration:

- July brought the close out of the 2 year B-WET grant project with Pōmaika'i Elementary School. Program staff has been working closely with Administration staff to draw down the remaining funding of the \$79,333 NOAA financing for this project. All final reports and draw downs were due by October 29. All of the created curriculum, videos, historical material and short films developed through this grant have been packaged with other resources. It will be shared through the DOE and on the KIRC website, as well as at the link, www.pomaikaikahoolawe.weebly.com.

Outreach and Education

Maui Ocean Center "Sea Talk":

- On July 18th Ocean Program staff was invited to speak at the Maui Ocean Center's monthly "Sea Talk" session. The 2 hour presentation, "Learning how to monitor 'opihi in a cultural reserve" covered the history of Kaho'olawe and many of the learning curves and benefits staff has experienced in the 'opihi monitoring process on Kaho'olawe. The talk was open to the public and held inside the Maui Ocean Center dome theater.

Kaho'olawe Exhibit Walk Through With Maui Ocean Center Staff

- An informal walk through and "talk story" session of the Kaho'olawe exhibit at the Maui Ocean Center was held with their staff to better understand the significance and importance of the exhibit, the displays and photos. The hour and a half walk through was led by Ocean Program staff and the Public Information Specialist. Maui Ocean Center staff said they felt they had a better appreciation of the exhibit and could better educate the visitors who see it.

Lahaina Intermediate School

- Ocean Program staff along with Restoration staff and the Public Information Specialist traveled to West Maui to speak to the 8th grade class of Lahaina Intermediate School on Aug. 20th. Each speaker spoke at a separate locations on campus simultaneously to efficiently utilize time and engagement with the students. The 50 minute period covered history, current projects, the cultural importance of Kaho'olawe and allowed time for questions and answers.

2019 Hawaii Conservation Conference (HCC)

- Through a scholarship awarded by Hawaii Conservation Alliance and Foundation, Ocean Program Specialist Courtney Kerr, was able to attend the 26th annual conference on Oahu from July 9th to the 11th. At the conference she presented a poster on behalf of the Restoration Program and their work on reducing excessive sedimentation in Hakioawa during the DOH IV project. The conference also provided invaluable opportunities to network and learn about new techniques and technology that may be applicable to Kaho'olawe.

On Going Projects

Coastal Planting Project

- From July to September 1,500 native plants ('aki'aki) were planted along the coastline at Honukanaenae to help reduce coastal erosion of high surf events as well as to aid in reducing sedimentation runoff during large rain events. All of the plantings were done with the help of volunteers from the Maui Ocean Center, the National Guard (Na Koa) and educators from Kamehameha Schools.



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A monk seal napping at Pu'u Tahiti



K.S. educators conducting ocean observations



MOC volunteers help fill burlap bags used for erosion control



Newly planted 'aki'aki grass at Honukanaeae



Ocean Program staff at MOC presentation