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January 26, 2016

Re: Construction across from Sharks Cove on the North Shore, O'ahu

Aloha Mr. Atta:

The Oahu Group of the Sierra Club of Hawaii is very concerned about a possible violation of Chapter 343 and Special Management Area permit requirements by a proposed project across from Sharks Cove on the North Shore of O'ahu. As you know, this area is protected as a marine life conservation district, in addition to the usual requirements for environmental review and permitting for construction near the shoreline.

It is our understanding that the Department has issued three separate SMA-minor permits for a single project on three contiguous properties owned by Hanapohaku, LLC. From the information we received, it appears that the project is presented as three separate proposals, but is based on one common plan affecting three adjacent parcels, and is valued at over \$1.4 million.

Without this information, DPP could not adequately review the potentially significant environmental impacts of this single project and the cumulative impacts of this proposal in the context of this fragile shoreline environment.

Therefore, we request that DPP rescind the permits already authorized and consolidate the individual applications into one SMA-major permit application. Through the SMA-major review process the required public hearing and environmental impact statement would be satisfied.

In addition, we agree with the January 11, 2016 letter from Senator Gil Riviere to you and Sunset Beach Community Association's January 20, 2016, motion requesting reconsideration and rescission of the three Minor SMAs for this project: 2015SMA-8 for Lot 68, 2015/SMA-47 for Lot 69, and 2015SMA-24 for Lot 70.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I would like to be kept notified about any changes in the status of this proposed project.

Mahalo,

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