

RES22-293 Testimony

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Meeting Date: Feb 8, 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Paul Nachtigall	Email: nachtiga@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 6, 2023 @ 03:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Good Morning Committee Chair Say and distinguished council members:</p> <p>I am Professor Paul Nachtigall and I am here to speak in favor of Resolution 22-293</p> <p>I am a biologist/psychologist and an environmentalist.</p> <p>I am the founding director, now research professor emeritus, of the Marine Mammal Research Program at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, University of Hawaii at Manoa on Coconut Island. I am in strong support of Resolution 22-293</p> <p>1. When it became necessary to close my whale and dolphin lab on Coconut Island, all my animals thankfully were transferred to Sea Life Park. I was allowed to continue research without charge at Sea Life Park (as I was able) and the animals (all of whom were born in captivity except my very old false killer whale) continued to have excellent care with a full-time caretakers, veterinarian, excellent food and people that truly care for them.</p> <p>2. Sea Life Park provides a place where our children can see dolphins up close and in person. This is far superior to asking our families to go out and visit, and illegally disturb, the local Hawaiian spinner dolphins that come into bays to rest during the day after spending the entire night fishing.</p> <p>3. Sea Life Park is a very popular spot for our local residents as well as others that visit. My experience is that it takes a very large amount of money to keep dolphins and whales well cared for. Sea Life Park is getting old and needs a facelift. This resolution allows for vast improvements to the park and for the habitats of the fish, sea lions and love birds and will make the whole place more attractive to everyone. A more attractive place will bring in more funds to better care for the animals. A better take at the gate will also help the Windward Waimanalo economy.</p> <p>4. The overall populations of wild cetaceans have benefitted and continue to benefit from excellent basic research conducted in captive commercial situations like Sea Life Park and from the knowledge provided to their guests when they visit.</p> <p>Please pass this resolution to improve Sea Life Park to benefit both our local Keiki and the populations of both Sea Life Park Animals and their wild conspecifics.</p>		
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The Honorable Calvin Say, Chair
The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair
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RE: Support Testimony – Resolution 22-293 CD1 (SMA Use Permit for Sea Life Park)

Aloha Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the committee:

I am writing to you in support of Resolution 22-293 CD1 granting a Special Management Area Use Permit for renovations at Sea Life Park Hawai'i. The park's efforts to enhance its facilities not only benefits its business and inhabitants, but the community as well.

As the owner of Windward Snow, I have experienced firsthand the positive partnerships Sea Life Park has extended to small local businesses. Over the years, the park has provided many opportunities for us to sell our product at events focused on education and ohana. Throughout our time collaborating with the park and learning about its programs, we have grown to understand its role as a resource for visitors and residents alike. The park encourages respect for marine life and conservation, all while supporting small businesses, schools, and community organizations throughout the state.

We look forward to continuing our synergistic relationship with Sea Life Park for many years to come. Granting an SMA use permit for renovations will allow the park and its many partners, inhabitants, and neighbors to thrive.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Patrick Tom
Windward Snow

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RE: Hearing for Resolution 22-293 CD1 on February 8, 2023 – Support for Sea Life Park

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the committee:

At E Noa Tours, we take pride in providing top-notch, seamless experiences to our guests, with stops at some of the most dynamic destinations across O‘ahu for learning, culture, and making family memories. Sea Life Park Hawai‘i is a must-see for our passengers that are seeking a deeper understanding and appreciation of Hawaii’s marine animals with the help of a welcoming, knowledgeable team.

We are enthusiastic about the park’s plans to renovate and update the grounds to keep this stunning setting for education and wonder in pristine shape. Mahalo for an opportunity to share support testimony for granting a Special Management Area permit to Sea Life Park Hawai‘i. Together, we can keep these meaningful excursions moving forward!

With aloha,



Shauna Graner
E Noa Tours

2/6/2023

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RE: Resolution 22-293 CD1 – Hearing February 8, 2023

Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit to Allow Renovations and Additions at Sea Life Park in Waimanalo – **In Support**

Aloha Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the committee:

Coming from a local business that has provided transportation services to Sea Life Park Hawaii guests, I am writing in support of a Special Management Area permit for improvements throughout the park.

For decades, Sea Life Park has served as both a vibrant center for community and destination for travelers. I can attest to the enrichment the park brings to the visitor experience and kamaāina, as well as its supportive partnerships with the business community. Sea Life Park advocates daily for conservation of the marine environment, inspiring an even more mindful traveler and sustainable tourism.

Renovations and enhancements will enable the park to continue to provide high-quality experiences and opportunities for years to come. I appreciate the park's continued investment to further education, community, and our local economy.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony in support of granting this permit.

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RE: Resolution 22-293 CD1

Support Testimony for Granting Special Management Area Use Permit for
Renovations at Sea Life Park

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam and members of the committee:

Community is at the heart of Sea Life Park Hawai'i. So FAT, our food truck and catering business based in Waimānalo, has been onsite at the park to see its educational events and programs first-hand. The park is inspiring a love and respect for the ocean and marine life in our keiki, and connecting local organizations in a wonderful way.

I am writing to support their efforts to renovate the grounds, habitats, and facilities to ensure these opportunities for learning and fellowship continue. Sea Life Park is a special place for us all to come together. Please grant this permit so the park may make future upgrades, and further its commitment to conservation and community.

With aloha,


Rhonda Shin
Kat Davis
So FAT Catering

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Aloha Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, distinguished members of the committee,

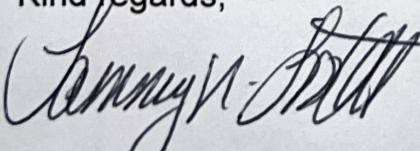
I am writing regarding Resolution 22-293 CD1, and support granting a Special Management Area Use permit to Sea Life Park Hawai'i for renovations and additions at Tax Map Key 4-1-014: 004 in Waimānalo.

For nearly 60 years, the park has been inspiring marine conservation. Through our like-minded partnership, Mālama i nā honu—a nonprofit committed to protecting Hawaiian sea turtles through public awareness—has seen up close the impact of Sea Life Park's Honu Conservation program, as well as the park's ongoing support of marine restoration and clean-up initiatives. Our organization has been invited to frequently provide onsite educational booths and talks with park guests, and it's a joy to see so many young people taking conservation to heart through these interactions.

Renovations don't expand the park footprint, rather enhance its ability to do vital work. The park provides sanctuary for many animals unable to live in the wild including rescued sea lions, injured seabirds, and endangered Hawaiian monk seals; offers school outreach and community education programs, and provides a hub for the community to explore challenges confronting our marine ecosystems. For all these reasons and more, the park must be able to upgrade its facilities and resources.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony in support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Tootell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tammy Tootell
Mālama i nā honu