

## *Promise to the Pae'aina o Hawai'i*

*April 23, 2014*

*We are stewards and navigators of Hawai'i's environment. We believe that the betterment of humanity is inherently possible. And we believe that the perpetuation of the health and well being of our people is inextricably intertwined with the health and well being of our environment.*

*We acknowledge that the immense environmental issues facing the world are upon Hawai'i. And so it is with a sense of urgency that we defy the role of 'canary in the coalmine,' and instead embrace the responsibility of being the guiding light out toward a healthier and safer future.*

*We support the environmental mission of the Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia, knowing wholeheartedly our charge in preparing our āina for future generations to live, thrive, and lead our changing world toward goodness. This is the voyage of our lifetimes, and we are steadfast in our commitment to achieve real improvements in the ways in which we care for our environment.*

*We will increase our management efforts, enhance them through the synergies to be found with each other, and accept the responsibility of Mālama Honua. We believe that by inspiring Hawai'i residents to learn about, care for, and safeguard these islands, and by extension Island Earth, they will navigate the future of our island home toward vitality, renewal, and sustainability.*

*Today, with images of the Mālama Hawai'i voyage fresh in our minds and strong in our spirits, we promise to create, sustain, and navigate a movement dedicated to a healthier āina for future generations, one that is imbued with the goodness of Hōkūle'a and the wisdom born of her legacy.*

*Over the next 48 months, the Worldwide Voyage will sail 49,000 nautical miles, touch the shores of 26 countries, and make safe harbor in 85 ports, while sharing Hawai'i's gift of kindness and legacy of caring with the world.*

*And thus, we the undersigned will participate in the Worldwide Voyage through our collective, collaborative environmental efforts, providing winds in the sails of Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia as they circumnavigate Island Earth.*

*The strength of our commitment is demonstrated in this partnership, both unprecedented and necessary to Hawai'i. We are strengthened with the knowledge that by working together, we can and will reach our shared destination – an environment worthy of our future generations.*

*This voyage is about changing our worldview of our relationship to these islands and our responsibility toward them. And in doing so, changing our relationship and responsibility toward each other. The commitments herein marks our voyage; a perpetual voyage that will be needed to protect and care for Hawai'i through lifelong work that goes beyond the four year Worldwide Voyage; one whose legacy for the undersigned will be to set the course for generations to come.*

*Together, with singular vision, we will use the following three goals and twenty commitments to navigate this voyage:*

*GOAL I. Effect immediate, significant, and measurable change in our oceans –and the way we value them– at the ahupua‘a scale during the 4-year worldwide voyage.*

- 1. Seafood security is increased throughout the Hawaiian Islands through an improved understanding of current capacity, active fishpond restoration, restoration of nearshore fish populations and improvement in sustainable production, distribution, and consumption practices.*
- 2. Threat material (sediment, invasive species, marine debris, etc.) is removed from—or prevented from entering onto—nearshore marine habitats.*
- 3. Management-driven, comprehensive resource baseline assessments are conducted around every island in Hawai‘i.*
- 4. Upper watershed areas statewide are being restored to safeguard freshwater resources and reduce sedimentation on reefs.*
- 5. Coastal and nearshore habitats are being restored through on-the-ground efforts via public-private, community-based partnerships.*
- 6. Environmental and cultural literacy is advanced via broad-based partnerships for grassroots capacity building.*
- 7. Young leaders are developed for careers in the conservation/natural resource management field in Hawai‘i through internships/fellowships, training, and networking opportunities.*

*GOAL II. Implement regulatory and policy measures that ensure healthier, resilient, more effectively and sustainably managed oceans well into the future.*

- 8. Ocean-related enforcement and prosecution are improved by enhancing State capacity and creating more effective, streamlined adjudication processes.*
- 9. A greater amount of our nearshore waters throughout the state are sufficiently and effectively managed to allow for healthy fisheries and habitats.*
- 10. Areas where communities are formally and actively managing marine resources are increased statewide.*
- 11. As the lead agency responsible for managing Hawaii's natural resources, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' effectiveness is improved by securing appropriate levels of support for critical natural resource initiatives.*
- 12. Climate Adaptation measures are incorporated into the majority of County planning and permitting processes.*

13. *As the lead agency responsible for managing Hawaii's stream and ocean resources, renew and improve the effectiveness of DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources' purpose and framework.*
14. *A means by which to manage resources statewide is devised and implemented that enables increased funding to the State for improved fisher data, stock assessments, enforcement and ocean user education.*

*GOAL III. Catalyze long-term, collaborative management of our ocean.*

15. *The initiatives herein are interwoven with the education promise of the Worldwide Voyage so that this network of collaboration and synergy will continue well beyond the 4-year timeframe.*
16. *The voyage is a platform for catalyzing a collaborative approach for understanding ocean solutions through discussions and reciprocal partnerships between the crew, destinations, and Hawai'i.*
17. *Sustainable funding mechanisms are initiated to support ocean stewardship in perpetuity, seeded by local and international sources of funding.*
18. *Pathways are created for community capacity-building and co-management with government toward clear marine management efforts.*
19. *Fishers and conservationists work collaboratively to solve marine resource issues in Hawai'i.*
20. *For the initiatives herein, an instrument is developed to pool data collaboratively and track progress toward improved ahupua'a-scale management.*

## **Promise to Pae'aina Organization Signatories as of July 2014**

1. Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
2. Western Pacific Regional Fishery Council
3. Conservation International, Hawaii Fish Trust
4. NOAA-NMFS
5. The Nature Conservancy
6. The Surfrider Foundation
7. State of Hawaii Office of Planning
8. State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DAR, DOCARE, CWRM, Sanctuary Office, Forestry)
9. NOAA- Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Monument
10. Hawaii Tourism Authority
11. Hawaii Green Growth Initiative
12. Hawaii Community Foundation
13. Kua'aina Ulu Auamo
14. Kamehameha Schools
15. Big Ocean Alliance
16. Polynesian Voyaging Society
17. Hawaii Conservation Alliance
18. Marine Education and Training Center
19. Office of Hawaiian Affairs
20. Kailua Canoe Club
21. Bank of Hawaii Foundation
22. Mayor of Honolulu Kirk Caldwell
23. Blue Planet Foundation
24. Matson
25. National Tropical Botanical Garden
26. Hui Maka'ainana O Makana
27. Hawaii Fashion Incubator
28. Young Brothers Ltd.
29. Bishop Museum
30. Hānau Creative
31. Hawaiian Electric Inc.
32. Finance Factors
33. Island Insurance
34. Manoa Heritage Center
35. Outrigger
36. Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo
37. Ohana Wa'a Makali'i
38. Hui Nalu Canoe Club
39. Malama Maunaloa
40. Hawaii Wildlife Center
41. Inter Fluve, inc.
42. Hanalei Watershed Hui
43. Nā Mamo O Mū'olea

44. Hui Mālama O Mo'omomi
45. Wailuku CMMA Hui
46. Polaniu Hiu
47. Maui Cultural Lands
48. Kipahulu Ohana
49. Maui Nui Marine Resources Council
50. Maunalei Ahupua'a
51. Halau Mele
52. Ka'ūpulehu Marine Life Advisory Committee
53. Pono Pacific
54. Oceanic Institute – Hawaii Pacific University
55. Kū No Ka Pono O Haleakalā
56. Haleakalā National Park
57. Ulupono Initiative
58. Frost Family Foundation
59. Hokunui Ranch
60. Weissman Family Foundation
61. Hawaiian Airlines
62. Kokua Hawaii Foundation
63. Jack and Kim Johnson