



Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

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Letter from the Superintendent

Welina mai me ke aloha,

The National Park Service (NPS) is beginning the planning process for caring for Kauleolī, a 95-acre shoreline parcel just south of Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park. We recognize the dedication and pilina (relationship) of the past and current caregivers of Kona Hema, and we are humbled to be invited to enhance and support the protection and care of this wahi kūpuna (ancestral place).

As a part of our commitment, the National Park Service will be developing a unit management plan (UMP). The UMP will identify a long-term management vision for Kauleolī and will help managers make decisions about how to best protect resources, respond proactively to environmental changes, determine what activities and experiences are desired and appropriate, and identify the facilities and infrastructure needed to support natural and cultural resource protection, as well as community and visitor uses. We have much to learn about Kauleolī and hope you can share what you know about her past, what has changed, and how she should be cared for in the future.

He Leka na ke Kahu mai

Welina mai me ke aloha,

Ke ho‘omaka nei ka ‘Oihana Pāka Aupuni (NPS) i ka hana e ho‘oponopono ai iā Kauleolī, he ‘āpana ‘āina kapa kai he 95 ‘eka ka nui ma ka hema aku o ka Pāka Aupuni o Hōnaunau. He mea nui ka pilina o nā kahu mālama o ka wā i hala a me kēia wā i ka ‘āina o Kona Hema, ua pā nō ho‘i ko mākou na‘au i ke kono ‘ia e ho‘oponopono a kāko‘o i ka mālama ‘ia o kēia ‘āina kahi i noho ai nā kūpuna.

‘O kekahi māhele o ko mākou kuleana, na ka NPS nō e kūkulu i ka papa hana ho‘omalū (UMP). Na ia papa hana nō e ho‘ākāka i ka hana ho‘omalū no kēia mua aku no Kauleolī, a he kōkua nō ia i nā luna ho‘omalū ma ka ho‘oholo ‘ana i nā lōina ho‘omalū kumu waiwai, ka ho‘oponopono ‘ana i nā mea e pono ai ka ‘āina, nā hana kūpono i makemake ‘ia, a me nā pono e pono ai no ke kāko‘o i nā kumu waiwai o ka ‘āina, a pēia nō ho‘i ka ho‘omalū ‘ana i nā lōina pili i ke kaiāulu a me ke kipa ‘ana mai o nā malihini. Nui nō ka hana e a‘o ai no Kauleolī a ke mana‘olana nei nō mākou he hiki nō iā ‘oe ke hō‘ike mai i kou ‘ike no ka mo‘olelo o ka ‘āina, nā loli i ‘ike ‘ia, a me ka hana kūpono e ho‘omalū ai i kēia mua aku.

Letter from the Superintendent

This newsletter provides an overview of the planning process, describes some preliminary ideas, and invites you to participate in the planning for Kauleolī. I hope you will share your views and ideas to help us focus the planning effort. The planning process consists of two phases. In the first phase, we will share information, pose questions like those included in this newsletter, and request feedback and comments from you. We will consolidate ideas, opportunities, and recommendations into a draft plan. During the second phase, we will share the draft plan and ask for your review and comments.

Please see the project website, parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli, for dates for the first phase of public comment and details about a community event. At this event, we will explain the planning process, answer your questions, and gather your suggestions.

We look forward to hearing from you! Your participation is a key component of this process and an important step toward collaborative stewardship of Kauleolī.

Mahalo,

Aric Arakaki, Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail,
Superintendent

He Leka na ke Kahu mai

Na kēia nūleka e ho'ākāka i ka hana ho'olālā, nāna wehewehe i kekahi mau mana'o kūkākūkā, a 'o ia ke kumu e kono 'ia nei 'oe e komo i ka hana ho'olālā no Kauleolī. Mana'olana nō wau e hō'ike mai 'oe i kou mana'o no ke kōkua mai iā mākou ma ka ho'ākāka 'ana i ka hana ho'olālā. He 'elua nō māhele o ka hana ho'olālā. Ma ka māhele mua, ho'ākāka nō mākou i kekahi mau mana'o a hāpai mākou i nā nīnau pili i ka mea i hō'ike'ike 'ia ma loko o kēia nūleka, a e noi nō mākou i kou mana'o. E hō'ulu'ulu nō mākou i nā mana'o, nā hana e hiki ai ke hana, a me nā mana'o paipai i papa hana pa'a kūikawā. Ma ka māhele 'elua, ho'ākāka mākou i ka papa hana a noi mākou iā 'oe e nānā a hō'ike mai i kou mana'o.

Ho'omaka ka māhele mua e hō'ike 'ia ai nā mana'o ma ka parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli, aia ma laila nā lā no nā hālāwai no ka lehulehu a me nā ho'ākāka 'ana. E wehewehe 'ia nō ka hana ho'olālā, pane 'ia nā nīnau, a 'ohi'ohi 'ia nā mana'o.

Nui nō ko mākou hau'oli i ka lohe mai i kou mana'o! He mea nui kou komo 'ana mai i ka hana ho'olālā, a he mea nui nō ma ka hana alu like e 'auamo ai i nā kuleana no Kauleolī.

Mahalo ā nui loa,

Aric Arakaki, Ala Hele Kahakai Aupuni, Kahu





Background

With support from the community, Kauleolī, a 95-acre shoreline parcel, was acquired by the National Park Service's Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (63 acres in 2016 and 32 acres in 2021). The unit is situated within the ahupua'a of Kauleolī, between Ki'ilae and Keālia, Kona Hema (South Kona) of Hawai'i Island (see map).

To meet legal and policy requirements and fulfill its kuleana to Kauleolī, the National Park Service must develop a long-term management plan to guide natural, cultural, and biocultural resource protection and establish appropriate uses. We can't do it without you. We have much to learn about Kauleolī and hope you can share what you know about her past, what has changed, and how she should be cared for in the future.

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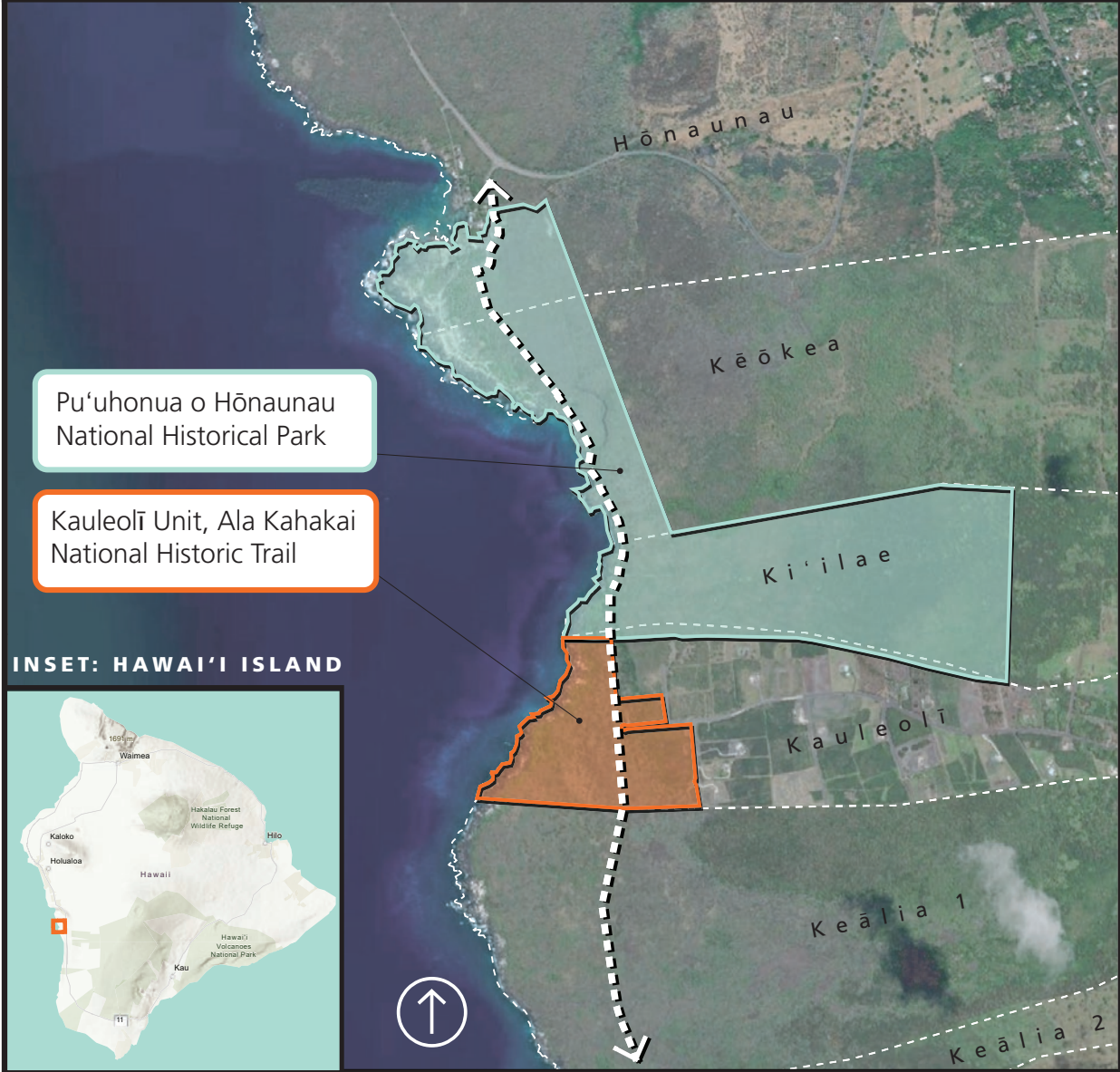
Mo'olelo Ho'okumu

Ma muli o ke kāko'o 'ana mai o ke kaiāulu, ua lawe 'ia ka 'āpana 'āina, 'o Kauleolī, he 'āpana 'āina kapa kai he 95 'eka ka nui, e ka 'Oihana Pāka Aupuni (NPS) i māhele o ke Ala Hele Kahakai Aupuni (63 'eka ma ka 2016 a he 32 'eka i ka 2021). Aia ua 'āpana lā ma ke ahupua'a o Kauleolī, aia ma waena o Ki'ilae a me Keālia, Kona Hema, Mokupuni 'o Hawai'i (nānā i ka palapala'āina).

I mea e kō ai nā koi pili kānāwai a me nā loina 'oihana, me ka ho'okō pū i nā kuleana no Kauleolī, na ka NPS nō e kūkulu i papa hana ho'omalū no kēia mua aku nāna e ho'opa'a i nā loina pili i ka ho'omalū 'ana i nā kumu waiwai a me nā hana kūpono ma luna o ka 'āina. 'A'ole hiki ke hana 'ia inā 'a'ole 'oe komo pū mai i ke kūkulu 'ana i ka papa hana. Nui ka hana e a'o ai no Kauleolī, no laila, e hō'ike mai nō 'oe i ka mea maopopo iā 'oe no ka mo'olelo o ka wā kahiko, nā loli, a me ka hana kūpono e ho'okō ai i ka hana ho'omalū.

Kauleolī Unit: South Kona

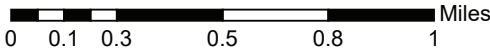
Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail



Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park

Kauleolī Unit, Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

INSET: HAWAI'I ISLAND



LEGEND

- Alanui Aupuni (Hawaiian Kingdom Road)
- Ahupua'a Boundaries

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Kauleolī is accessed on foot by using the alanui aupuni, Hawaiian Kingdom Road from Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park or Ho'okena Beach Park. The road shown on the map is part of a gated residential community.

Komo 'ia 'o Kauleolī ma ka hele wāwae 'ana nō ma ke Ale Hele o ke Aupuni Mō'ī Hawai'i mai ka Pāka Aupuni o Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau mai a i 'ole mai ka Pāka mai o Kahakai o Ho'okena. He māhele ke alanui 'ike 'ia ma ka palapala'āina o kekahi kaiāulu home noho pa'a me ka 'īpuka pā.

Planning Opportunities

To develop a plan that will recognize and support the important connections of community to Kauleolī into the future, it is important for us to learn about her past, as well as what she means to you today. For these reasons, we would like to learn the answers to these questions:

- What did Kauleolī look like in the past? What are the important parts of Kauleolī that have been lost, need protection, or deserve recognition? These could be traditions, mo'olelo, plants and animals, people, or anything else that helps define this place.
- What should Kauleolī look like in the future? What are the experiences that people should have there? What issues should be addressed? What stories need to be shared?
- What ideas do you have to achieve these goals? What can the community and the National Park Service do together to mālama Kauleolī?

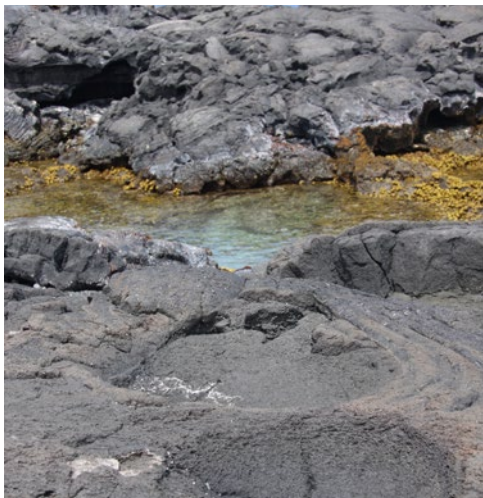
The National Park Service has a primary responsibility to ensure that natural and cultural resources are protected. To accomplish this, we feel a special responsibility to connect, reconnect, or enhance the connection of descendant 'ohana and kama'āina to the site and work together to protect and conserve the spiritual, familial, cultural, natural, educational, and scenic values of Kauleolī. The site has very limited access, primarily on foot along the alanui aupuni, Hawaiian Kingdom Road. In addition, the National Park Service must operate under a constrained budget. For these reasons, the team is open to creative and cost-effective ideas to accomplish these goals in a way that meets the needs of the community and protects the resources of Kauleolī for future generations.

Nā Hana Ho'olālā

I mea e kūkulu 'ia ai ka papa hana nāna e kāko'o i nā pilina mea nui o ke kaiāulu pili iā Kauleolī no kēia mua aku, he mea nui nō ka ho'opa'a 'ana i nā mo'olelo o ka wā i hala, a me ka mea nui o ka 'āina. 'O ia ke kumu e makemake nei mā'kou e 'ike i nā ha'ina no kēia mau nīnau ma lalo nei:

- Pehea ka nānā 'ana o Kauleolī i ka wā ma mua? He aha nā mea nui loa o Kauleolī i lilo, nā mea pono e ho'omalū 'ia, a i 'ole nā mea e ho'ohanohano ai i mua o ka lehulehu? 'O ka mo'olelo nō paha, nā lā'au nō paha me nā holoholona, nā kākā, nā mea pili i kēia 'āina.
- Pehea ka nānā 'ana o Kauleolī i kēia mua aku? He aha nā hana kūpono e hana ai ma ia wahi? He aha nā pilikia e maka'ala ai? He aha nā mo'olelo e haha'i ai?
- He aha kou mana'o e ho'okō ai i ua mau mana'o lā? Pehea e alu like ai ke kaiāulu a me ka NPS ma ka ho'omalū 'ana iā Kauleolī?

'O ke kuleana mea nui loa o ka NPS, 'o ka ho'omalū 'ana i nā kumu waiwai o ka 'āina e hō'oi ai i nā hana a nā kākā. Ma ka ho'okō 'ana i kēia kuleana, makemake nō mākou e paipai i ka pili ma waena o nā 'ohana kupa o ka 'āina a me ka 'āpana 'āina a hana pū e ho'omalū a mālama ai i nā mea e pono ai ka 'uhane, ka 'ohana, ka nohona kanaka, nā mea waiwai loa'a wale o ka 'āina, nā mea e a'o ai, a me ka nani o Kauleolī. Ma muli o ka hāiki o kahi e komo ai i ka 'āina (hele wāwae ma ke Ala Hele o ke Aupuni Mō'i Hawai'i). 'O kekahi mea nō, pono ka National Park Service e hana me ka pōkole nō o ke kālā ho'oholo. No ia kumu, ua 'olu'olu ka mana'o o nā limahana i nā mana'o hoihoi a makauli'i e ho'okō ai i kēia mau pahu hopu ma ke 'ano e kōkua ai i ka lehulehu a mālama pono i nā kumu waiwai o Kauleolī no kēia mua aku.



Preliminary Ideas

Some preliminary ideas are offered below. We welcome your opinion on these ideas and especially hope to hear additional ideas that you may have. Later in the planning process, the ideas that get carried forward will be analyzed for their potential benefits and impacts and shared again with the public as fully formed alternatives for management. Please let us know what you think of these potential strategies.

- **Amenities:** Drinking water, a small shelter using traditional thatched construction, and a restroom located near the alanui aupuni, Hawaiian Kingdom Road for work crews, community groups, and people hiking through Kauleoli.
- **Operations:** A small maintenance and storage yard located outside of the trail's viewshed, away from the coast, and on previously disturbed land. This would help serve the needs of Kauleoli and Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail on the South Kona coast.
- **Trails:** A designated interior coastal trail that follows an ancient trail. This trail would provide pedestrian access along with limited ATV (all-terrain vehicle) use for emergency evacuations, maintenance, and transporting elders to community events.
- **Community:** A day-use halau located close to the coast for events and interpretation. More opportunities to engage in community events, traditional practices, and interpretation on-site.
- **Natural, biocultural, and cultural resources:** More opportunities to work hands-on with community groups and trail staff on natural, biocultural, and cultural resource protection projects. Creation of a native plant restoration program.

Nā Mana'ō Kōkua i Kinohi

Eia ma lalo nei kekahi mau mana'ō kōkua e ho'omaka ai. Mahalo nō mākou i kou mana'ō pili i kēia mau kumuhana a mana'olana mākou e lohe mākou i nā mana'ō hou aku. 'O kekahi māhele o ka papa hana kūkulu 'oihana, 'o ka ho'oholomua aku nō i nā mana'ō e ho'okō ai a nānā i nā 'ao'ao pōmaika'i a me ka hopena e 'ike 'ia ma ka 'āina, a e hō'ike'ike 'ia aku nō i ka lehulehu i papa hana pa'a pono no ka ho'omalua 'ana. E ho'omaopopo mai iā mākou i kou mana'ō.

- **Nā Pono e Pono ai:** Ka wai inu, he hale pili maoli, he hale lua aia ma kahi o ke Ala Hele o ke Aupuni Mō'i Hawai'i no nā limahana, nā hui o ke kaiāulu, a me nā po'e holoholo wāwae ma Kauleoli.
- **Ka Ho'omalua 'Oihana:** He kahua pono lako a mālama ukana li'ili'i aia ma kahi e 'ike 'ole 'ia ai mai ke ala hele mai aia ma uka loa ma kahi i kūkulu 'ia ai nā pono i ka wā ma mua. Penei e ho'okō 'ia ai nā mea e pono ai 'o Kauleoli a me ke Ala Hele Kahakai Aupuni ma kapa kai o Kona Hema.
- **Nā Ala Hele:** He ala hele wāwae ma uka i ho'oka'awale 'ia i kū i ke ala hele o ka wā kahiko. He alanui holo ATV (all-terrain vehicle) no ka holo pakele, ka ho'oponopono, a me ka lawe 'ana i nā kūpuna i nā papa hana no ka lehulehu.
- **Ke Kaiāulu:** He hale hālau e ho'ohana 'ia ai i ke ao kokoke i ke kapa kai no nā papa hana a me ka haha'i mo'olelo 'ana. Nā hana like 'ole e komo ai ke kaiāulu, no ka hana i nā hana o ka wā kahiko, a i wahi haha'i mo'olelo.
- **Nā Kumu Waiwai o ka 'Āina a no ka Nohona Kanaka:** Nā hana hou a'e e hana pū ai me nā hui o ke kaiāulu a me nā limahana o ke ala hele pili i ka ho'omalua 'ana i nā kumu waiwai o ka 'āina a me nā mea e pono ai nā hana a kānaka. Kūkulu 'ia he māla mea kanu maoli o ka 'āina.





How to Comment

You can provide valuable insight, perspective, and ideas at this early stage of the planning process. There are several ways to provide comments. Comments will be accepted through the project website, parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli; at one of the public meetings described below; or by mailing comments to:

Kauleoli Plan, c/o Superintendent
Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail
73-4786 Kanalani Street, #14
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

During the comment period the National Park Service will host two public open house events. At these meetings, the project team will share preliminary ideas, answer your questions, gather your ideas, and learn about Kauleoli from those who are already connected to her. Please check the website below for details.

Please visit parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli for details about virtual meeting dates, locations, and times.



parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli



Ka Hana e Waiho ai i ka Mana'o

Nāu nō hō'ike mai i kou mau mana'o ma kēia māhele o ka papa hana kūkulu 'oihana ho'omalū. He mau hana nō e hō'ike'ike mai ai 'oe i kou mana'o. 'Ae 'ia nā mana'o ma ka parkplanning. nps.gov/kauleoli; ma ka hālāwai me ka lehulehu i kuhikuhi 'ia ma lalo nei, a i 'ole ma ka leka 'ana mai i kēia helu wahi:

Kauleoli Plan, c/o Superintendent
Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail
73-4786 Kanalani Street, #14
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Ma kēia wā 'ohi'ohi mana'o, na ka NPS e mālama 'elua mau hālāwai no ka lehulehu. Ma ia mau hālāwai, na ka NPS e hō'ike'ike i nā mana'o ho'okumu, pane 'ia nā nīnau, 'ohi'ohi 'ia kou mau mana'o, a pēlā e a'o ai no Kauleoli mai nā po'e like 'ole nō i kama'āina i ua 'āpana 'āina lā.

E nānā i ka 'ao'ao parkplanning.nps.gov/kauleoli no ka ho'ākāka 'ana no nā lā, nā wahi, a me nā hola o nā hālāwai ma ka pūnaewe.

In person meeting:

April 18, 2026, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden
82-6160 Hawaii Belt Rd
Captain Cook, HI 96704

**First Phase:
Begin Unit Management Plan**

Public meetings and events are held to share preliminary ideas, learn more about Kauleolī, and receive input.

The project team gathers necessary information to meaningfully evaluate the costs and effects of preliminary planning ideas.

**Second Phase:
Environmental Assessment (EA)
for the Unit Management Plan**

Working with the community and partners, the project team develops proposed actions and preliminary alternatives.

An Environmental Assessment is released for public review during the comment period.

The National Park Service selects an alternative for implementation.

The National Park Service completes a Finding of No Significant Impact (decision document).

Māhele Mua: Ho'omaka i ka Papa Hana Ho'omalū 'Āpana

Mālama 'ia nā hālāwai me ka lehulehu e kūka'i mana'o ai no ke a'o 'ana no Kauleolī

Na ka NPS e 'ohi'ohi i nā mana'o e pono ai no ka loiloi pono 'ana i nā lilo a me nā hopena e loa'a ma muli o nā mana'o ho'olālā i kinohi

**Māhele 'Elua: Loiloi 'Āina (EA)
no ka Papa Hana Ho'omalū 'Āpana**

Hana pū me ke kaiāulu a me nā hoa hui, na ka NPS e kūkulu i ka hana e pono ai a me nā mana'o hou a'e i kinohi

Ho'oku'u 'ia ka Loiloi 'Āina no ka lehulehu a 'ohi'ohi 'ia nā mana'o

Na ka NPS e koho i nā hana 'ē a'e no ka ho'okō 'ana

Na ka NPS e kūkulu i palapala Ho'oholo no nā Hopena Mea Nui (he palapala ho'oholo)