



Info | PDA/Text | Corrections | Calendars | Movies  
Obituaries | Vital Stats | Weather | Surf | Subscribe

Search

StarBulletin.com Web

Go »

## Back Issues

(1996-Present)

S | M | T | W | T | F | S

autos jobs homes  
newspaper ads travel

Star quicklinks

- Classifieds
  - Newspaper Ads
  - Government Section
- SPECIAL SECTIONS
- Island Homes
  - Food For Thought

the BIG

Reader Poll

Who should be the starting quarterback for the UH football team?

## Sections

- Local News
- Features
- Sports
- Business
- Editorial
- Travel (Sunday)
- Corrections

- Columns
- Calendars
- Movies
- Special Packages

- Subscribe
- Newsstands
- Directory
- Freelancers
- E-Mail Headlines
- RSS/XML



- Classifieds
- Autos
- Island Homes
- Jobs
- Government Section
- Bidding Advantage
- Advertise



CINDY ELLEN RUSSELL / CRUSSELL@STARBULLETIN.COM  
Earthjustice attorney David Henkin and Tetra Tech hydrologist Adam Klein discussed the Makua Environmental Impact Study during a meeting yesterday. [CLICK FOR LARGE](#)

# Army faces questions on studies of Makua

## The two studies remain available for public comment until April 3

By Robert Shikina  
[rshikina@starbulletin.com](mailto:rshikina@starbulletin.com)

Leeward resident William Aila Jr. told Army officials yesterday that studies to press their case for live-fire training in Makua Valley raised more questions than they answered.

"Is the fish safe to eat, are the crabs safe to eat, is the limu safe to eat? That's all we asked for. You haven't answered the question, you've raised more questions," Aila told Army representatives at the Waianae District Park.

Aila, who is also master of the Waianae Boat Harbor, testified at the first public comment session on the Army's two studies that focused on the impact of training at the Makua Military Reservation on the surrounding community.

Nearly two dozen community members showed up. Several testified in support of the Army while others spoke against the Army's desire for live-fire training and expressed concern about the studies.

### STUDIES AVAILABLE

The two studies that were released on Feb. 2 -- a marine resources study and an archaeological subsurface survey -- will remain available for public comment until April 3. They are posted at the Waianae, Wahiawa, Pearl City and main public libraries and also online at [www.makuaeis.com](http://www.makuaeis.com).

## Inside | Feb. 25

### Hawaii News

- » Family, friends mourn free-spirited teenager
- » Army faces questions on studies of Makua
- » Private schools to raise costs 6%
- » Surplus fuels tax reform
- » Inmates clean Hamakua Ditch
- » Army's Isle Gallery of Heroes welcomes four
- » Drug-test bill prefers saliva over urine jar
- » 'Morning after' pills confusing pharmacists
- » Legislators tour run-down college
- » Annual dining event benefits AIDS patients
- » Newswatch, Police/Fire
- » Kokua Line
- » Corky's Hawaii
- » In the Military
- » For Your Benefit
- » Kauakulahale
- » What the Heck?
- » Island Images
- » Vital Statistics
- » Obituaries
- » Corrections
- » Weather

### Features

- » Family lessons
- » Beyond the photographic
- » Bloody pursuit
- » Isle Pages
- » Da Kine
- » Honolulu Lite
- » Weekly Eater
- » Yoga For You
- » Scrivener's Sudoku

### Travel

- » Guide takes you for more than a ride
- » Isle Hopping
- » Hawaii's Back Yard
- » Airfare Rates

### Sports

- » Stacy P earns a 'V'
- » Vilorina working with new trainer for Sosa fight
- » Rainbows follow Gueye's lead
- » Seniors power Wahine
- » BYU sends Hawaii home with a sweep
- » Shockers, Rainbows play 2 today
- » Davis to follow if Glanville leaves UH



The two studies that were released on Feb. 2 -- a marine resources study and an archaeological subsurface survey -- will remain available for public comment until April 3. They are posted at the Waianae, Wahiawa, Pearl City and main public libraries and also online at [www.makuaeis.com](http://www.makuaeis.com).

Army officials didn't respond to questions raised yesterday. Instead, the hearing was an opportunity for residents to raise concerns and allow others to hear each other's thoughts, an Army spokesman said.

The Army will answer the questions and include them in a section of an environmental impact statement that is expected to be completed later this year, an official said.

California-based Tetra Tech conducted the marine resources study to determine whether the Army's use of Makua Valley caused any health hazards at Makua Beach or Makua muliwai.

A muliwai is defined as a stream mouth or small ponding area between the stream and the ocean.

Scientists tested for 63 contaminants in nine species of fish from five areas around Oahu, including Sandy Beach and Nanakuli muliwai.

Some residents complained the marine survey took too slim a sample of fish.

Others questioned the selection of the Nanakuli muliwai and Sandy beach, which were used as the control locations.

"Look at the baseline of a pristine muliwai," Aila said. "Baseline that occurred before the military showed up and started bombing."



CINDY ELLEN RUSSELL / [CRUSSELL@STARBULLETIN.COM](mailto:CRUSSELL@STARBULLETIN.COM)  
William Aila from Makua Malama studied the Makua Environmental Impact Study display yesterday. [CLICK FOR LARGE](#)

Others said the archaeological survey was incomplete, spotty, or too shallow.

Shermaih K. Iaea Jr., a retired first sergeant in the Army who fought in the Korean and Vietnam wars, said his family history traces back to Makua Valley, but he understands the Army's need to train.

"The war's going on now," he said. "When Hawaiians are up in arms trying to protest what we're trying to do right. By protesting our training, it just hurts me. I really don't know what you're protesting."

"All I know all my relatives are in heaven, they're not in Makua," he said.

In 1998, citizen group Malama Makua sued the Army, arguing federal environmental law required the Army to complete an environmental study before it could use the valley for live-fire training.

Under a federal court agreement in 2001, the Army was to stop firing live ammunition in the valley until it completed an environmental impact study. The last time the military used live ammunition in the valley was August 2004.

- » Watase, Nohara get No. 4
- » Kaiser stops Kahuku
- » Punahou rules the pool
- » Sidelines
- » Water Ways
- » Press Box
- » Notebook
- » Hawaii Beat
- » Scoreboard
- » TV & Radio

## Business

- » Fear of building
- » Hawaii Real Estate Sales
- » Tracking Hawaii's student stock pickers
- » TheBuzz
- » Your Estate Matters
- » Secrets to Success
- » WSJ Sunday
- » Dilbert

## Editorial

- » Broad tax relief should ease burden on working poor
- » Corky's Editorial Cartoon
- » On Politics
- » Gathering Place
- » Education Matters
- » Another Perspective
- » Letters

## Columns | Feb. 25

### Corky's Hawaii

Corky Trinidad

### Kokua Line

June Watanabe

### In the Military

Gregg K. Kakesako

### What the Heck?

John Heckathorn

### Island Images

S-B Photographers

### Honolulu Lite

Charles Memminger

### Yoga For You

Ray Madigan & Shelley Choy

### Weekly Eater

Nadine Kam

### Hawaii's Back Yard

Cheryl Tsutsumi

### Sidelines

Kalani Simpson

### Water Ways

Ray Pendleton

### Press Box

Cindy Luis

### TheBuzz

Erika Engle

### Editorial Cartoon

Corky Trinidad

### On Politics

Richard Borreca

## Tools

[Email this article](#)  
[Email this article](#)

[Printer-friendly](#)

[E-mail City Desk](#)

Vince Dodge, a Waianae resident and member of Malama Makua, said he liked the format of the meeting despite his reservations about the study, which he called flawed.

"It's a place where we learn and inspire each other. Because the goal is to get good information, this works for us," he said.

Col. Howard Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, said after nearly 25 meetings with Malama Makua and public groups he hadn't heard anything new yesterday.

He added that the studies are only a starting point for the Army, which will continue doing research.

David Henkin, an attorney for Earthjustice, a nonprofit law firm representing Malama Makua, said, "the sooner they (the Army) live up to their agreement, the sooner this process will come to an end. We want it to come to an end, but we want it to be good information."

[BACK TO TOP](#)

© Honolulu Star-Bulletin -- <http://archives.starbulletin.com>



[Subscribe to the Print Edition](#)

In partnership with



**Copyright © 2007 starbulletin.com. All rights reserved.**

[News](#) | [Business](#) | [Features](#) | [Sports](#) | [Editorial](#) | [Calendars](#)

[Subscribe](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Advanced Search](#)

[Info](#) | [Letter to Editor](#) | [Feedback](#)

500 Ala Moana Blvd. #7-210, Honolulu, HI 96813 808-529-4747

As featured on

