

Limu Workshop Announcement

WHAT: Oceanic Institute Limu Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

WHERE: Oceanic Learning Center,
Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University
41-202 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Waimanalo, Hawaii
(Entrance is across from Makai Pier)

WHY: Oceanic Institute and partners recently completed a study titled, *Development of an Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture System to Restore Hawaii's Vulnerable Limu (Seaweed) Populations*. The study was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Saltonstall-Kennedy Program. Project participants include Oceanic Institute, College of Natural and Computational Sciences at Hawaii Pacific University, Paepae o He`eia, and Mr. Wally Ito, resident limu expert and former Limu Hui Coordinator, Kua`āina Ulu `Auamo (KUA). Project participants will present data from the study and explore answers to the following questions:

- 1) Can aquaculture effluent be used to grow limu?
- 2) Can limu serve as an effective biofilter to remove nutrients from aquaculture effluent?
- 3) Can limu be grown effectively in Hawaiian fishponds?
- 4) How can we grow enough limu to sell into markets and provide for outplanting into our nearshore ecosystems?



ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

This workshop will be used as a platform to share results from our NOAA-funded study and to stimulate discussion about how we can increase local limu production to benefit our communities. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please RSVP to Ms. Lisa Akamine at Lisa.Akamine@hpu.edu no later than Monday, February 26. Please note seating capacity is limited so RSVP early to reserve a space.

We hope to see you there!