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RESTORATION EFFORTS ON KAHO‘OLAEW:
Charting A Way Forward

This legislative session, state lawmakers will decide whether to provide Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission, the state agency tasked with overseeing the restoration of Kaho‘olawe, with necessary funding. These funds are essential for the Commission to continue its rehabilitation and maintenance of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve. If the Commission fails, it will likely have to lay off employees and shut down its volunteer program, “the lifeblood of restoration work on an island that many Native Hawaiians consider sacred . . . the first land of a sovereign nation to come.”

Michael Naho‘opi‘i is the Executive Director of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission and has been involved with Kaho‘olawe from virtually every perspective in its recent history. A long-time Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO) member and former U.S. Navy Officer-in-Charge of Kaho‘olawe during the conveyance of the island to the State of Hawai‘i, he was a senior manager during the early Model Cleanup and the later Navy Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance project.

Davianna Pomaika‘i McGregor is a Professor and founding member of the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Her work documents the persistence of traditional Hawaiian cultural customs, beliefs, and practices in rural Hawaiian communities. Dr. McGregor has been a Protect Kaho‘olawe Ohana supporter and organizer since its founding in 1976. For the past 25 years, she has served as the primary spokesperson and liaison for the PKO, first with the U.S. Navy, then with the Kaho‘olawe Island Conveyance Commission.

Moderated by Professor Linda Krieger. Linda is a Professor of Law and Director of the Ulu Lehua Scholars Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law. Professor Krieger volunteered on Kaho‘olawe for the first time in February 2014. She was recently featured in the Honolulu Civil Beat article, “Promised Land: Will Kahoolawe Ever Be Saved?”