

Oasis of the Pacific

Time is Running Out



Featured experts:

Paul Achitoff- Managing Attorney for Earthjustice (www.earthjustice.org)

Paul graduated from Harvard College and Columbia Law School. After litigating at law firms in Los Angeles and Honolulu, Paul joined Earthjustice in 1994, where he is the managing attorney of the Hawai'i office. Some of Paul's successes have included rulings banning swordfish longlining from some seven million square miles of the Central Pacific to protect endangered sea turtles, closing the commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands to protect endangered monk seals, and restoring stream flow to O'ahu's windward watersheds.

Hannah Bernard- Vice President for Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (www.wildhawaii.org)

Hannah Bernard is the Vice President and cofounder of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund. She is an award-winning marine biologist with 20 years experience in conducting research, education and community outreach programs on protected marine life. She is currently a board member of the Sierra Club's National Marine Wildlife and Habitat Committee, and the federally- appointed Pacific Scientific Review Group and Pacific Cetacean Take Reduction team.

David Gulko- Coral Reef Biologist with the Division of Aquatic Resources for the State of Hawai'i

Biologist, marine educator, SCUBA instructor, research diver, resource manager- David Gulko has explored Hawaiian reefs for over 20 years, often sharing his sense of awe, sense of wonder, and sense of respect for these unique habitats with those whom he encounters. Along the way he's authored or edited many scientific papers, educational publications and two books. He continues to be a strong advocate for people to take more responsibility for Hawaii's reefs.

Cha Smith- Executive Director for KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance (www.kahea.org)

Cha has worked on environmental justice and human rights issues for over thirty years. Moving to Hawai'i in 1996, Cha now serves as Executive Director and organizational coordinator for KAHEA. Besides working for indigenous rights, various environmental issues and assisting grassroots organizations with development and organizing strategies, she currently serves on the Regional Council of the Pesticide Action Network, North America.

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