

Oasis of the Pacific

Time is Running Out



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Documentary Warns Shoreline Sprawl, Pollution and Indiscriminate Fishing Practices are Causing the Collapse of Hawaii's Marine Ecosystem

Kaua'i Screening

Haiku, Maui: zeroimpact productions (www.zeroimpactproductions.com/op.html) announce the Kaua'i Premiere of their feature documentary *Oasis of the Pacific: Time is Running Out*. The film will screen July 1st at the Kaua'i Community College Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm, followed by a question and answer session with the filmmakers. The event is sponsored by KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance (www.kahea.org). Tickets are \$8 and are on sale at both Snorkel Bob Stores (www.snorkelbob.com); in Koloa and Kapa'a starting Wednesday, June 22nd or you can pay cash at the door.

After a successful World Premiere at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center on June 9th, *Oasis of the Pacific* continues to tour the Hawaiian Islands. Go to www.zeroimpactproductions.com/opages/popupmauicommments.html to see photo's and watch video of what people on Maui said after the premiere.

"I thought it was a fabulous film, it put together all aspects of our marine environment that is under threat. It was very chilling to see it put together in that manner... to see the magnitude of the problem that we're facing", commented Michelle Anderson, South Maui County Council member.

Oasis of the Pacific is a 58-minute documentary that takes viewers on a revealing journey through the stunning yet endangered undersea world of the Hawaiian Islands. Striking imagery of the underwater realm is juxtaposed with the harsh and ugly realities of three major anthropogenic impacts currently overwhelming marine life in Hawai'i: shoreline sprawl, pollution and overfishing.

Concerned marine biologists, experts from environmental organizations and Hawai'i residents passionately speak out against concrete sprawl and muddy runoff, pollution from irresponsible agricultural and land use practices and the mountains of plastic and derelict fishing gear found throughout the archipelago.

Also disclosed is how illicit violations committed within the fishing industry are leading to the extinction of some of the most threatened animals in the world. Paul Achitoff, the managing attorney for the Honolulu Office of Earthjustice elaborates "the fisheries in the United States are managed in a classic fox in the henhouse manner by regional fisheries management councils that are staffed almost exclusively by commercial fishing interests."

"*Oasis of the Pacific* describes the role each of us can play in securing our future generations with a legacy of as rich and varied an ocean as we were fortunate enough to inherit and I hope it will leave the viewer with a newfound sense of appreciation and awareness for Hawaii's marine life" explains the producer Marie Le Boeuf. She says the companion website shouldn't be overlooked by anyone interested in Hawaii's near-shore waters; "it's a huge reservoir of facts, downloadable files and over thirty videos."

The release of the documentary on DVD is slated for October 15, 2005 however specially discounted pre-release DVD orders will be collected at the screening and 20% of these sales go directly to KAHEA's campaign to save the Hawaiian Monk Seal and keep the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands pristine.

The dual-layer DVD will be packaged using 100% recycled materials with minimal waste and includes over 45 minutes of bonus footage including extended interviews with the featured experts and an interactive Hawaiian Marine Life Guide.

Oasis of the Pacific will continue to screen throughout the islands this summer. The website will stay up-to-date with these events. **Film reviewers: to receive a preview copy of the documentary or attend, please email marie@zeroimpactproductions.com. Interviews with the filmmakers may be arranged.**

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