

William Ailā, Jr., Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman

William Ailā, Jr. currently serves as the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission who also serves as the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and previously served as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He worked as a harbor agent for the Waianae Boat Harbor, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, DLNR and spent more than 25 years as a commercial fisherman. William has served on the Hawai‘i Fishermen’s Foundation, the Ukani Po Advisory Council, the North-Western Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Council, the U.S. Army Ordinance Reef Advisory Committee, Advisory Group to the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, National Marine Protected Areas Advisory Council, and was honored to be a part of the formation of the Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Monument.