

## **Indigenous Water Knowledge and Values in a Hawaiian Context**

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OLA I KA WAI - Water is Life! Wai, the very name for water in the Hawaiian language is prominently embedded in the name HA-WAI-I. It is also captured in the word for law and proper behavior, Kanawai! Join us as Kumu Ramsay Taum shares the deeper cultural and spiritual meaning and significance of waters it was embraced by his kupuna, (elders and wisdom keepers).

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