



'ALENUIHĀHĀ CHANNEL

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The road around the rugged southern coast of Maui to Kaupō reveals storm clouds over the 'Alenuihāhā (great billows smashing) Channel that separates Maui from Hawai'i island. The channel stretches 29.6 miles and is 6,100 feet deep. The 'Alenuihāhā channel is marked by the strong currents and open ocean swells. Gusts can reach up to five times more velocity than surrounding waters.

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