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The Buzz

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Chef Fred surfs to the North Shore

TURTLE BAY RESORT will open a new restaurant Dec. 1 on the site of the Sand Bar concession. Chef-owner Fred DeAngelo and partners are developing the 125-seat restaurant, to be named Ola, which in Hawaiian means life, living, healthy or alive.

Three of DeAngelo's four partners and the restaurant's sous chef are of Hawaiian ancestry, so, "we felt it was important to be true to our culture," he said.

The meanings of Ola "we felt, most captured the mana of this new restaurant."

The sole employee of the Sand Bar will be relocated to the resort's soon-to-be-expanded beach services area.

DeAngelo was most recently executive chef at Tiki's Grill & Bar, that won awards; before that he was executive chef at Palomino, that won awards. He came up through other Hawaii restaurants including Black Orchid and Gaylord's on Kauai.

He plan to make use of "the excellent local products grown within miles of the restaurant, including a variety of fresh vegetables and seafood," he said.

DeAngelo has done something only a few Hawaii chefs have done -- host a dinner at the James Beard House in New York, sort of a holy grail opportunity for culinary glitterati.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with one of Hawaii's most prominent young chefs," said Abid Butt, general manager and vice president of Turtle Bay. He sees development of the new restaurant as a potential "win-win for everyone involved. Seeing more economic benefit happen on the North Shore is part of our mission," he said.

Hurrah up and wait

HAWAII Public Radio has won its long-delayed effort to change the KIPO-FM 89.3 transmitter site and boost its power, receiving approval from the Federal Communications Commission last week.