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Mary Lou
Dear Mrs. Kobayashi:

The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), Coastal Programs Division (CPD), has completed review of Hawaii's 2010 Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Section 309 Final Assessment and Strategy received by OCRM on October 28, 2010. We commend you and your staff on your efforts. OCRM is pleased to inform you that we approve Hawaii's Assessment and Strategy. OCRM further concurs with the State's designated priority levels for the nine enhancement areas.

The Hawaii Coastal Management Program is eligible for FY2011-2015 weighted formula funds to implement the work plan as presented in the State's Strategy. The HICZMP is also eligible to apply for Projects of Special Merit competitive funding to support those Strategies that focus on one or more of the priority enhancement areas objectives: Wetlands; Hazards; Cumulative and Secondary Impacts; and Ocean and Great Lakes Resources (including planning for offshore energy uses).

We appreciate the time and effort you and your staff put into this process, as well as your continued support and participation in the Enhancement Grants Program. We also appreciate your program's collaboration with CPD staff in completing the documents. OCRM looks forward to working together to achieve the goals you have set for Hawaii, and again we offer our congratulations.

Sincerely,

John R. King
Chief, Coastal Programs Division