

Layer Name: Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) Layers (Multiple Layers) - Unverified

File Name: ORMAs_Designated, ORMAs_Non-Designated, ORMAs_Additional,
ORMAs_RecThrill_Prohibited and ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DAR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

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Description: Descriptions of individual layers appear on the following pages.

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Source: DLNR/Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR); Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative (HCRI), June, 2019, Updated February 2024

For more information about these datasets, please contact the [Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation \(DOBOR\)](#).

Attributes: Attribute descriptions for individual layers appear on the following pages.

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Layer Name: Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) – Additional - **Unverified**

File Name: ORMAs_Additional

(Note – see also ORMAs_Designated, ORMAs_Non-Designated, ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas, ORMAs_RecThrill_Prohibited)

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DOBOR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

Description: Additional Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) (Unverified): ORMA zones defined in HAR Chapters outside of Ch. 256 (includes Ch. 244, 251, and 254). This layer is "unverified." Boundaries were generated using the HAR rule descriptions and other DLNR Division of Boating and Outdoor Recreation (DOBOR) documents, **but they have not been officially verified.**

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Attributes:

Polygons:

Name:	Full name of site, including diacritical marks
Legislation_Reference:	Link to the Hawaii Revised Statutes pertaining to the site
Defined_Area:	Text description of the area defining the ORMA
Restrictions:	Restrictions for the ORMA
Additional_Information:	Any additional information about the ORMA
General_Commercial_Permitting_Information:	General Commercial Permitting Information related to the ORMA as described in the administrative rule
Short_Name:	Short name of the ORMA
Designation:	Designation
HAR_link:	Link to the Hawai'i Administrative Rules pertaining to the site
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Layer Name: Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) – Designated - **Unverified**

File Name: ORMAs_Designated

(Note – see also ORMAs_Non-Designated, ORMAs_Additional, ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas)

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DOBOR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

Summary: Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) (Unverified): All designated ORMA zones as defined in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Ch. 256. This layer is "unverified." Boundaries were generated using the HAR rule descriptions and other DLNR Division of Boating and Outdoor Recreation (DOBOR) documents, **but they have not been officially verified.**

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Source: DLNR/Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR); Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative (HCRI); Update **February 2024** (adjustment to the Ho'okipa area boundaries).

Description: **Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs):**

Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) are established to (1) provide for increased public access; (2) reduce user conflicts; (3) promote overall public safety; and (4) avoid possible adverse impacts on humpback whales or other protected marine life (13-256-16). The designated areas also are established to control certain commercial activities to specifically designated locations and time periods as well as place limits on equipment types. Both recreational and commercial vessels may use designated areas when the permitted activity is not taking place and may cross the area at all times with caution. There are specifically designated zones for ocean recreation activity within these ORMAs, and zones assigned to qualified permittees for commercial use.

In areas designated for a specific use, if another use is not specifically restricted, that use is presumed to be allowed in addition to the use for which the area is designated, unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter.

All other waters of the state within three thousand feet seaward of the base line of the territorial sea are established as non-designated ocean recreation management areas subject to this chapter. These boundaries can be found in another layer.

See also Non-Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas, Additional Ocean Recreation Management Areas and Tow-In Surfing Areas.

For more information about this dataset, please contact the [Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation](#).

Attribute definitions and contact information on next page

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Defined_Area:	Text description of the area defining the ORMA
Restrictions:	Restrictions for the ORMA
Additional_Information:	Any additional information about the ORMA
General_Commercial_Permitting_Information:	General Commercial Permitting Information related to the ORMA as described in the administrative rule
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Layer Name: Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) – Non-Designated - **Unverified**

File Name: ORMAs_Non-Designated

(Note – see also ORMAs_Designated, ORMAs_Additional, ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas, ORMAs_RecThrill_Prohibited)

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DOBOR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

Summary: Non-Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) (Unverified): All waters outside of designated ORMAs but within 3000 ft. seaward of the shoreline, as defined in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Ch. 256. This layer is "unverified." Boundaries were generated using the HAR rule descriptions and other DLNR Division of Boating and Outdoor Recreation (DOBOR) documents, **but they have not been officially verified.**

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Source: DLNR/Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR); Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative (HCRI), **February, 2024**

Description: Non-Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs):

Designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) (found in another layer) are established to (1) provide for increased public access; (2) reduce user conflicts; (3) promote overall public safety; and (4) avoid possible adverse impacts on humpback whales or other protected marine life (13-256-16). The designated areas also are established to control certain commercial activities to specifically designated locations and time periods as well as place limits on equipment types. For more information, please see the Designation ORMA layer.

All other waters of the state within three thousand feet seaward of the base line of the territorial sea are established as non-designated ocean recreation management areas subject to this chapter.

Non-designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas (this layer) prohibit the commercial use of controlled ocean sports. In these areas off the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii, recreational (i.e. non-commercial) thrill craft may operate in State waters only from 500 feet from the shore line (or outer edge of a fringing reef). Commercial or recreational use of controlled ocean sports equipment is prohibited around the islands of Lanai and Molokai. Similar rules are pending for Kahoolawe. There are no ingress/egress corridors established in non-designated Ocean Recreation Management Areas. Thus, motorized commercial vessels may not land and/or pick up passengers in these locations.

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Legislation_Reference:	Link to the Hawaii Revised Statutes pertaining to the site
Defined_Area:	Text description of the area defining the Non-Designated ORMA
Restrictions:	Restrictions for the Non-Designated ORMA
Short_Name:	Short name of the Non-Designated ORMA
Designation:	Designation
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Layer Name: ORMAs - Ocean Recreational Thrill Craft – Prohibited - **Unverified**

File Name: ORMAs_RecThrill_Prohibited

(Note – see also ORMAs_Designated, ORMAs_NonDesignated, ORMAs_Additional, ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas)

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DOBOR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

Summary: Ocean Recreation Management Areas - **Recreational Thrill Craft Prohibited Areas** (Unverified): Recreational Thrill Craft Prohibited Zones as defined in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Ch. 256. This layer is "unverified." Boundaries were generated using the HAR rule descriptions and other DLNR Division of Boating and Outdoor Recreation (DOBOR) documents, **but they have not been officially verified.**

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Description: **Ocean Recreation Management Areas - Recreational Thrill Craft Prohibited Areas:**

Thrill craft operations shall be prohibited in state waters surrounding the island of Kahoolawe, Lanai, Molokai and Niihau. See HAR section [13-256](#).

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Layer Name: Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) – Tow In Surfing Areas - **Unverified**

File Name: ORMAs_TowIn_SurfingAreas

(Note – see also ORMAs_Designated, ORMAs_Non-Designated, ORMAs_Additional, ORMAs_RecThrill_Prohibited)

Layer Type: Polygon

Status: Will be updated as needed by DOBOR

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 4 (Meters), NAD 83 HARN

Description: Ocean Recreation Management Area (ORMA) Tow In Surfing Areas (Unverified): ORMA Tow In Surfing Areas, defined in a separate section of HAR Chapter 256 from designated ORMAs. This layer is "unverified." Boundaries were generated using the HAR rule descriptions and other DLNR Division of Boating and Outdoor Recreation (DOBOR) documents, **but they have not been officially verified.**

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