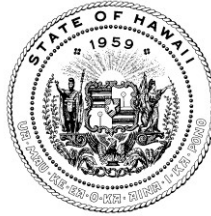


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November 4, 2021

Ms. Mary Alice Evans, Director
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c/o Environmental Review Program
235 South Beretania Street, 6th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for Sanctuary Designation Overlay
at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Dear Ms. Evans:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) requests the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the initiation of a national marine sanctuary designation overlay at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument be published in the November 23, 2021 issue of the Environmental Review Program's (ERP's) periodic bulletin, *The Environmental Notice*.

The proposed action is the initiation of the national marine sanctuary designation process, as directed by Congress, for contiguous marine portions of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument located in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands. The project site falls under the Conservation Land Use District, (Resource and Protective Subzones), has no applicable Tax Map Keys, and is located within the Honolulu judicial district. Under the provisions of Act 172 (SLH 2012) and pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 343-5(e) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 11-200.1-14(d)(2), DLNR is authorized to conduct an environmental impact statement (EIS) level analysis in cooperation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), and the US Fish and Wildlife service (FWS), in accordance with the 2017 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Co-Trustees for Promoting Coordinated Management of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and Expansion. A single, joint EIS will be prepared to comply with both the Hawai'i Environmental Impact Statement Laws and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as allowed under HAR § 11-200.1-31.

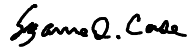
The required publication forms and files, including the completed ERP publication form and an electronic copy of the EISPN, have been provided via the ERP online submission platform. As required by HAR § 11-200.1-5(e)(4)(B), paper copies of the EISPN have been submitted to the Hawai'i State Library (Hawai'i Document Center) on O'ahu, and the Princeville Public Library on Kaua'i.

Pursuant to HAR § 11-200.1-23(c), publication of the EISPN in *The Environmental Notice* initiates a public comment period for parties to provide comments regarding potential effects of the proposed action. As this will be a joint state/federal EIS, to better align the HRS Chapter 343 and NEPA scoping periods

and to allow the public more time to participate in the scoping process, DLNR would like to request an extension of the comment period beyond 30 days, but not to exceed 60 days from the publication date. A concurrent federal Notice of Intent was submitted by NOAA ONMS and FWS and published in the Federal Register, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>.

Should you have any questions about the EISPN, you may contact Dr. Ryan Okano, Program Manager, Ecosystem Protection, at ryan.ly.okano@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Copy: Governor David Ige

Enclosures: (1) Completed ERP Publication form
(2) Summary description of action in electronic format

From: webmaster@hawaii.gov
To: [DBEDT OPSD Environmental Review Program](#)
Subject: New online submission for The Environmental Notice
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:47:03 AM

Action Name

National Marine Sanctuary Designation Overlay at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Type of Document/Determination

Environmental impact statement preparation notice (EISPN)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)

- (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
- (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district
- (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
- (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register

Judicial district

Honolulu, O'ahu

Tax Map Key(s) (TMK(s))

N/A

Action type

Agency

Other required permits and approvals

Federal, State, and local permits, authorizations or consultations may be required for the Proposed Action, including consultation under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq., Hawai'i Historic Preservation Review, HRS Chapter 6E-8 and HAR Chapter 13-275, consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., and Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management Act, Hawai'i Conservation District, HRS Chapter 183C and HAR Chapter 13-5, and possibly reviews under other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the proposed action. To the fullest extent possible, NOAA and the state of Hawai'i will prepare the DEIS concurrently with, and integrated with, analyses required by other federal environmental review requirements, and the DEIS will list all federal permits, licenses, and other authorizations that must be obtained in implementing the proposed action.

Proposing/determining agency

Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Public Scoping Meeting information

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6 p.m. HST; Saturday, December 11, 2021, 12 p.m. HST; Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6 p.m. HST; Thursday, December 16, 2021, 3 p.m. HST Virtual (visit <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/papahanaumokuakea/>) to register

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Was this submittal prepared by a consultant?

No

Action summary

The State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in coordination with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) are to begin scoping and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for a national marine sanctuary designation overlay at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as directed by the U.S. Congress.

Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)

- [EISPN_Sanctuary-Designation-final-for-publication-in-12-8-21-TEN.pdf](#)
- [Letter-of-Determination_PMNM-Sanctuary-Overlay-signed.pdf](#)

Action location map

- [pmnm-map-sanctuary-designation-new-0152.zip](#)

Authorized individual

Kendra Babcock

Authorization

- The above named authorized individual hereby certifies that he/she has the authority to make this submission.