To:        Brian J. J. Choy, Director
           Office of Environmental Quality Control

From:     John P. Keppeler II, Acting Chairperson
           Board of Land and Natural Resources

Subject:  Negative Declaration for Reconstruct Loading Dock and
           Improve washdown at Kehei Boat Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii
           Job H. C. 2295

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In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal
environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the subject
project. No comments were received from the public and we have
determined that the project will not have significant impacts on
the environment. Based on the foregoing, we are filing a Negative
Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative
Declaration and a completed OEQC Form for publication in the OEQC
Bulletin.

This project is under the jurisdiction of DLNR Division of Boating
and Ocean Recreation, however, its design is being managed by the
proposing agency, DOT Harbors Division.

Should you have any questions, please contact Emilio Barroga, Jr.
of the DOT Harbors Division at 587-1955.

Enc.  Negative Declaration
       OEQC Publication Form
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
RECONSTRUCT LOADING DOCK AND IMPROVE WASHDOWN
AT KEEHI BOAT HARBOR, OAHU
JOB NO. C. 2295

A. APPLICANT
Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
The Keehi Boating Advisory Committee, numerous boating
clubs and fishing clubs, and other boaters who utilize
the harbor facility overwhelmingly support the proposed
project.

The proposed project will be coordinated with the
following agencies, and permits will be secured as
required.

1. Corps of Engineers - Department of the Army Permit
2. Department of Health - Water Quality
3. Office of State Planning - CZM

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of demolishing one
of the two existing wooden loading docks and
constructing a larger reinforced concrete loading
dock with jib crane/fish scale. Other related
work includes construction of pump-out facility,
improvements to the washdown area and installation
of additional hose bibbs.

2. Economic - Social

Keehi Boat Harbor is located on the south shore of
Oahu between downtown Honolulu and Honolulu
International Airport and is a popular boating
facility in Hawaii. The popularity of the area is
due to its quiet waters and proximity to a large
section of Honolulu population. The harbor is
constructed on coral fill and has two boat
launching ramps, wooden loading docks, ten piers and catwalks, water and nearby restroom. A recreational pavilion constructed by the boaters was dedicated to the State of Hawaii. There are two roads which lead to this facility, a paved internal roadway which aligns along the shoreline, a small landscaped parcel, and paved parking areas.

There will be no dredging for this project.

3. Environmental

The proposed reinforced concrete loading dock will be constructed over the water at the location of the existing wooden loading dock to be demolished. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

The proposed project will not significantly change or disrupt the present use of the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The project site is located in Keelhi Boat Harbor located on the Island of Oahu as shown on the attached location map, (see attached drawings). The harbor is constructed on a coral fill and does not contain any historical or archeological sites. No endangered wildlife lives in the harbor.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicate that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Generate controversy;
2. Alter the existing topography of the land or character of its use;
3. Cause the displacement of any person;
4. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animals, plants, or habitats;
5. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources,
except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project;

6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;

7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines, and;

8. Degrade the environmental quality.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment by providing a harbor with more enjoyable source of recreation.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction of the project, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and internal combustion engine emissions. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dissipated in the open area.

Estimated construction time is 100 working days.

The alternative to the proposed project is no action. No action will result in inefficient loading dock and inadequate washdown areas.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction.

I. DETERMINATION

Since no major or significant adverse impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

J. REASONS

The reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in sections F and G of this Negative Declaration. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project has been determined
temporary and insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established boating facility has no significant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

John P. Keppeler II, Acting Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Attachments
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DATUM: 0.00' MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NAME OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER: DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN: KEELI BOAT HARBOR
AT: KALIHI
COUNTY OF: HONOLULU
STATE: HAWAII
APPLICATION BY: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HARBORS DIVISION
SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

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PRELIMINARY SECTION THRU PROPOSED LOADING DOCK

NOT TO SCALE

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