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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION - NAWILIWILI BOAT HARBOR  
IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI - JOB H. C. 8077

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal Environmental Assessment (EA) 30-day review period for subject project. We have not received any comments from the public. We have determined that the action will not have a significant impact. Therefore, we are submitting it as a Negative Declaration.

This project is being undertaken by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Harbors Division, Department of Transportation, is providing technical assistance.

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

Please contact Napoleon Agraan at 587-1954 if you have any question.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
NAWILIWILI BOAT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI  
NAWILIWILI, HAWAII  
JOB H. C. 8077

A. APPLICANT

Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

The Boating Task Force, commercial fishermen, all users and visitors of the harbor were consulted. They unanimously supported the proposed project.

The 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 the State Planning - CZM
4. Kauai, Planning Department - Special Management Area permit

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of the following:

1. Construction of three 55-foot fixed-finger piers at Berth A.
2. Construction of a new pier, Berth C approximately 275 long, as "fixed" pile-supported or floating pier complete with electrical power, lighting and water system.
3. Construction of a new pier, 20 feet wide by 150 feet long, complete with lighting, electrical power, and water system including a jib crane and sewage pump with discharge system. The sewage pump will be connected to the existing sewage treatment plant within the boat harbor.
4. Construction of new paved parking area for Berth C and approach road to the loading dock including area lighting.

5. Removal of existing wooden floating pier and relocation of existing monument at the approach of the new loading pier.

There will be no dredging in this project.

## 2. Economic - Social

Nawiliwili Boat Harbor is located on the southeast coast of Nawiliwili Bay about one mile south of the island's county seat of Lihue and adjacent the Nawiliwili Harbor, the principal port on the island of Kauai. Existing facilities at the boat harbor include a comfort station, finger piers, launching ramp, washdown area, loading dock and paved parking area. The entrance channel to the boat harbor has been dredged to 12 feet and the mooring basin to approximately 6 to 12 feet. The boat harbor has a mooring capacity of 48 boats at catwalks and pier with 38 boats presently moored. As of June 30, 1993, there are 48 valid applications on file for boat mooring. This project will provide 28 new boat mooring when completed.

The proposed project will be constructed over water and on land. 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 adverse environmental effects described in paragraphs G and H are expected to be brief and associated only with the construction of the project. The harbor does not contain any historical or archeological sites. No endangered wildlife live in the harbor.

### F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The effect of this project upon the environment has been determined to be insignificant. The construction of the 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 persons;
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 the improvements;
6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;
7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policy goals, or guidelines; and
8. Degrade the environmental quality.

The implementation of this project will be beneficial for the State by providing additional berths, loading dock and parkings at the boat harbor.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction period, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and emissions from internal combustion engines associated with the construction. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dispersed in the open area.

Alternative to the proposed project is to reduce the scope of work. However, all the planned improvements are vital to the efficient operation of the harbor.

The alternative of "No project" would perpetuate the lack of additional piers for berthing and loading at the boat harbor.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

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

I. DETERMINATION

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

J. REASONS

Reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in Sections F and G of this Draft Environmental Assessment. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project had been determined to be insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an

established harbor has an insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long-term.

Keith W. Ahue  
Keith W. Ahue, Chairman  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

October 26, 1993  
Date

Attachments