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To: Brian J. J. Choy, Director
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From: Keith W. Ahue, Chairperson
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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION - LAHAINA BOAT HARBOR
IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI - JOB H. C. 4155

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 is 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.

Enc. OEQC Pub Form

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1994-01-23-MA-FA-Lahaina Boat Harbor
Improvements

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
LAHAINA BOAT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI
MAUI, HAWAII
JOB H. C. 4155

A. APPLICANT

Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

The Lahaina Boat Harbor Advisory Committee, 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. Maui, Planning Department - Special Management Area permit
2. Department of Health - Commission on Persons with Disabilities
3. County of Maui Historic Commission permit

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of the following:

- A. Installation of 12-inch-diameter watermain along Hotel and Canal Streets for fire protection including 6-inch laterals with fire hydrants, hose cabinets with dry foam containers, additional waterline for landscaping and new supply line for the existing rest room.
- B. Construction of a 12-foot-wide access stairway and a handicap ramp within the existing rockwall.

There will be no dredging in this project.

2. Economic - Social

The town of Lahaina, largest in West Maui, is situated on the northwest coast of the Island of Maui, State of Hawaii. A historic whaling center and the first capital

of Hawaii, Lahaina is becoming increasingly important as a tourist attraction.

The existing Lahaina Boat Harbor is near the center of the town. It has an area of 80,000 square feet and a capacity of about 93 small craft. It is protected by a L-shaped offshore breakwater, which is 1,000 feet long and founded on a fringing coral reef.

A marginal wharf, which is near the shore and extends 300 feet parallel with it, was constructed in 1966. An additional marginal wharf, located along the inner toe of the breakwater, was constructed in 1971 and has legs extending 180 feet seaward and 390 feet parallel to the shore. The wharf parallel to the shore was extended 240 feet toward the channel entrance in 1984. The deck of the wharf is wood, 4 feet, 6 inches wide, at an elevation of +4.0 feet M.L.L.W. (Mean Lower Low Water) and mounted on concrete piles.

A new berthing structure for the historical vessel CARTHAGINIAN was completed in early 1989. Construction includes a concrete dock for boarding visitors, additional docking and loading space within Lahaina pier and a new Harbor Attendant's Office. The new dock and loading space have greatly eliminated much of the existing congestion and waiting periods for vessels to dock and load passengers within the pier.

3. Environmental

The proposed project will be constructed mainly on land within harbors and a portion of the County of Maui property.

The proposed improvements will temporarily disrupt the use of the existing harbor and a portion of the County property but only for a short duration during construction. 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 fire protection within the 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 a reduced 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 fire protection within 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.

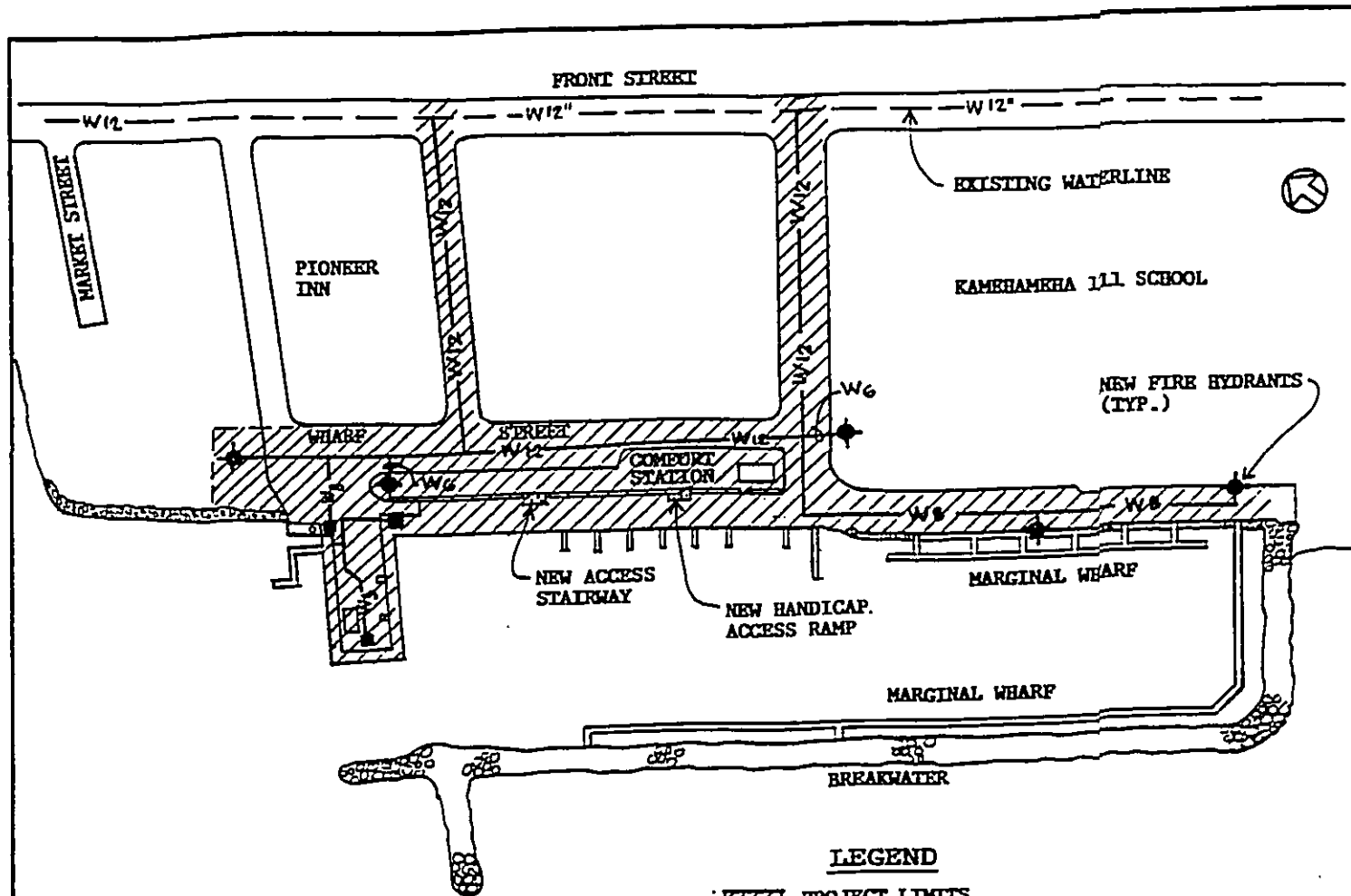







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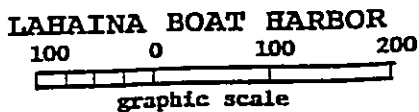
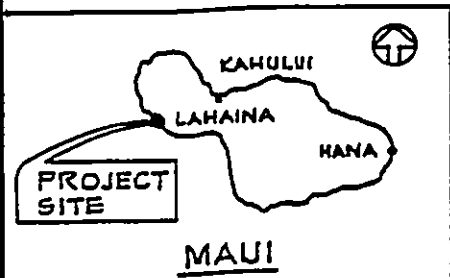
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Attachments



- LEGEND**
-  PROJECT LIMITS
 -  NEW ACCESS STAIRWAY AND HANDICAP RAMP
 -  NEW FIRE HYDRANTS
 -  NEW BOSE CABINET
 -  -W12- NEW WATERLINE



<p>PURPOSE : LAHAINA BOAT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>DATUM : MEAN LOWER LOW WATER = 0.00'</p> <p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF ADJACENT OWNERS :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KAMEHAMEHA III SCHOOL 2. PIONEER INN 	<p>IN : LAHAINA</p> <p>AT : LAHAINA BOAT HARBOR</p> <p>COUNTY OF : MAUI</p> <p>STATE : HAWAII</p> <p>APPLICATION BY : DEPT. OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIV. OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION</p>
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