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# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism



June 29, 2020

Mr. Keith Kawaoka, Acting Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu HI 96813

**Subject: Notice of No Further Environmental Review Required for Forever Oceans, Corp.,  
New Fin-Fish Hatchery Building Construction on NELHA Land, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-3-  
043:111, North Kona District, Hawaii Island, State of Hawaii**

Dear Mr. Kawaoka:

This letter serves as notification to the Office of Environmental Quality Control that NELHA has determined that additional environmental review is not required for a proposed expansion of aquaculture facilities on existing NELHA Land leased by a tenant business.

Two-prior accepted Environmental Impact Statements, published in 1985 and 1992, describe anticipated impacts of development of the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology (HOST) Park - including on lands applicable to the existing Forever Oceans site. These evaluations were included in the assessment of several build-out scenarios intended to include future improvements, allowing for flexibility to adapt to current market and technology conditions.

NELHA has determined that the proposed expansion is consistent with the location, types and scale of scenarios evaluated in the prior EIS documents, and that the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project have been adequately disclosed and evaluated therein, and therefore that the Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in those reports satisfy the requirements of chapter 343 HRS for the proposed expansion pursuant to HAR Section 11-200.1-11.

Accordingly, we request publication of this notification in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice pursuant to HAR section 11-200.1-4.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (808) 327-9585, extension 225 or send me e-mail at [gregory.p.barbour@hawaii.gov](mailto:gregory.p.barbour@hawaii.gov).

Very truly yours,

Gregory P. Barbour  
Executive Director

CC: Gavin Key – Forever Oceans, Corp.

**From:** [webmaster@hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@hawaii.gov)  
**To:** [HI Office of Environmental Quality Control](#)  
**Subject:** New online submission for The Environmental Notice  
**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2020 5:29:02 PM

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**Action Name**

Notice of No Further Environmental Review Required for Forever Oceans, Corp., New Fin-Fish Hatchery Building Construction on NELHA Land

**Type of Document/Determination**

Prior Chapter 343 determination (explain in Summary below)

**HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)**

- (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds

**Judicial district**

North Kona, Hawai'i

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

(3) 7-3-043:111

**Action type**

Agency

**Other required permits and approvals**

Existing SMA permit assessment

**Proposing/determining agency**

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

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**Was this submittal prepared by a consultant?**

No

#### **Action summary**

Proposed expansion of aquaculture facilities on existing NELHA Land leased by a tenant business, including construction of a warehouse building to house a fin-fish hatchery, and supporting infrastructure. NELHA has determined that the proposed expansion is consistent with the location, types and scale of scenarios evaluated in the prior EIS documents, and that the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project have been adequately disclosed and evaluated therein, and therefore that the Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in those reports satisfy the requirements of chapter 343 HRS for the proposed expansion pursuant to HAR Section 11-200.1-11.

#### **Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)**

- [Forever-Oceans-OEQC-Letter\\_200629.pdf](#)

#### **Authorized individual**

Alexander Leonard

#### **Authorization**

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