

# The Environmental Notice

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## North Shore Campgrounds



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reviews the environmental impacts of  
projects proposed in Hawaii

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An environmental impact statement preparation notice has been submitted to the Department of Land Utilization for the development of a "campground complex" on a 144 acre coastal site stretching along Kawailoa Beach between Haleiwa Beach Park at Puaena Point and a residential subdivision along Papailoa Road. The applicant, Maho Bay Camps of New York, has been in the "eco-camp" business for more than 30 years.

The complex will house 252 eco-camp tents placed in clusters throughout the site, including recreational facilities, parking lots, commissaries, classrooms, cafeterias, a library, and childcare center.

The emphasis is on as little distur-

bance to the physical environment as possible. Buildings and the boardwalk-style walkways will be elevated, necessitating a minimum of grading to the site. There will be self-composting toilets, hot water and electricity provided by solar panels and photovoltaic cells, low-volume dishwashers and washing machines, and the reuse of bath, laundry and dishwater. Recreational facilities will be constructed on the already disturbed World War II airstrip parking apron.

Impacts associated with this project include those related to drainage, archaeological/historic resources, soils, flora/fauna, utilities, traffic and economic effects. See the EISPN listing on page 6.

### Sunset Beach Improvements

The City Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing various improvements to the world renowned Sunset Beach at Paumalu in Ko'olauloa. These improvements include: realigning an existing bus stop and building a new bus stop to accommodate city and visitor buses; planting beach naupaka and coconut trees; building a new viewing platform with handicap access ramp; installing new public parking on the mauka side of Kamehameha Highway; maintaining the beach (sand deposited on the lower slopes of the beach by wave action will be pushed to reestablish the upper slopes); and realigning the bicycle pathway.

The draft environmental assessment contains a coastal engineering analysis and a draft archaeological inventory survey with charcoal scanning results. The State Historic Preservation Division has recommended that an archaeological monitoring plan be approved prior to any ground disturbance. Please see page 5.

### Waiola Regional Park and Sports Complex

A draft EIS has been prepared for the City Department of Parks and Recreation's proposal to develop a 269-acre site in Waipi'o, O'ahu, for the Waiola Regional Park and Sports Complex. The project is makai-'Ewa of Kipapa Gulch and the Kamehameha Highway intersection. The land is owned by Castle and Cook, Inc. The City proposes to acquire the land and provide the necessary on-site and off-site improvements.

Issues raised during the environmental impact statement preparation notice consultation period include: loss of prime agricultural lands; increase in local and regional traffic; impacts of lighting on nocturnal fauna such as Newell's Shearwater; cumulative and indirect impacts of the facility on water quality of adjoining streams and Pearl Harbor; and degradation of visual resources. For more information, please see page 7.

# Definitions

## Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

### Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

### Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a *Negative Declaration*. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a FONSI in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

### EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

### Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

### Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

### EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

### NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

### Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

### Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

### Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

### Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

### Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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## Draft Environmental Assessments



### (1) Maile II Housing Project

**District:** Waianae  
**TMK:** 8-7-1:1 and 37  
**Applicant:** Department of Human Services  
Hawaii Housing Authority  
1002 North School Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Wayne Nakamoto (832-5920)

#### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Human Services  
Hawaii Housing Authority  
1002 North School Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Contact: Sharon Yamada (832-6060)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** DEA First Notice pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicant with a copy to OEQC.

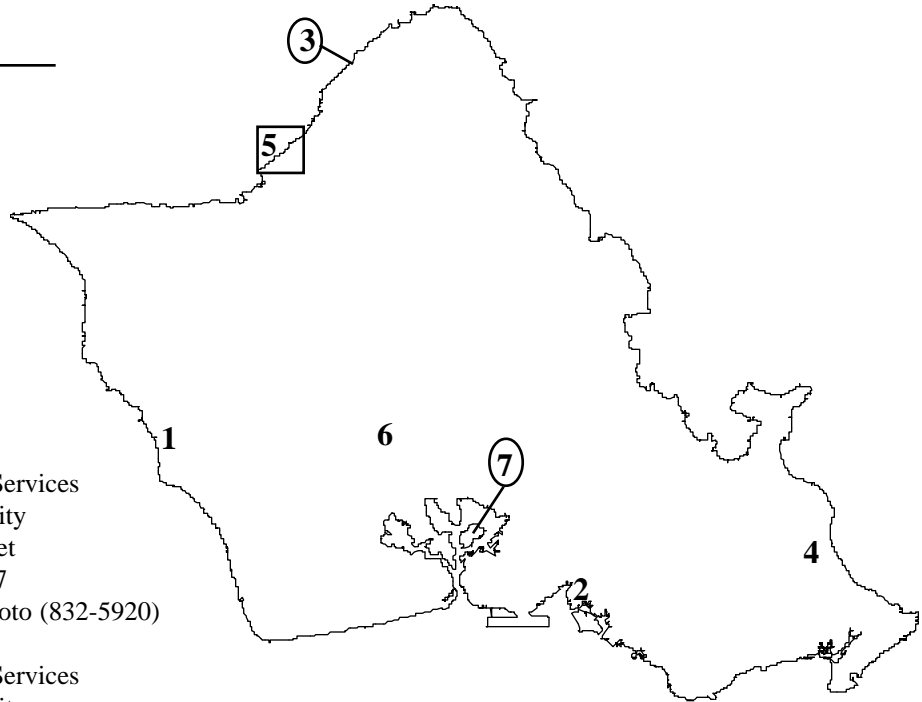
#### Permits

**Required:** Building, grading, cluster housing

Maile II is a low income public housing project on approximately 2.35 acres of State lands in the Maile area of the Waianae District, City and County of Honolulu off of Kulaaupuni Street and Keliikipi Street, which is adjacent to Farrington Highway. The Hawaii Housing Authority proposes to demolish the existing public housing project on this site and to reconstruct 24 new units in a single family and duplex configuration.

The parcel is currently county zoned as R-5 and state land use zoning is urban. The proposing agency plans to request a cluster housing development for this site. Existing water, sewer, trash, schools, and police and fire protection will continue to serve this project.

Funding for this project is being provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Comprehensive Grant Program. The proposed project will be demolished and reconstructed in two phases. Anticipated completion of this project is in the next federal fiscal year.



No rare, threatened, or endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist on this site. The proposed action will not destroy any natural or cultural resources and will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.



### (2) Pier 51A Sand Island Comfort Station

**District:** Honolulu  
**TMK:** 1-5-41:por. 111  
**Applicant:** Sealand Service, Inc.  
Pier 51A - Sand Island  
P.O. Box 1420  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96806  
Contact: Norman Arakaki (842-5370)

#### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Transportation  
Harbors Division  
79 South Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Napoleon Agraan (587-1956)

**Consultant:** Sealand Service, Inc.  
6000 Carnegie Boulevard  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
Contact: Guy Buzzoni (704-571-2121)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998

**Status:** DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

**Permits Required:** DOT approval, building permit

The proposed improvements are intended to upgrade the container handling facilities along Pier 51A on the northwest portion of Sand Island, Oahu to better serve the public.

Container handling facilities are an integral part of the shipping industry in Hawaii. Since approximately 80% of all products (energy, food, and goods) must be shipped from the mainland United States or other overseas countries. Improvements to these facilities represent better service to the residents of Hawaii.

The proposed facility upgrade consists of constructing a new, two-story, 3328-square foot building. The H.S.I. longshore comfort station/breakroom and Sea-Land crane maintenance shop will be housed on the first floor. Sea-Land marine and yard departments and H.S.I. office will be located on the second floor.

Two canopies will be attached to the side of the building. A 780-square foot canopy will provide an additional H.S.I. longshore break area. A 1300-square foot canopy will be used to protect the crane maintenance area.



### (3) Sunset Beach Improvements

**District:** Koolauloa  
**TMK:** 5-9-15  
**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Donald Griffin (527-6324)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Donald Griffin (527-6324)

**Consultant:** Belt Collins Hawaii, Ltd.  
680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Glen Koyama (521-5361)

**Public Comment Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

**Permits Required:** Special Management Area, Shoreline Setback Variance, Archaeological Monitoring Plan approval

The Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing to restore the vegetation on the mauka section of Sunset Beach in order to stabilize the area and minimize beach loss. A supplemental beach maintenance program will be implemented to provide occasional but continued beach restoration.

At the back of the beach is an existing public bikeway that has been subject to occasional undermining from high surf surges. This bikeway will be relocated to a safer location nearer Kamehameha Highway.

On a bluff at the north end of the beach, a viewing deck for visitors will be constructed. It will be accompanied by a bus pull-over area adjacent to the Highway.

Additional improvements will include restrictions or removal of on-street parking fronting Sunset Beach which has been subject to hazardous traffic and parking conditions during popular weekends and surfing days. A new off-street public parking facility, approved by the City and scheduled for construction in a few months, will be available across the highway from the beach.

To serve the needs of the beach lifeguard, a special pull-over parking area will be provided adjacent to the existing lifeguard station.

The anticipated land use permits required for the project are a Special Management Area Use Permit and a Shoreline Setback Variance.

Construction is projected to begin by the end of the third quarter of 1998 and be completed by the end of 1998 or first quarter of 1999.

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## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



### (4) Waimanalo Kupuna Housing Project

**District:** Koolaupoko  
**TMK:** 4-1-19:32  
**Applicant:** Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
711 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 500  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Stephen Morse (594-1905)  
and  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
P.O. Box 1879  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805  
Contact: Ben Wong (586-3823)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
P.O. Box 1879  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805  
Contact: Ben Wong (586-3823)

**Consultant:** PBR Hawaii  
Pacific Tower, Suite 650  
1001 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Yukie Ohashi (521-5631)

**Public Challenge**  
**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits**  
**Required:** NPDES, sewer hookup

The Waimanalo Kupuna Housing Project is designed to accommodate the growing needs of the aging Hawaiian population -- to provide a residential environment for independent living with staff and services available on-site. The Master Plan for the project includes 83 kupuna apartment units, a new Community Center building which will include a Manager's residence, administrative offices, kitchen and library. In addition, the Master Plan envisions a 10,000 square feet Commercial Center.

The project is a collaboration between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home

Lands. OHA is serving as the developer. The Kupuna Housing will occupy approximately 5.14 acres (of the 7.29 acre site) and will be accessed from Ilauhole Street through Nakini Street from Kalaniana'ole Highway. It consists of 13 buildings with six to eight apartment units per building and a Kupuna Center.

The affordable rental housing will be made available to eligible Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian kupuna who are currently on the DHHL list or residing in the homestead area but wish to relocate to be in a complex designed for elderly living.

The municipal wastewater treatment capability of the Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is at capacity. Consequently, the City Department of Wastewater Management has allowed hook-up of 51 units (e.g., 50 kupuna, one manager's) of the 84 total units. Consequently, discussions are presently underway with the State Department of Health for the development of an on-site temporary sewer system consisting of a septic tank and leeching field for the remainder of the project (including the additional 33 units and commercial development) in order to build out the Master Plan. The septic system is intended to be temporary until the Waimanalo WWTP is upgraded in the future.

Construction of the project is scheduled to commence in Summer 1998; completion is scheduled for Fall 1999. Estimated development cost for the Waimanalo Kupuna project is \$7.0 million.

## Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISP/N)



### (5) Puaena Campgrounds (Special Management Area)

**District:** Waialua  
**TMK:** 6-1-04:23, 56; 6-2-01:01, 10  
**Applicant:** Campers Villages, LLC  
c/o Maho Bay Camps, Inc.  
17A East 73rd Street  
New York, New York 10021  
Contact: Stanley Selengut (212-472-9453)

## Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Land Utilization  
650 South King Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Ardis Shaw-Kim (527-5349)

**Consultant:** Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners  
733 Bishop Street, Suite 2590  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Scott Ezer (545-2055)

## Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** EISPN First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

## Permits

**Required:** SMA, CUP

The 144.5-acre project site is located on the shoreline in Haleiwa. The site is bounded on the south by Kamehameha Highway, Haleiwa Beach Park on the west and a 35-lot residential subdivision to the east.

Except for a caretaker's cottage and bathhouse in the central portion of the property, the project site is undeveloped.

The proposed campground will include 252 tent structures scattered throughout the project site. Other accessory structures will include two cafeterias, two commissaries, two classrooms, a library/interpretive center, a child care center, a registration/administration building, a dwelling for the resident manager and a night manager, two storage buildings, a multi-purpose pavilion, a multi-purpose center and a performance pavilion. Recreational facilities include two swimming pools, four tennis courts, nine grass and sand volleyball courts, jogging paths, outdoor exercise equipment, and a basketball court. Parking will be accommodated within two gravel parking areas.

Tents will consist of a wood-frame structure, fiberglass screening, recycled plastic/wood decking and a skin of vinyl fabric. Floor area for each tent will be 256 square feet, in a 16' x 16' frame. Each will be equipped with a propane stove and a small refrigerator. Each unit will be able to accommodate up to six people.

Alternate energy will be used where feasible, otherwise will be supplied by Hawaiian Electric Company. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 gallons per day of domestic water will be required of the facility. Greywater will be reused

as irrigation water on-site. Composting toilets will be used to treat other liquid wastes.

Ingress/egress to the camp will be from Kamehameha Highway, where an existing gate and roadway now serve the site.

The project is within the Special Management Area and the AG-2 General Agricultural District. The applicant is seeking a Special Management Area Use Permit and a Conditional Use Permit, Type 1.

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## Draft Environmental Impact Statements

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### (6) Waiola Regional Park and Sports Complex

**District:** Ewa  
**TMK:** 9-4-05:74  
**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Building Department  
650 South King Street, 2nd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Warren Sato (527-6370)

## Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Mayor, City and County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Consultant:** Plan Pacific, Inc.  
737 Bishop Street, Suite 1520  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: John Whalen (521-9418)

## Public Comment

**Deadline:** May 7, 1998  
**Status:** DEIS First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority, the consultant and OEQC.

**Permits Required:** LUC boundary amendment, CWRM water use permit, grading permit

The City and County of Honolulu Building Department (lead agency) and Department of Parks and Recreation propose the development of a 269-acre regional park and sports complex in Central Oahu on a site known as "Waiola",

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which is bounded by Kipapa Gulch, Kamehameha Highway and the Waikele neighborhood.

Sports facilities to be accommodated in the master plan include baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball/volleyball courts, skateboard bowls, in-line hockey courts, multi-purpose fields, a boxcar racing course, an aquatic center, a community center, and a training field house. In addition, there will be bicycle/pedestrian paths, restrooms, parking and internal circulation roads throughout the park, as well as maintenance building and yard and plant nursery. Approximately 109 acres will consist of landscaped area passive recreation area for picnicking, kite-flying, a botanical garden and similar purposes. The master plan will also set aside an easement for a future extension of Paiwa Street, which has been planned as part of the regional roadway network. If this road extension plan is implemented, the portion of the roadway through the park will be designed as a parkway, with berms on either side, a landscaped median and separated bikeways; however, it will not be built as part of the park project itself.

The City will acquire the parcel, construct the necessary off-site and on-site infrastructure for the proposed uses, and provide the landscaping and facilities for the regional park. Private sector participation may be solicited for the construction of the baseball and/or tennis facilities to be used for professional sports training and events; however, these facilities will also be available for public use.

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## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

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### **(7) Proposed Lease of Property at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. (Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact)**

**TMK:** 9-9-9-01:por. 13 & 15  
**Applicant:** Commanding Officer  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Attn: Code 20  
Box 21  
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-6000  
Contact: LCDR Jeff Draper (474-8190)

#### **Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** DASN (I&F) via Chief of Naval Operations (N456)

Crystal Plaza #5, Room 680

221 South Clark Place

Arlington, VA 22244-5108

Contact: Kim DePaul (703-604-1233)

#### **Consultant:**

Belt Collins Hawaii

680 Ala Moana Boulevard, First Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Sue Sakai (521-5361)

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed lease of property at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to the USS MISSOURI Memorial Association, Inc. (MMA).

The proposed leasing action comprises the following:

At Ford Island: (1) exclusive use of Pier F-5 would be granted, in order to moor and display the battleship, with rights to make minor improvements for visitor access and services, including safety barriers, as well as to provide temporary educational exhibits; (2) non-exclusive or shared use of a finger pier would be granted to provide shore access to Pier (F-5); and (3) non-exclusive use of a bus turnaround area fronting Pier F-5 would be granted with allowances for construction of a bus shelter and roadway realignment. At Halawa Landing: (1) exclusive use would be granted for construction and operation of a ticketing facility, a reception area, expanded restrooms, and parking; (2) non-exclusive use of an area fronting the USS BOWFIN Museum and the ferry driveway would be granted for use as a shuttle bus shelter and turnaround; and (3) MMA would be allowed to transport visitors between Halawa Landing and Pier F-5 via shuttle bus across the Ford Island bridge.

Based on information presented in the EA, the Department of the Navy finds that the proposed lease of property at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to MMA will not significantly impact the environment.

The EA addressing this action may be obtained from: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300, Attention: Mr. Melvin Kaku, Code 23, telephone (808) 471-9338.



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## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### 🌿 Hart Street Wastewater Pump Station

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South Kin Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Kumar Bhagavan, P.E. (527-5158)

**Approving Agency/Accepting**

**Authority:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Wastewater Management  
650 South Kin Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Kumar Bhagavan, P.E. (527-5158)

**Public Comment**

**Deadline:** April 7, 1998



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### (1) Peahi Water Storage Tank

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** 2-8-5:por. 76  
**Applicant:** Peahi Hui  
57 Nakoia Drive  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
and  
County of Maui  
Department of Water Supply  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Herbert Chang (243-7835)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Maui  
Department of Water Supply  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Herbert Chang (243-7835)

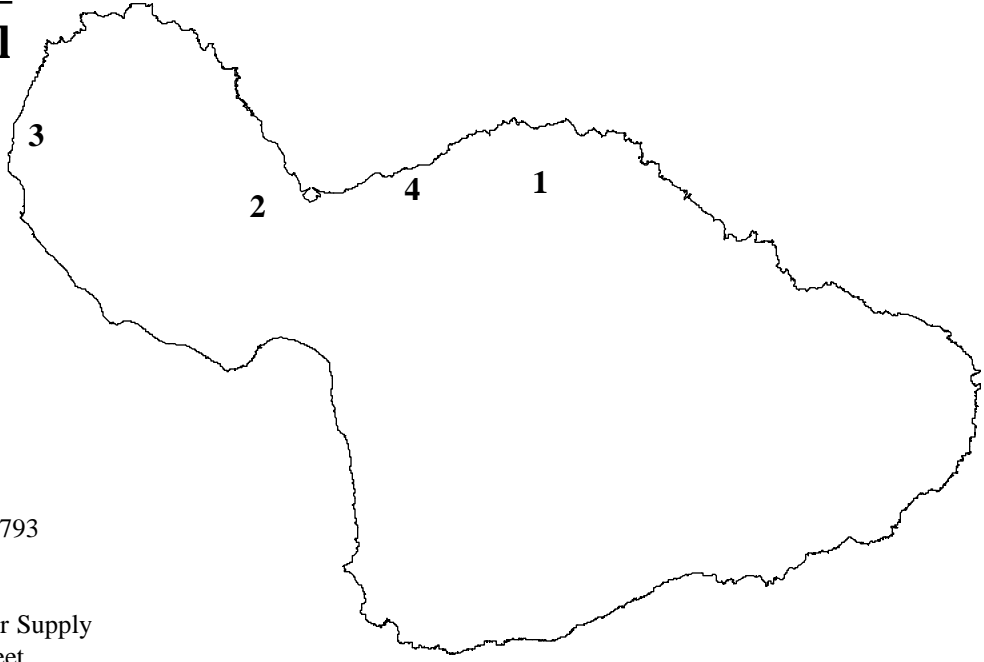
**Consultant:** Munekiyo, Arakawa & Hiraga, Inc.  
305 High Street, Suite 104  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Gwen Hiraga (244-2015)

#### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** DEA First Notice pending public comment.  
Address comments to the applicants with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

**Permits Required:** Building permit

The project site encompasses an area of approximately 9,800 square feet and is located along Holokai Road, at its intersection with Kaupakalua Road, on a portion of TMK 2-8-05:76. The project was first initiated by the Peahi Hui Partners for its proposed Peahi Hui Subdivision. To fulfill one of the subdivision requirements of the Department of Water Supply, a 20,000 gallon water storage tank had to be constructed by the subdividers.



The 20,000 gallon tank meets the storage demand solely for the Peahi Hui Subdivision. Since the Department's storage capacity in the area is deficient, the Department decided that a larger tank of 50,000 gallons should be constructed to provide storage for other properties in the vicinity of the subdivision. The Department will provide the monies needed to enlarge the tank.

The proposed project involves land acquisition, and design and construction of a 50,000 gallon water tank and related improvements. The design and construction of the 50,000 gallon water tank and related improvements will conform to the "Water System Standards" for the County of Maui, Department of Water Supply (1985), the "Standard Details for Water System Construction" 1985 (revised 1989) and all other applicable requirements of the DWS.

## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



### (2) Cameron Center Expansion

**District:** Wailuku  
**TMK:** 3-8-46:15 & 27  
**Applicant:** J. Walter Cameron Center  
95 Mahalani Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Audrey Rocha-Reed (244-5546)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Stephanie Aveiro (243-7805)

**Consultant:** Munekiyo & Arakawa  
305 High Street, Suite 104  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits Required:** Special use, zoning change, grading, building permits

The J. Walter Cameron Center is proposing to expand their facilities by implementing master-planned improvements on a 3.7 acre parcel in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, identified by TMK 3-8-46:27. The expansion area is primarily vegetated with kiawe and koa haole and adjoins the existing 5.0 acre Cameron Center parcel (TMK 3-8-46:15). The proposed improvements include a child-care center and a Family Center for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO). Access to the Cameron Center is provided by Mahalani Street, a two-lane County roadway. The Cameron Center leases the subject parcels from the County of Maui.

The Cameron Center provides comprehensive health, community, and cultural services to the general public, as well as individuals with physical, mental, social, and educational disabilities.

The master-planned improvements which are proposed to be developed on the Center's 3.7-acre expansion area include an approximately 6,000 square foot child care center and the approximately 19,000 square foot MEO Family Center. The Family Center site will occupy about 1.2 acres of the expansion area, while the child care center will be developed on the remaining 2.5-acre portion of the site.

The single-story, approximately 6,000 square foot child care center is anticipated to provide child care services for about 40 infants, toddlers, and preschool children, while the two-story, approximately 19,000 square foot MEO Family Center will include administrative and counseling offices, as well as library, meeting, conference, and children's playroom facilities. It should be noted that the conceptual site and design plans for the MEO Family Center (referenced in the project's Draft EA) were recently re-evaluated and modified to provide for a two-story building instead of the one- and two-story structure that was initially proposed. While the conceptual plans have been modified to meet MEO's objectives, the floor area and uses proposed for the Family Center remain unchanged.

Construction of the MEO Family Center is targeted to begin by the summer of 1998, with completion estimated by mid-1999. Preliminarily, construction of the child care center is estimated to commence during the year 2000, with completion anticipated about six (6) to eight (8) months later.



### (3) Maui Park

**District:** Lahaina  
**TMK:** 4-4-01:34  
**Applicant:** DIA Pacific Development Corporation  
Pauahi Tower, Suite 2280  
1001 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: 521-1372

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Maui  
Department of Planning  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Julie Higa (243-7735)

**Consultant:** Munekiyo & Arakawa, Inc.  
305 High Street, Suite 104  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)

# Maui Notices

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## Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits**  
**Required:** Community plan amendment, zone change

The Maui Park, constructed in 1987, is located at 3626 Lower Honoapiilani Road in Honokowai, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. The Maui Park consists of 288 studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units which are rented as short-term and extended-stay visitor accommodations.

The applicant is seeking the flexibility to convert all or a portion of the units to time share units. In order for any conversion to occur, the property must be zoned "Hotel" since time share operations are permitted only within the County's "Hotel" zoning district. To effectuate the conversion, an amendment to the West Maui Community Plan from "Multi-Family" to "Hotel" and a change in zoning from "A-2 Apartment" to "H-M Hotel" district are necessary for the subject property. There are no physical improvements to the property associated with the conversion.

reasons as well as to protect the subject property from erosion and decrease soil runoff into Paia Bay. The retaining wall will provide for the long-term stabilization of the dirt bank and to ensure protection for a future residence.

The property is located at Loio Place in Paia.

## (4) Rasmussen Retaining Wall

**District:** Makawao  
**TMK:** 2-6-4: 19  
**Applicant:** Richard A. & Lynn M. Rasmussen  
c/o Lance Holter (579-8558)  
P.O. Box 656  
Paia, Hawaii 96779

### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** County of Maui, Planning Department  
250 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Contact: Don Schneider (243-7735)

## Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.  
**Permits**  
**Required:** SMA, shoreline setback variance

Richard A. and Lynn M. Rasmussen propose to construct, within the owners property (7,594 sq. ft.), a relatively small scale grouted rock retaining wall 5 to 15 feet in overall height, along approximately 140 feet of shoreline fronting the property. The structure is required for safety



## Draft Environmental Assessments



### (1) Kawaihae Waterline Replacement Project

**District:** South Kohala  
**TMK:** 6-1-02, 6-1-03, 6-2-01  
**Applicant:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Water Supply  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252  
Contact: Keith Okamoto (961-8660)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Water Supply  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4252  
Contact: Keith Okamoto (961-8660)

**Consultant:** Brian Nishimura, Planning Consultant  
(935-7692)  
101 Aupuni Street, #217  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

#### Public Comment

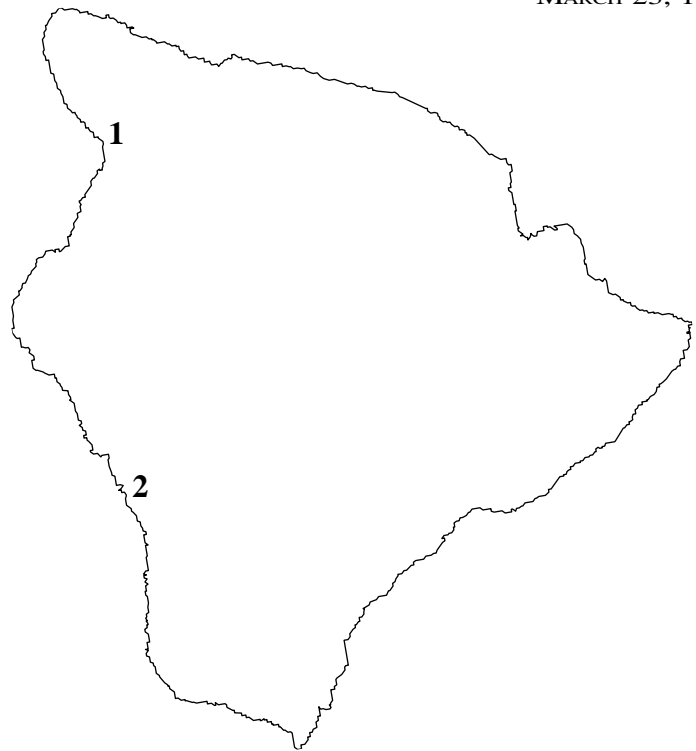
**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

#### Permits

**Required:** NPDES permit

The County of Hawaii, Department of Water Supply (DWS) is proposing to replace approximately 9,000 lineal feet of 6" waterline with a new 12" waterline within the Kawaihae Road right-of-way. The Kawaihae Waterline Replacement Project will extend from the junction of the Kawaihae Road - Akoni Pule Highway intersection in an easterly (mauka) direction to approximately 750 feet mauka of the Kawaihae Road - Queen Kaahumanu Highway intersection.

The proposed improvements will begin at an elevation of approximately 300 feet above sea level on the mauka (eastern) end and continues down to sea level on



the makai (western) side. The trench for the waterline will be approximately 5 feet deep with a minimum 6 inches of cushion below the pipe and a minimum cushion of 3 feet above the pipe. The proposed alignment will cross four gulches and the tentative plan is to attach the waterline to the bridges that span the gulches. The proposed project will take approximately six months to complete.

The new 12" waterline will address two major problems with the existing 6" waterline. First, the 6" waterline lacks sufficient capacity for fire flow demand requirements within the service area of Kawaihae Harbor and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Industrial areas. Second, the age and condition of the 6" waterline results in frequent breaks which requires higher than normal maintenance cost. Construction of the proposed project will resolve both of these problems.

The nature and scale of the proposed action within the previously disturbed road right-of-way is such that no significant environmental effects are anticipated. Potential impacts, if any, can be mitigated through careful construction management practices and compliance with all governmental requirements including those of the State Department of Health, State Historic Preservation Division and the County Department of Public Works.

# Hawaii Notices

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## Notice of Withdrawal

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hilo Office, has withdrawn the draft EA for Kamuela Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (Lalamilo, Hawaii) on March 13th, 1998. The draft EA was filed with OEQC on January 4, 1995 and notice of it was published in the January 23, 1995 Environmental Notice. A revised draft EA was submitted and published in the November 8, 1995 Environmental Notice.

## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



### (2) Bush Family Agriculture Subdivision

**District:** South Kona  
**TMK:** 8-2-8:57  
**Applicant:** Marion K. Bush  
P.O. Box 1145  
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750  
Contact: Greg Mooers (885-6839)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Hawaii  
Planning Department  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Daryn Arai (961-8288)

**Consultant:** Ron Terry (982-5831)  
HCR 9575  
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

**Public Challenge**  
**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

The proposed subdivision would occur on a 7.429-acre parcel of land just makai of the coffee mill on the north side of Napo'opo'o Road. The property, which was farmed and bulldozed in the past and is now vacant, is currently the subject of a Change of Zone request, from Agricultural Five Acres (A-5a) to Family Agriculture One Acre (FA-1A). After rezoning the applicant intends to subdivide the property into six lots, two of which will be sold to provide funding for

infrastructure on the remaining four lots, which will provide agricultural opportunities for the Bush family. The subdivision has been granted approval subject to conditions concerning fair share contributions to the County and coordination of infrastructure improvements with the appropriate County agencies. The site is located within the Kealahou Bay Historic District. The State Historic Preservation Division has determined that no historic sites are present and that no effects on historic sites would likely occur as a result of the action. The subdivision into Family Agriculture lots will perpetuate low-density agricultural uses for the area and preserve the character of the Historic District.

## Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

### Draft Environmental Assessments

#### ▶ Ahalanui Park Development

**Applicant:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: Norman Olesen (961-8565)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** County of Hawaii  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
25 Aupuni Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Contact: George Yoshida (961-8311)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** April 7, 1998

#### ▶ Hawaii's Volcano Circus Buildings

**Applicant:** Hawaii's Volcano Circus  
P.O. Box 4524  
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778  
Contact: Graham Ellis (965-8756)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Land Division  
P.O. Box 936  
Hilo, Hawaii 96721  
Contact: Charlene Unoki (974-6203)

**Public Comment**  
**Deadline:** April 7, 1998

## ► Nohona Partners Easement Over Judd Trail

**Applicant:** Nohona Partners, Inc.  
c/o Steven S.C. Lim, Attorney (935-6644)  
Carlsmith Ball Wichman Case & Ichiki  
P.O. Box 686  
Hilo, Hawaii 96721

### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Land Division  
P.O. Box 936  
Hilo, Hawaii 96721  
Contact: Charlene Unoki (974-6203)

### Public Comment

**Deadline:** April 7, 1998

## Final Environmental Impact Statements

## ► Waimea-Paauilo Watershed

**Applicant:** Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 22159  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96823-2159  
Contact: Paul Matsuo (973-9473)

### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Governor, State of Hawaii  
c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control  
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Status:** FEIS currently being reviewed by the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

## Correction

## ► Hamakua Forest Stewardship Project

The DLNR Hilo Land Division has advised OEQC that the TMK for the Hamakua Forest Stewardship Project, published in the February 8, 1998, edition of the *Environmental Notice*, is incorrect. It should be 3rd Division, 4-03-014-006.

## Geothermal Well Abandonment Permit

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has approved the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's application for a permit to abandon Geothermal Well HGP-A located in Puna, Hawaii

For more information, please call Mr. Andrew Monden at 587-0230.



# Kauai Notices

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## Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)

### (1) Waapa Road Realignment, Nawiliwili Harbor

**District:** Lihue  
**TMK:** 3-2-3  
**Applicant:** Department of Transportation, Harbors Division  
79 S. Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

#### Approving Agency/Accepting

**Authority:** Department of Transportation, Harbors Division  
79 S. Nimitz Highway  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carter Luke (587-1959)

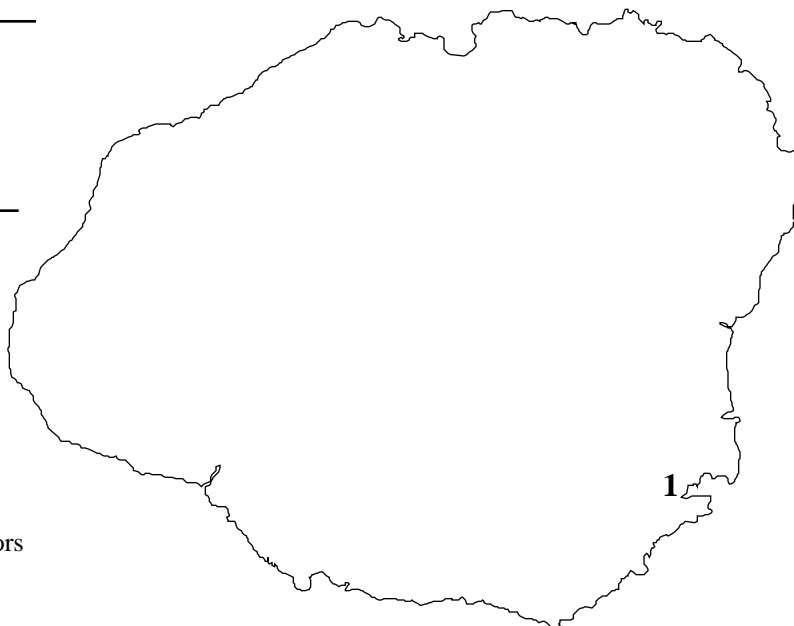
**Consultant:** Esaki Surveying and Mapping  
1610 Haleukana Street  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Contact: Wayne Wada (246-0625)

#### Public Challenge

**Deadline:** April 22, 1998  
**Status:** FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

#### Permits

**Required:** Special Management Area



Waapa Road is the main interior road serving Nawiliwili Harbor, which is the central shipping port serving the island of Kauai. The proposed action is to straighten the bend in Waapa Road to meet the following design criteria: travelway of 24 feet, posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour, roadway centerline radius of 300 feet minimum, and sight distance of 200 feet.

The purpose of the Waapa Road realignment project is to make the road safer for all vehicles traveling through this section of Waapa Road. Presently, many vehicles traveling on Waapa Road through this area exceed the posted speed limit of 15 miles per hour. Both large delivery trucks and passenger vehicles use the road shoulders to avoid potential accidents.



# Shoreline Notices

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## Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to §13-222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date Received	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-659	02/23/98	Lot 306, Ld Ct App 1052 as shown on Map 7, Makaha, Waianae, Oahu ((84-179 Makau Street)	Wesley Tengan, for Sherman Chan	8-4-10:4
OA-660	03/02/98	Lot 1046, Ld Ct App 677, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu (607 Milokai Street)	Robert K. Sing for Jacob & Inni Larue	4-4-39:8
OA-661	02/27/98	Lot 39, Waialae Beach Lots, Section C, Waialae-Iki, Honolulu, Oahu (4967 Kalaniana'ole Highway)	Hawaii Land Consultants for Joseph Azzaro	3-5-22:10
MA-192	02/20/98	Por of Section 3 of the First Partition of Hamakuapoko Hui, Lower Paia, Hamakuapoko, Maui (355 Hana Highway)	Valera, Inc. for Gunter Kauwertz	2-6-9:3
MA-193	02/23/98	Lot 10 of the Keawakapu Beach Lots being a portion of Grant 548 to J. Y. Kanehoa, Paeahu, Honuaula, Makawao, Maui (3156 S. Kihei Road)	Newcomer-Lee Land Surveyors, Inc. for Pacific Century Trust	2-1-10:9
MO-28	03/03/98	Por of Grant 831, O. H. Gulick, Kaamola 1, 2, 3, & 4, Kona, Molokai (Kamehameha V Highway, Ualapue, Molokai)	Community Planning, Inc. for Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate	5-6-6:24

## Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date Cert/Rej	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-650	Certified 03/12/98	Lot 5, Niu Beach Lots (File Plan 279) Honolulu, Hawaii (5571 Kalaniana'ole Hwy)	Imata & Associates, Inc. for Kotaro Ishii	3-7-01:18
OA-647	Rejected 02/27/98	Lots 5-A, 5-B, Accretion to Lot 5-A, and Accretion to Lot 5-B (5-B-1), Being a Por of RP 7531, LCaw 8559, Ap 33 to W. C. Lunalilo at Kaalaea, Koolaupoko, Oahu (47-653 A, B, & C Kamehameha Highway)	BMSurveying and Mapping for James Schufeldt	4-7-41:5 & 17

# Pollution Control Permits

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## Department of Health Permits

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch & Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Dates	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit	U.S. Army, # 0266-02-CT	Various/Initial Location: Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii	Issued: 3/2/98	600 TPH Portable Stone Crushing, Screening, Washing Plant
CAB, Noncovered Source Permit	Kaukani Corporation d.b.a. The Westin Maui, # 0411-01-N	2365 Kaanapali Parkway, Lahaina, Maui	Issued: 3/3/98	Two 4 MMBtu/Hr. Steam Boilers
CAB, Covered Source Permit	BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, Inc., # 0066-02-C	595 Kalaniana'ole Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii	Issued: 3/3/98	Petroleum Storage Tanks and Load Rack
CAB, Covered Source Permit	BHP Petroleum Americas Refining, Inc., # 0330-01-C	Barbers Point Deep Draft Harbor, Kapolei, Oahu	Issued: 3/5/98	Marine Tank Vessel Loading Terminal
Safe Drinking Water Branch, 586-4258, Underground Injection Control Permit	Dept. Of Education, # UH-1975A	Keaau High School, Connector Road, Keaau, Puna, Hawaii	Comments Due: 4/6/98	Application for One Additional Drainage Drywell; Total = 6
SDWB, UIC	Public Works, Maui County, # UM-1397	Kaunakakai Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Molokai	NA	Permit Renewal for 3 Sewage Disposal Wells
SDWB, UIC	Hawaii Pacific University, # UO-2001	Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Loa Campus, Oahu	NA	Permit Registration of One Existing Injection Well for Sewage Disposal
SDWB, UIC	Hanalei Commercial Center, # UK-1898	Hanalei Center, 5-5161 Kuhio Hwy., Hanalei, Kauai	NA	Permit Renewal for 3 Injection Wells for Sewage Disposal

## Marine Mammals

The National Marine Fisheries Service has received an application from Dr. Bruce Carlson of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for a permit to take Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schausinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research. Comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before **APRIL 17, 1998** (see, 63 F.R. 13228, March 18, 1998).

## American Samoa National Park

The National Park Service has issued a final environmental impact statement for the General Management Plan for the National Park of American Samoa. For more information, please call the National Park Service Park Planner, Pacific Islands Support Group, in Honolulu at 541-2693 (see, 63 F.R. 12821, March 16, 1998).

## Kahului Airport

The Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend the legal descriptions of seven Hawaiian Very High Omnidirectional Range Federal airways due to relocation of the Maui Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC). Comments must be received by **APRIL 30, 1998** (see, 63 F.R. 12711, March 16, 1998).

## Papayas

The Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing a final rule, effective March 13, 1998, on importation of papayas to the United States (see 63 F.R. 12383, March 13, 1998).

## EPA Speaks

Regarding the Saddle Road Improvements DEIS, the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 office in San Francisco, has raised **environmental objections** to the build alternative (see, 63 F.R. 12466, March 13, 1998).

## Brown Tree Snakes

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force met at the 'Ilikai Hotel in Honolulu on **MARCH 16-17, 1998**. For more detailed information on what transpired at the meeting, please call Dr. Robert Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee at 1-800-541-2749 (see 63 F.R. 12112, March 12, 1998).

## Midway Atoll

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued final rules, effective March 10, 1998, concerning the administration of the Midway Islands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge (see, 63 F.R. 11624, March 10, 1998).

## Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park

The National Park Service announces that the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held on **MARCH 28, 1998**, at the Bishop Museum Atherton Conference Room in Honolulu from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon (see 63 F.R. 11691, March 10, 1998).

## Pesticides

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule in response to a May 21, 1997 petition for emergency exemption from the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture on the use of hydromethylnon to control big-headed and Argentine ants in pineapples (see, 63 F.R. 10537, March 4, 1998). Also the EPA issued notice of various requests to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations in Hawai'i (see, 63 F.R. 13249, March 18, 1998). The EPA is also announcing the availability of about \$498 thousand in FY 1998 grant/cooperative agreement funds for regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship (PESP) programs. For more information on PESP grants, please call Ms. Roccona Lawatch of EPA Region 9 in San Francisco at (415) 744-1068 or email Ms. Lawatch at lawatch.roccena@epamail.epa.gov (see 63 F.R. 11237, March 6, 1998).

# Federal Notices

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## Fish

The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel on **MARCH 20, 1998**, at its conference room in downtown Honolulu, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400 (see, 63 F.R. 10198, March 2, 1998). The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will also meet on **MARCH 24-26, 1998** at its conference room (see, 63 F.R. 10594, March 4, 1998). Also, the agenda for the meetings of the Council on March 17-19, 1998, was amended to state that the Crustaceans Plan Team will be meeting jointly with the Crustaceans Advisory Panel (see, 63 F.R. 10198, March 2, 1998). For more information please call 522-8220.

## Flood Elevation Determinations for Maui

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued an interim rule listing communities where modification of the base flood elevation is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. The current list includes various areas in Maui County (see, 63 F.R. 10145, March 2, 1998).

# Letters of Notice

MARCH 23, 1998

OEQC prints "Letters of Notice" to encourage public participation in our EIS system. Your views are welcome. We may edit letters due to limited space. The opinions presented do not necessarily reflect those of OEQC.

## Maunalua Bay Dredging

*The following are excerpts from a comment letter submitted by the Paiko Drive Residents' Association through its spokesperson, Boisse P. Correa.*

The Paiko Drive Residents' Association opposes the release of public funds for the dredging of the Maunalua Bay channel and construction of a retention system.

Our notebook is now two inches thick and contains letters, reports and minutes from meetings spanning over a five-year period. The issues regarding Maunalua Bay dredging have not changed during this time. Attached is our letter from 1993 which highlights our environmental and financial concerns regarding this project.

It is clear that a selected few Hawaii Kai marina owners are tenacious in their efforts to have the channel dredged at public expense. Using taxpayers money, this project would be beneficial to a small private group and detrimental to surrounding area residents who are denied access to the Hawaii Kai marina.

The Supreme Court, in a rare decision, has ruled that the Hawaii Kai marina is to be considered as a "private" navigable waterway. This is the **only** navigable waterway in the entire United States that is considered private. How can you use public money to enhance a private waterway which restricts public passage?

In 1986, Kaiser Development Company requested and was granted a permit to dredge the entrance to the Hawaii Kai Marina. They removed a sandbar which had become a hazard to marina navigation. This was a private venture, funded by Kaiser Development. This set a legal precedent for the marina. It is now Hawaii Kai Marina's responsibility to fund their waterway projects.

The Hawaii Kai marina was never intended to be used for commercial ventures. Why should Oahu residents be forced to kowtow to these special interests who pollute our fragile reefs, disturb our tranquility, and monopolize the bay?

1. This is an experimental project with **no** guarantee of success or environmental protection.
2. The economic status of our state is desperate. Is this really where our limited resources should be spent?
3. The experts have admitted that the \$200,000 allocation may be insufficient to complete the task. Can we afford to get involved with this project and not have enough funds to do an exemplary job?
4. What recourse will residents and community members have should our reefs and shorelines be damaged?
5. The environmental impact study must be completed and reviewed by all concerned.

We firmly oppose this dredging.

