Hilo Aupuni Street Closure

The Hawaii Department of Public Works has submitted a draft EA proposing the closure of 250 ft. of Aupuni Street at the intersection with Pauahi Street, ending in a cul-de-sac, and the creation of a “park-like” civic center connecting the county building with the former JC Penney building, where an expansion is planned. In the civic center pedestrians can sit on benches, relax, have lunch. Also proposed are a central pavilion as a gathering place for ceremonies and concerts, covered walkways, additional offices in the JC Penney building and additional parking to serve the existing county building.

Objections were raised during the preconsultation period in 1998. The closure might reduce evacuation capability for civil defense purposes. A few pointed out that a covered walkway could be used as an emergency escape route. Locating the State Office Building from a dead-end street would be difficult, especially for those not familiar with Hilo. (The Building is currently visible from Pauahi St.) The police department (among others) foresees increased traffic congestion at Aupuni/Kiluea intersection, and recommends instead an overhead pedestrian walkway. A roadway connecting Aupuni and Pauahi Streets through Wailoa State Park was suggested by another.

Two staff from Clark’s Realty (which fronts Aupuni Street) noted that traffic in both directions was continuous on Aupuni Street; that the corner by Longs is already a mess and that closing part of Aupuni Street would create a multitude of problems. A bridge walkway over Pauahi, leaving Aupuni Street alone, would make more sense. And there’s “tons of unused parking” already in the JC Penney lot. “Umbrellas for all would be the cheaper way to go!”

Considering opposition voiced during the preconsultation period, we anticipate many more comments on this project. For more information see page 10.

Moloka‘i Watershed Project

The Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (KSBE) and Kapualei Ranch seek a conservation district use permit for a watershed management project involving the ahupua’a of Kamalo and Kapualei. These two ahupua’a encompass 5,000 acres, of which 3,000 lay within the State Forest Reserve Conservation Zone. This forest area is home to hundreds of endemic plant and animal species. The forest acts as a protective sponge, absorbing the rainfall and preventing rapid soil loss, time releasing water into the streams and contributing water flow and nutrients to the reef as well. To prevent damage from feral animals, about 5.5 miles of fence will be erected to protect the area. See page 9 for more.

North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) Project Public Meetings

Public meetings will be held to provide information and to allow the public to comment on the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) Project.

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) has announced the availability of the joint state-federal document for the NPAL project. NPAL, formerly known as the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project Phase II, proposes to retain in place and reuse the power cable and sound source installed north of Kauai for an additional five years in order to 1) perform the second phase of (continued on page 11)
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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(1) Wahiawa Fire Station Replacement

District: Wahiawa
TMK: 7-4-04:61
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
       Department of Design and Construction
       650 South King Street
       Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
       Contact: Curtis Kushimaejo (527-6332)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Gerald Park Urban Planner (942-7484)
            1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876
            Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Public Challenge Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Grubbing, Grading, Stockpiling; Building; Excavate Public Right-of-Way.

The Department of Design and Construction and the Honolulu Fire Department have determined that the Wahiawa Fire Station is too old and too small to accommodate the living and working needs of personnel and new equipment assigned to the station and should be replaced. Due to its advanced age, the building is in need of repairs and an overhaul of its plumbing and electrical systems. Furthermore, extensive modifications are required to bring the station into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to meet current and future HFD operational requirements.

The City and County of Honolulu has future plans to relocate the Wahiawa Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance unit from Wahiawa General Hospital back to the Wahiawa Fire Station. The space provided for EMS operations at Wahiawa General Hospital is only a small office and bathroom which is inadequate to serve the needs of EMS operations and personnel.

The proposed Wahiawa Fire Station is an H-shaped structure similar in architectural design and layout to the existing station. The one-story structure is approximately 31’5" in height (measured from grade to top of roof) with a gross floor area of 4,972 square feet. The building will be constructed slab on grade with cement masonry exterior walls and topped by a double-pitched hip metal roof.

Living and working spaces are divided into two halves separated by the apparatus bay. One half (the mauka half of the station) will house the officers dormitory and shower, office, study, and kitchen and dining room. Space in the other half is allocated for the fire fighters dormitory, locker room, shower and toilet, exercise room, and laundry.

Roll up doors will enclose the front and rear of the apparatus bay. The bay is large enough to park the fire apparatus, tanker, and new and future fire department equipment assigned to the station.

A future two-story EMS building is being planned for the north corner of the site. The rectangular shaped structure will be designed to match the architectural design and building materials of the new fire station. The building’s construction will be concrete slab on grade with cement masonry unit exterior walls, and topped with a gabled metal roof. The proposed two-story structure will be approximately 27 feet in height with total floor area of 1,650 square feet.
The apparatus and tanker will continue to exit from the front of the station directly on to California Avenue. A 15-foot wide driveway will be built along the west property line to provide through access between California Avenue and Mango Place. The new driveway will allow the fire apparatus and tanker to be driven into the station from Mango Place rather than having to reverse into the station from California Avenue.

Construction costs for the new fire station is estimated at $1.985 million and will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu. The station will be built in one construction phase tentatively scheduled to begin in mid 2000 with completion projected for mid 2001.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

(2) Demolition of Building 715, Round House Restaurant, Fort Shafter, Hawaii (EA/FONSI)

**District:** Honolulu  
**Applicant:** Directorate of Public Works  
U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii  
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013  
Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878 x 1051)

**Public Comment Deadline:** July 24, 2000

The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), is proposing to demolish the Round House Restaurant, Building 715, at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The purpose of the proposed action is to dispose of a facility that has no projected use for in the future and has been an obstruction to safe traffic and pedestrian movement in the area. Currently, the Army in Hawaii has excess of club facilities and must reduce the number of facilities to meet space authorization ceilings. Once demolished, the site would be landscaped, with a portion paved for additional parking for the adjacent new Fort Shafter Combined Club Facility.

The Round House Restaurant is over 50 years old. Due to the proposed demolition, action was initiated to research the historical value of the building. Based on significance analysis performed, it was determined that the Round House would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. To mitigate the adverse effect of the demolition of the Round House, historic documentation of the Historic Architectural Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) format Level I was completed.

Several alternatives to retain the building were considered; however, none were determined to be feasible due to the high renovation costs required to bring the structure up to current building codes, declining facility maintenance and repair funding, and no projected need for the facility.

In pursuing the proposed action, the USAG-HI entered a lengthy consultation process with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). All parties agreed that the proposed demolition would result in an adverse impact; however, could not come to an agreement on the final disposition of the property. In response, the USAG-HI drafted a proposed memorandum of agreement (MOA) to address mitigation of the adverse effect of demolishing the Round House. Although the SHPO did not concur with the MOA and terminated consultation, the ACHP did concur with the Army’s proposal and executed the MOA.

Comment deadline for this Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact is July 24, 2000. Please send comments to: Peter Yuh, Jr., Environmental Division, Directorate of Public, Works, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013.

**Previously Published Projects**

**Pending Public Comments**

**Draft Environmental Assessments**

Maunalua Bay Beach Park Improvements

**Applicant:** City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Design and Construction  
650 South King Street, 9th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Contact: Carl Braun (523-4799)

**Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:** Same as above.

**Public Comment Deadline:** July 10, 2000
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Preparation Notices

West Mamala Bay Facilities Plan
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 14th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Lance Manabe or Gary Yee (523-4551)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Randall Fujiki (523-4432)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill Expansion (Supplemental)
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Environmental Services
650 South King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Frank Doyle (527-5358)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:
Same as above.

Public Comment Deadline: July 7, 2000

Final Environmental Impact Statements

Kailua-Kaneohe-Kahaluu Facilities Plan
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design & Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Carl Arakaki (523-4671)
and
Department of Environmental Services
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Kenneth Sprague (527-6663)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority:
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Randall Fujiki (523-4432)

Status: FEIS currently being reviewed by the Department of Planning & Permitting, City & County of Honolulu.
(1) Hana Community Healthcare Campus

District: Hana
TMK: 1-4-03:22 and 24
Applicant: County of Maui
Mayor’s Office
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Contact: Glenn Vares (270-7213)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
Contact: Earl Matsukawa (946-2277)

Public Challenge Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: NPDES, noise, air, ADA, grubbing/grading

The project site is located in Hana Town on the east coast of Maui. It is situated along mauka side of Hana Highway just north of Uakea Road, and encompasses approximately 12.1 acres on two parcels identified as Tax Map Keys 1-4-03:22 and 24. Both parcels are owned in fee by the State of Hawaii and leased by the Hana Community Health Center.

The proposed Hana Community Healthcare Campus will include:

* Construction of a 10,850 s.f. Community Healthcare Center housing facilities for medical and ancillary services, as well as shared administrative and support uses;
* Construction of a 10,360 s.f. Health and Wellness Center housing a conference center, gym, pool, and office;
* Construction of 9,800 s.f. of employee housing for the executive director, on-site physician, and staff nurses;
* Renovation of 4,020 s.f. of floor area within the existing health center building;
* Construction of a total of approximately 104 parking stalls;
* Establishment of a future garden area; and
* Demolition of all existing structures with the exception of the health center building.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to commence in late 2000 with completion estimated by 2002, contingent upon the acquisition of project funding. The estimated construction cost of the proposed project is $4.2 million.

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Title 11, Chapter 200, Administrative Rules, Department of Health, State of Hawaii, and 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58 regarding the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s environmental review procedures for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs.
(2) Olowalu Subdivision of Lands

District: 4-8-3:5, 10, 41-70, 73-82, 84; 4-8-4:11-16
TMK:
Applicant: Olowalu Elua Associates, LLC
173 Ho Ohana Street, Suite 201
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Bob Horcajo (877-2434)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0381)

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

Public Challenge
Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: CDUA, SMA

Olowalu Elua Associates, LLC is proposing the consolidation and resubdivision of lands located at Olowalu, Maui, Hawaii. There will be 34 resulting parcels on lands located mauka of Honoapiilani Highway. There will be a total of 9 lots situated on lands makai of Honoapiilani Highway. Subdivision roads, as well as attendant utility systems, would be provided as part of this action. The following specific actions are triggers for an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Action No. 1: Installation of approximately 760 lineal feet of waterline which is aligned along the mauka extent of the subdivision, and which is located within the Conservation District. Approximately 360 lineal feet of waterline has been approved and installed as an “A” category approval (no permit required) since this segment is accessory to the existing water system. The remaining segment (400 lineal feet) requires a Conservation District Use Permit from the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Action No. 2: Installation of waterline and other utilities which will cross Honoapiilani Highway, a State Department of Transportation (DOT) facility. This action will require approval to perform work within the right-of-way from the DOT.

Action No. 3: Consolidation of mauka and makai parcels affecting Conservation District lands.

Action No. 3, the consolidation of mauka and makai lands results in a lesser number of legal lots and would normally require a Departmental Permit from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). However, in those Conservation District applications which require a combination of Board and Departmental permits, the Board permit shall be required covering all of the proposed actions. Accordingly, the Conservation District Use Application has been filed for Action Nos. 1 and 3.

Coordination between the DOT and DLNR regarding agency responsibility for the processing of the EA has been completed. The agencies have agreed that the DLNR, as the agency initially receiving the request for approval will be the approving agency for purposes of Chapter 343, HRS.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to commence upon receipt of all necessary regulatory permits and approvals. The estimated construction cost is $4.5 million. Improvements on the parcels would be completed by individual purchasers.

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Honoapiilani Highway Improvements, from Alaelae Point to Honolua Bay

Applicant: Kapalua Land Company, Ltd.
1000 Kapalua Drive
Kapalua, Hawaii 96761
Contact: Robert McNatt (669-5622)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Transportation
650 Palapala Drive
Kahului, Hawaii 96732
Contact: Robert Siarot (873-3535)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000
Draft Environmental Assessments

(1) East Molokai Watershed Management Project

District: Molokai
TMK: 5-5-1:16 and 5-6-6:1
Applicant: Molokai-Lanai Soil & Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 396
Hoolehua, Hawaii 96729
Contact: Paul Elia (567-6869)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Contact: Eric Hill (587-0383)

Public Comment Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

Permits Required: CDUP

MLSWCD proposes to install a fence along the ridgeline or browse line at Kamalo Canyon and Kapualei to protect forest and watershed areas from further degradation due to the presence of feral animals. Fencing is also proposed to be installed at Kaapahu. The total length of fencing will be approximately 5.5 miles in the Protective and Resource Subzones of the Conservation District. Fencing will be constructed of galvanized materials and will be installed by hand to avoid impacting possible archeological sites. Helicopter landing sites and staging areas are identified in the application. Construction of the fence will take place over a period of approximately two years. Management land uses are proposed to consist of landscaping, the removal of non-desirable, non-native plant species and revegetation over a period of twenty years.

HAleian Islands Humpback Whaie National Marine Sanctuary Seeks New Members for its Sanctuary Advisory Council

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary program is seeking nine individuals interested in serving on a sanctuary management advisory group as non-governmental members. The Sanctuary Advisory Council, formed in March 1996, provides advice and recommendations to the Hawaii Sanctuary Manager as well as the Sanctuary program with relation to management issues and funding opportunities. “Community input and discussion is an important part of the Sanctuary program’s function. This is one way to be involved in the Sanctuary’s decisions and funding strategies,” said Allen Tom, manager of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. “In order for this sanctuary to be successful, community involvement on all levels is important”.

The advisory group is comprised of 25 members: 10 government and 15 non-government representatives. The non-government seats currently up for selection are: business/commerce, citizen-at-large, commercial shipping, conservation, fishing, native Hawaiian, ocean recreation, tourism, and whale watching. Members will serve without pay but will be provided airfare to attend meetings. Applicants must be Hawaii residents as the advisory group meets on average once every two to four months, depending on issues. Non-governmental terms run for two years.

Applications are available by contacting Kellie Araki at the Sanctuary office in Honolulu at (808) 397-2651. Deadline for application submittal is June 30, 2000.
(1) Aupuni Street Closure & Civic Center Improvements

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-2-12:4 and 2-2-15:33
Applicant: County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Stanley Takemura (961-8331)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Brian T. Nishimura (935-7692)
101 Aupuni Street, #217
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Public Comment Deadline: July 24, 2000
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.
Permits Required: UIC, consolidation & resubdivision, DWS & redevelopment agency approvals

The County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works is proposing to close approximately 250 feet of Aupuni Street from its intersection with Pauahi Street. This closure would enable the County to create a new Civic Center complex which would connect the existing County Building and its planned expansion within the former J.C. Penney building at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii. The County Civic Center complex is envisioned to include landscaped areas in a park like setting where people would be encouraged to sit, talk, and have lunch. A central pavilion is proposed which will provide a covered gathering place where events such as inaugurations, award ceremonies and concerts could be held. Covered walkways and additional parking will also be provided to serve the existing County Building and the additional County offices in the former J.C. Penney building.

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Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices

Kaloko-Honokohau Business Park
Applicant: Lanihau Partners, L.P.
c/o Tsukazaki, Yeh and Moore
100 Pauahi Street, Suite 204
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Contact: Michael Moore (961-0055)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: State Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359
Contact: Esther Ueda (587-3822)

Public Comment Deadline: July 10, 2000
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University of Hawaii Center at West Hawaii
Applicant: University of Hawaii, Facilities Planning Office for Community Colleges
4303 Diamond Head Road, Manele Bldg., Room 103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
Contact: Maynard Young (734-9771)

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

Public Comment Deadline: July 24, 2000

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North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory
Applicant: University of California San Diego
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
IGPP-0225, 9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, California 92038
Contact: Dr. Peter Worcester (858-534-8031)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809
Contact: Tom Eisen (587-0439)

Public Comment Deadline: July 24, 2000

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research on the feasibility and value of large-scale acoustic thermometry; 2) study the behavior of sound transmissions in the ocean over long distances; and 3) conduct studies on the possible long-term effects from the sound transmissions on marine life. The source is located on the seafloor at a depth of 807 meters (2648 ft.), approximately 8 nautical miles (14.8 km) north of Kauai at 22°20.94’N, 159° 34.22’W. At the conclusion of the five-year period, the seabed power cable, and possibly the sound source, would be abandoned in place.

The NPAL project is funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and will be carried out by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, in conjunction with the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington.

The evening meetings will consist of an informational presentation at 7:00 PM, followed by a public hearing at 8:00 PM. The afternoon meeting in Kilauea will consist of an informational presentation at 1:30 PM, followed by a public hearing at 2:30 PM.

Wednesday, July 5, 2000
7:00 to 9:30 PM
Kauai Community College Dining Rm
3-1901 Kaumualii Highway
Lihue, Kauai

Thursday, July 6, 2000
7:00 to 9:30 PM
Hawaii Imin International Conf. Ctr.
East-West Center, 2nd Floor, Pacific Rm.
1777 East West Road
Honolulu, Hawaii

Saturday, July 8, 2000
1:30 to 4:00 PM
Kilauea Neighborhood Center
2460 Keneke Street
Kilauea, Kauai, Hawaii
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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.

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<td>06/05/00</td>
<td>Lot 5 por. lots 41 and 45 of Niu Beach Lots (File Plan 272) being also a por. of R P. 52, Land Commission Award 802 to A. Adams at Niu, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (5571 Kalanianaole Hwy.)</td>
<td>DJNS Surveying and Mapping, for Meng Yu Cheng Roe and Timothy Roe</td>
<td>3-7-001:018</td>
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<td>MA-228</td>
<td>06/05/00</td>
<td>Lot 16 of C, Keawakapu Beach Lots at Kihei, Island of Maui, Hawaii (Vacant- South Kihei Road)</td>
<td>Tanaka Engineers, Inc., for R &amp; L Donner Trust</td>
<td>2-1-10:014 and 022</td>
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<td>MA-229</td>
<td>06/05/00</td>
<td>Lots 59-B and 59-C of Makena Beach Lots also being a portion of Land Commission Award 11216, Apana 21 to Kekauonohi at Palau, Honuaula, Makawao, Island of Maui, Hawaii (Vacant Keonecolo Makena Road)</td>
<td>Ana Aina Land Surveyors, for Mr. And Mrs. Brian McDonald</td>
<td>2-1-11:009 and 011</td>
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<td>OA-773</td>
<td>06/08/00</td>
<td>Being a portion of R. P. 52, Land Commission Award 802 to A. Adams, being also a portion of Niu Beach Lots, File Plan 279 at Niu, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (5603 Kalanianaole Hwy)</td>
<td>Austin, Tsutsumi And Associates, Inc., for Jasper Hawaii Investment, Inc.</td>
<td>3-7-01:003</td>
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<td>OA-569</td>
<td>06/05/00</td>
<td>Lot 312 as shown on Map 172 Land Court Application 323, Pueohaka, Kailua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (528-A North Kalaheo Avenue)</td>
<td>Sam O. Hirota, Inc., for Paul Violich</td>
<td>4-3-18:007</td>
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<td>MA-061</td>
<td>06/07/00</td>
<td>Being all of Land Commission Award 5402-B, Apana 4 to Namiaki also being a portion of Grant 15029 to Mahoe at Honualua, Makena, Island of Maui, Hawaii (5415 Makena Alaniui Road)</td>
<td>Newcomer-Lee Land Surveyors, Inc., for Maui Prince Hotel, Hawaii</td>
<td>2-1-06:057 and 059</td>
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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.

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<td>MO-060</td>
<td>May 30, 2000 Certification</td>
<td>Lot 2 of Kamekana Beach Lots, portion of R. P. 7656, Land Commission Award 8559-B and Apana 26 to W. C. Lunalilo, Kawela, Molokai, Hawaii (Makai of Kamehameha V Highway Purpose: To determine setback</td>
<td>Charles M. Busby P. E, for Douglas Beijer</td>
<td>5-4-19: 014</td>
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<td>MA-222</td>
<td>May 26, 2000 Certification</td>
<td>Lot 16 Kahaluu Beach Lots, being a portion of R. P. 6856, Land Commission Award 7713, Apana 6 to V. Kamamalu at Kahaluu, North Kona, Hawaii (78-6622 Alii Drive) Purpose: Satisfy sale agreement and Obtain County Permit for improvements to an existing structure</td>
<td>Wes Thomas Associates, for Jay and Phyllis Hanson</td>
<td>7-8-14: 075</td>
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<td>OA-769</td>
<td>June 5, 2000 Certification</td>
<td>Lot B-2 of Land Court Application 1005 (Map 4) at Kaluhole, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (3241 Diamond Head Road) Purpose: Obtain County Building Permit for renovation and remodeling of an existing structure</td>
<td>R. M. Towill Corporation, for Inarlya Ltd.</td>
<td>3-1-37: 011</td>
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<td>MA-221</td>
<td>June 2, 2000 Certification</td>
<td>Land of Makai of Lower Honoapiilani Road, Lahaina, Island of Maui; Purpose: Obtain permit for Honoapiilani Road Improvements Phase IV</td>
<td>Austin, Tsutsumi and Associates, Inc., for County of Maui</td>
<td>4-3-19: 47 &amp; 4-3-15: 036</td>
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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.

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<td>East Hawaii Police Detention Facility Hualalai and Ululani Sts. South Hilo</td>
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<td>Construction of one drainage injection well for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>Department of Education UH-2089</td>
<td>Hilo Union School 506 Waianuenue Ave., South Hilo</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Construction of two drainage injection wells for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>James McCully UH-2092</td>
<td>McCully Subdivision Milo Street, Keaau, Puna TMK 1-6-3:5</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Construction of one drainage injection well for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>GTE Hawaiian Tel. UH-2091</td>
<td>GTE Hawaiian Tel. - Kamuela 64-1024 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kamuela, South Kohala</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Construction of one drainage injection well for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>Department of Public Works County of Hawaii UH-2093</td>
<td>Mohouli Street Extension Ainako Ave. to Komohana St. Intersectn. Kaumana Dr. &amp; Ainako Ave., South Hilo</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Construction of 35 drainage injection wells for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>Airports Division Department of Transportation UH-2094</td>
<td>Hilo International Airport South Hilo</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Registration of 27 injection wells for surface drainage.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>Air Liquide America Corporation UO-2090</td>
<td>Air Liquide America Corporation Ewa Beach Facility 91-163 Hanua St., Kapolei</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Construction of one injection well for industrial wastewater and cooling tower blowdown.</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>AOAO Hanalei Colony Resort &amp; Associates UK-1388</td>
<td>Hanalei Colony Resort 5-7130 Kuhio Hwy. Wainiha, Haleleia</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>SDWB, 586-4258, UIC Permit</td>
<td>Kawaiola Development UK-1515</td>
<td>Hyatt Regency Kauai WWTP 1571 Poipu Road, Koloa</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>Hawaii Bio-Waste System, Inc. NSP 0453-01-N</td>
<td>1084 Puuwai Street, Honolulu, Oahu</td>
<td>Issued: 6/1/00</td>
<td>500 lb/batch Propane-Fired Pyrolytic Waste Destructor</td>
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<td>Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit</td>
<td>United States Air Force, 15th Air Base Wing CSP 0209-01-C (Amendment)</td>
<td>Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu</td>
<td>Issued: 6/7/00</td>
<td>Boilers, Internal Combustion Engines, Aircraft Engine Test Operations, Incinerators, Load Racks, and Organic Solvent Cleaning Units</td>
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<td>Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit</td>
<td>Grace Pacific Corporation CSP 0258-01-CT</td>
<td>Various Temporary Sites Initial Location: Honokohau Quarry</td>
<td>Comments Due: 7/6/00</td>
<td>325 TPH Portable Drum Mix Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Plant</td>
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<td>Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Temporary Covered Source Permit</td>
<td>Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company CSP 0467-01-CT</td>
<td>Various Temporary Sites Initial Location: Halawa Access Rd, Aiea, Oahu</td>
<td>Comments Due: 7/20/00</td>
<td>1500 TPH Portable Stone Quarrying and Processing Plant with 810 hp Diesel Engine Generator</td>
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<td>Clean Water Branch, 586-4309, NPDES</td>
<td>Ameron Hawaii Kapaa Quarry # 00-CW-PW-11</td>
<td>Kailua, Oahu</td>
<td>Comments Due: 7/12/00</td>
<td>Discharge process waste waters from facility's settling and containment ponds to the receiving water of an unnamed stream</td>
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Alien Species Permits

JUNE 23, 2000

Microorganism Importation

Before most alien organisms can be brought into Hawaii they must receive a permit from the Board of Agriculture. The application is first reviewed by experts in biology and heard in a public meeting of the Committee on Plants and Animals. To learn more about these permit applications, interested parties are encouraged to contact:

Plant Quarantine Branch
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
701 Ilalo St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
Ph. 586-0846

The following import applications are now being reviewed by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

1. **TITLE**: Request to (1) Allow the Importation of a Fungus, Lentinus edodes, on the List of Conditionally Approved Microorganisms for Outdoor Propagation; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of a Fungus, Lentinus edodes, on the List of Conditionally Approved Microorganisms for Outdoor Propagation
   **PURPOSE**: The importer is requesting import of Shiitake, Lentinus edodes, spawns to grow outdoors as a hobby.

2. **TITLE**: Request to Amend Permit Conditions for the Use of Bacteria, Clavibacter michiganensis subspecies michiganensis and Xanthomonas campestris pathovar campestris, on the List of Restricted Microorganisms, for Plant Inoculations in the Greenhouse
   **PURPOSE**: A researcher at the University of Hawaii is requesting to use two bacterial plant pathogens for inoculation studies on tomato and cruciferous plants in the greenhouse.

3. **TITLE**: Request to (1) Allow the Importation of Various Bacteria on the Lists of Restricted Microorganisms and Conditionally Approved Microorganisms Contained in a Product to Remediate Petroleum Contamination; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of Various Bacteria on the Lists of Restricted Microorganisms and Conditionally Approved Microorganisms Contained in a Product to Remediate Petroleum Contamination
   **PURPOSE**: A product containing cultures of bacteria is requested for import to degrade petroleum constituents found in wastewater effluent.

4. **TITLE**: Request to (1) Allow the Importation of Various Bacteria on the List of Conditionally Approved Microorganisms Contained in Various Microbial Products for Retail Sales; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of Various Bacteria on the List of Conditionally Approved Microorganisms Contained in Various Microbial Products for Retail Sales
   **PURPOSE**: Products containing cultures of bacteria are requested for import for soil application on commercial farms and golf courses to suppress disease, breakdown organic debris, and release minerals fixed in the soil.

5. **TITLE**: Request to (1) Allow the Importation of a Bacterium, Pseudomonas syringae pv. lachrymans, on the List of Restricted Microorganisms (Part A) for Laboratory Studies and Inoculation of Various Types of Cucumber Plants in the Laboratory and Growth Chamber; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of a Bacterium, Pseudomonas syringae pv. lachrymans, on the List of Restricted Microorganisms (Part A) for Laboratory Studies and Inoculation of Various Types of Cucumber Plants in the Laboratory and Growth Chamber
   **PURPOSE**: A researcher at the University of Hawaii is requesting to use a bacterial plant pathogen for inoculation studies on cucumber plants in the laboratory and growth chambers.

   Contact: Neil Reimer, Ph.D., Entomologist, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Plant Quarantine Branch, 701 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813, email: nreimer@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu
Federal Consistency Reviews

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received the following federal actions to review for consistency with the CZM objectives and policies in Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This public notice is being provided in accordance with section 306(d)(14) of the National Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. For more information, please call John Nakagawa with the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2878. Federally mandated deadlines require that comments be received by the date specified for each CZM consistency review and can be mailed to:

David W. Blane, Director
Office of Planning
Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Or, fax comments to the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2899.

(1) Ala Wai Boat Harbor Cross Dock Improvements

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Contact: Andrew M. Monden, (808) 587-0260
Consultant: Oceanit Laboratories, Inc., Warren Bucher, (808) 531-3017
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit (File No. 200000206)
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 438-9258
Contact: Lolly Silva, 438-7023
Location: Ala Wai Harbor, Honolulu, Island of Oahu
TMK: 2-3-37
Proposed Action:
Department of Land and Natural Resources proposes cosmetic and structural repairs to permit the continued safe use of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor cross-dock facilities. The project includes the removal, replacement and/or repair of concrete and steel reinforcement, including cracks, spalling and other deterioration along the existing cross dock at Ala Wai Harbor. The cross dock will also receive surface-applied carbon fiber polymer for structural strengthening. All work is above water and no discharge of fill material will be taking place in the water. A silt curtain and timber floating raft below the repair work are indicated in the plans to guard against material falling into the water.
Comments Due: July 7, 2000

(2) Ala Wai Boat Harbor Floating Docks F & G Improvements

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Contact: Andrew M. Monden, (808) 587-0260
Consultant: Oceanit Laboratories, Inc., Warren Bucher, (808) 531-3017
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit (File No. 20000212)
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 438-9258
Contact: Lolly Silva, 438-7023
Location: Ala Wai Harbor, Honolulu, Island of Oahu
TMK: 2-3-37
Proposed Action:
Department of Land and Natural Resources proposes general improvements to floating docks and utilities in order to permit the continued safe use of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor facilities. The project includes the removal and replacement of existing floating docks F and G at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Existing floating docks, gangways, storage lockers, and utilities will be removed and replaced utilizing the existing concrete piles. The marina facilities will not be expanded by the project. Most dock components will be preconstructed before placement in the water. Six new concrete piles will be placed near the shore at floating dock F to support two concrete landings for the handicapped-accessible aluminum and gangway number 2. No discharge of fill material will be taking place in the water.
Comments Due: July 7, 2000
Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seeks public comment on a proposed rule to prohibit the transportation or import of the black carp, *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, between the continental United States, the District of Columbia, Hawai‘i, Puerto Rico and territories and possessions. The black carp lives in lakes and lower reaches of rivers. It is native to most major Pacific drainages of eastern Asia and highly esteemed as a food fish in China. It was introduced to the United States in the early 1970’s as a contaminant in imported grass carp stocks. A second introduction occurred in the 1980’s for yellow grub control and as a food fish. The black carp spawns in rivers and research has indicated that pond-cultured females can produce an average of 65,000 eggs per kg of body weight. The FWS believes that the black carp may pose a threat to native mollusk and fish populations. Send comments, on or before **AUGUST 1, 2000**, to Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 840 ARLSQ, Washington, D.C. 20240 (see 65 F.R. 35314, June 2, 2000).

Zebra Mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

Effective **JUNE 13, 2000**, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) corrected 50 C.F.R. 16.13 by adding the zebra mussel, a small bivalve mollusk native to Europe, to the list of injurious fish, mollusks and crustaceans under the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42). This rulemaking prohibits the importation, acquisition or transportation of live zebra mussels, veligers or viable eggs thereof into or between the continental United States, the District of Columbia, Hawai‘i and territories and possessions (see, 65 F.R. 37062, June 13, 2000).

Endangered Species Permit Application No. TE-829250

The Hawaii Wildlife Fund, La‘ie, Hawai‘i, has applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture, mark, collect eggs, and relocate eggs) of the hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) in conjunction with scientific research on the islands of Moloka‘i and Hawai‘i, for the purpose of enhancing its survival. Written comments must be received on or before **JULY 20, 2000**. Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public (see, 65 F.R. 38297, June 20, 2000).

Emergency Fishery Rule Extension

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has extended an emergency rule, now in effect, that closes certain waters to fishing by vessels engaged in the Hawai‘i-based pelagic longline fishery. The rule was published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1999, in response to the Order Setting Terms of Injunction issued on November 23, 1999, by the U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, (Court). The area closure is intended to reduce adverse impacts to sea turtles by restricting the activities of the Hawaiian longline fishery while an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared for the Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP). Extension of the emergency rule will maintain the temporary area closure until December 23, 2000, or until new time and area closures, as imposed by the Court, are implemented by NMFS. This emergency rule is effective 12:02 a.m., local time, **JUNE 26, 2000**, through 12:01 a.m., local time, December 23, 2000. Copies of the environmental assessment prepared for the emergency rule may be obtained from Dr. Charles Karnella, Administrator, Pacific Islands Area Office (PIAO), NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI, 96814-4700. For information contact Alvin Katekaru or Marilyn Luipold, PIAO, (808) 973-2937 (see 65 F.R. 37917, June 19, 2000)

Hawai‘i Animal Import Center

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has issued a final rule, effective **JULY 20, 2000**, removing Honolulu from the lists of animal import centers and ports of entry that provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture quarantine facilities for animals, birds, and poultry imported into the United States. APHIS is also amending the regulations by adding Honolulu, as a limited port for the importation of animals, birds, poultry, poultry products, and animal germ plasm that do not require U.S. Department of Agriculture quarantine facilities. These actions will update the regulations to reflect the June 1997 closure of the Hawaii Animal Import Center. For more information contact Dr. Gary Colgrove, Chief Staff Veterinarian, Import/Export Animals, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231, telephone (301) 734-3276 (see, 65 F.R. 38177, June 20, 2000).
Letters of Notice

JUNE 23, 2000

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.

More Comment on Wailua Seawall

Chip Fletcher, professor with the Department of Geology & Geophysics at the University of Hawaii at Manoa has requested that the following letter sent electronically to the Office of Environmental Quality Control be published in the Environmental Notice.

"Dear OEQC,

If the Kauai County government is committed to spending public funds to stabilize the Wailua Golf Course shoreline, it should seek a comprehensive solution that maintains (or enhances) the littoral environment, public access, and a stable shoreline position.

Notably lacking among the many comments regarding the construction of a seawall to protect the Wailua Golf Course is a resolution to the erosion problem. No one disputes that a seawall or revetment at the site is an excellent method for protecting the upland. However, no form of armoring generates sand hence the erosion problem is not solved. The best solution will be one that both protects the beach and the upland. This will require stopping the cause of erosion and renourishing the extant deficiency in the local sand budget.

It is likely that the erosion hotspot along the southern portion of the shoreline is due to the breach in the fringing reef. This breach allows wave energy access to the beach and provides an offshore conduit for sand loss. Submerging large stone in the breach channel will provide solid substrate for coral and coralline algae recruitment to restore the damaged reef. It will also increase the available littoral habitat. I suggest the use of large basalt stone as it is denser and therefore more stable than carbonate rock. Basalt stone is immediately available from the adjacent shoreline. Once the breach is healed, a sand nourishment effort to restore a stable shoreline position should be attempted. Kauai has beach-grade sand available from quarry activities on the Mana Plain and on the Mahaulepu/Aweoweo Coastal Plain.

Wave energy and offshore-directed sand losses should be reduced by restoring the reef. If the restored shoreline position proves to be unstable over the next year, further erosion control should be attempted. An experienced engineer could design a low profile T-head groin field, “tuned” to the incident wave field (largely trades, with some north swell wrap) to stabilize another sand renourishment effort. These efforts will have a positive impact on the littoral environment and will enhance public access while protecting the upland region.

It is advisable that Kauai County conduct an analysis of the comparative economies of restoring the shoreline to realigning seaward components of the golf course. With a shoreline recession rate of only 1 foot per year, a minor realignment of 50 ft will bring you decades free of any erosion threat."

[Map of Hawaii]