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Hilo Solid Waste Sorting Station

The South Hilo landfill is scheduled to close in 2004. Alternative technologies will be developed to handle solid waste, but putting them into operation will follow the 2004 Hilo landfill closure by at least five years. In the interim, the county Department of Environmental Management, in anticipation of the closing, proposes to establish a sorting station to reduce the amount of solid waste collected before the remainder is trucked to the Pu'uuanahulu Landfill in North Kona. Metals, white goods, greenwaste, glass, paper and plastic will be sorted and removed from the waste stream and integrated into the county's

island-wide recycling program. The remainder can be consolidated before transfer to the North Kona landfill. The County of Hawaii's Department of Environmental Management has submitted an environmental impact statement preparation notice (EISP) for review. The site for the station is a county-owned 35-acre parcel at the east end of Leilani Street in Hilo, just south of the airport. It is bounded by Pana'ewa home and farm lots (Hawaiian Home Lands), the Hawaii National Guard Military Reservation, and other commercial and industrial owners along Leilani Street. For more information see page 8.

New Pier on Wailupe Peninsula

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is processing a conservation district use permit application for a construction of a wood/fiber reinforced plastic pier and associated concrete footings just off 292 Wailupe Circle. A rock seawall forms the seaward boundary of the project's property. In addition, a private concrete walkway extends approximately five feet shoreward from the top of the seawall. Anticipated permits for the construction include a shoreline setback variance from the City and County of Honolulu. See page 4 for more information.

Critical Habitat for Spider and Amphipod on Kaua'i

Effective May 9, 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated 272 acres of critical habitat in the Koloa-Po'ipu area under the Endangered Species Act, as amended, for the Kaua'i cave wolf spider (*Adelocosa anops*) and the Kaua'i cave amphipod (*Spelaeorchestia koloana*). See page 16 for more.

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Plan to have EIS

The National Park Service (NPS) of the U.S. Department of the Interior has issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a comprehensive management plan (CMP) for the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail on the island of Hawaii. NPS is initiating conservation planning and environmental impact analysis for a comprehensive management plan for the recently designated (January 24, 2000) Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. This effort will provide an EIS and CMP that encompasses protection of sacred, cultural and natural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and facilities. This EIS will be tiered to the 1998 Ala Kahakai National Trail Study and EIS. All issues in that EIS will be updated; a planning newsletter detailing protection of sacred/cultural sites; management of marine/terrestrial natural resources; landowner liability; trail maintenance; facility development; and trail user safety/security is available. Comments are due on May 7, 2003. See page 15 for more details.

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Helemano Watershed Protection Project

District: Waialua
TMK: 6-3-001: 001
Applicant: Kamehameha Schools
567 South King Street, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Manabu Tagomori (534-3866)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809
Contact: Matthew Myers (587-0382)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the approving agency or accepting authority and OEQC.

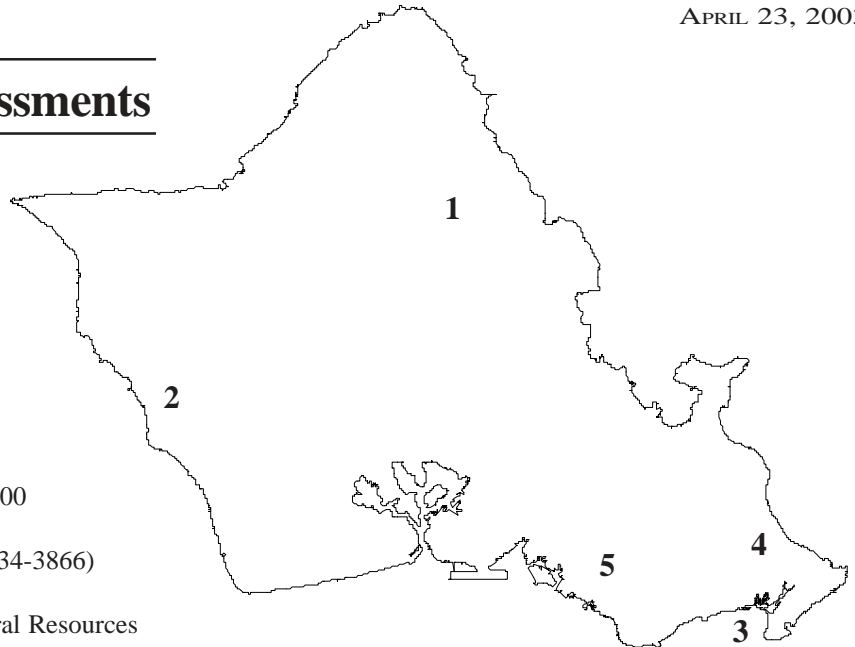
Permits

Required: CDUA

Kamehameha Schools, in a cooperative effort with the State of Hawai'i, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawai'i and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, proposes the construction of an ungulate enclosure fence encircling the upper reaches of the Helemano Stream Drainage, Ko'olau Mountains, O'ahu. By eliminating the destructive impact of feral pigs in the project area, this project is directed at the protection of ecosystems as well as rare and endangered species.

The project will enclose approximately 200 acres of native Ko'olau wet forest, constructing about 2750 meters of 42" hogwire fence. The project is one component of ongoing efforts to protect native forest ecosystems and rare, threatened and/or endangered flora and fauna in the area. Nine species of listed, proposed, candidate, or rare plant species and one endangered tree snail specie are found in the project area.

Fence construction will entail hand clearing a 10-foot wide corridor through vegetation for the fence line. The outside of the fence will be skirted along the base with a



hogwire apron. The enclosure will be maintained as pig free. Potential impacts include short-term increase in soil disturbance along the fence line, destruction of common native vegetation, and effects on rare and endangered plant and animal species, cultural resources, and the Ko'olau Summit Trail. Impact mitigation measures include conducting expert surveys of the fence route to ensure that no biological or cultural resources are within the fencing clearing corridor and retaining the integrity of the Ko'olau summit trail.



(2) Ma'ili Beach Park Improvements

District: Wai'anae
TMK: 8-7-15: 1, 3-7, 39; 8-7-028: 21-23
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 11th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Laverne Higa (527-6246)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Environmental Communications, Inc.
1188 Bishop Street, Suite 2210
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Taeyong Kim (528-4661)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003

O'ahu Notices

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Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment. Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMP, Grading, Stockpiling

The project parcel consists of lands makai (west) of Farrington Highway and north of St. John's Road. This continuous shoreline parcel includes approximately 5,000 feet of shoreline. The project improvement area is limited to the southern end of the Beach Park from Palakamana Street to St. John's Road. The proposed parking and site improvements will not increase the intensity or nature of use of the existing park.

The parking improvements will consist of the removal of the concrete pile butts bordering the parking area, grading the surface and paving of the parking area. A total of 60 parking stalls, including handicap parking will be provided in the completed parking lot.

Concrete pile butts presently line Farrington Highway along the mauka side of the park. All piles located between Palakamana Street and St. John's Road will be removed and replaced with an 18-inch high CRM wall. A 24-foot wide opening will be provided opposite Palakamana Street for vehicular access to the parking lot. Eight 3-foot wide pedestrian openings will also be provided throughout the park improvement area.

The existing comfort station is located northwest of the proposed parking lot and does not have a sidewalk connection to the parking area. The proposed improvements will include a 5-foot wide walkway that will provide access to the newly paved parking area.

The electrical systems for the existing street lighting will be replaced or repaired for the five streetlights located along Farrington Highway. These improvements will generally consist of the replacement of metering, pull boxes and fuses systems.



(3) Pietsch Pier at Wailupe Circle

District: Honolulu
TMK: 3-6-01: 22
Applicant: Michael Pietsch (521-0259)
292 Wailupe Circle Drive
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96821

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 131
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Sam Lemmo (587-0377)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
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: CDUA, SSV, Army Corps

Wailupe Peninsula is located on the southeastern shore of O'ahu between Diamond Head and Koko Head. Properties located along the perimeter of the peninsula benefit from full 180-degree ocean views. Shoreline and ocean access is limited due to the hazardous nature of the rock wall built during development of the Peninsula and the rocky reef shelf. Adjacent owners have improved their access by building short piers that span the distance of the perimeter channel.

Michael Pietsch seeks to build the same such improvement seaward of his property located at 292 Wailupe Circle Drive. The proposed project involves the construction of a seaward concrete footing and support piling, minor demolition and reconstruction of a portion of the existing grouted rock seawall, and construction of pier decking and benches.

The primary impacts of the proposed project include the impact to the marine environment as a result of the construction of the pier footing and piling and the reconstruction of a portion of the existing rock seawall. Both impacts are anticipated to be minor in nature. The construction of the pier footing and support piling may result in increased habitat on the new concrete surface area. The appearance of the existing seawall and adjacent walkway will remain virtually unchanged by the construction of the proposed pier.



(4) Waimanalo Beach Park Canoe Halau

District: Ko'olaupoko
TMK: 4-1-003: 016
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street, 11th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Wesley Obata (523-4783)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: AKTA, Ltd./Arthur Kimbal Thompson
Architect
46-160 Nahiku Street
Kane'ohe, Hawai'i 96744
Contact: Arthur Kimbal Thompson (236-1676)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMA, Building

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC), City & County of Honolulu proposes to construct a new canoe halau at Waimanalo Beach Park. The proposed new canoe halau was developed through the community vision process sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu. The canoe halau is planned for Waimanalo Beach Park at the site of the former caretakers cottage adjacent to the camp facilities and across from the existing small parking lot and comfort station. The beach park is located at 41-741 Kalaniana'ole Highway in Waimanalo, O'ahu, Hawai'i. The park area is 1,470,803 square feet.

The new canoe halau will provide a permanent and secured storage facility for canoes, kayaks and related equipment. The design of the proposed canoe halau will be appropriate from both a cultural and contextual standpoint with historic reference made to assimilate the design of traditional style halau wa'a. This design was derived from information included in publication "Kaiona Beach Park Canoe Halau - A Cultural Stewardship Opportunity for the Waimanalo Community" prepared by the Waimanalo Canoe Club, Summer 1999.

The facility will feature a steeply sloped roof structure resting on 10 ohia posts (5 on each side) parallel to Kalaniana'ole Highway, with provision for metal security grille panels, operable garage doors; and moss rock walls. The exterior of the building will be lighted. The sides of the facility will be kept as open as possible so that air circulation is achieved. The building will be sited at a relatively flat grassy area and only minor finish grading will be required.

The existing asphalt concrete parking lot will be used to accommodate visitors to the proposed canoe halau. No new parking is planned for this part of the park.

The existing beach park includes grassed areas with coconut palm trees that will remain. Two coconut palms will be relocated on either side of the new ac driveway. After completion of construction the area will be re-grassed with Seashore Paspalum and temporarily irrigated. No new irrigation system will be installed.

All facilities will be designed to meet the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the requirements of §103-50.

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(5) Makiki Town Center and Wilder Avenue Revitalization Master Plan

District: Honolulu
TMK: Various
Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Don Griffin (527-6324)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Gerald Park Urban Planner (942-7484)
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.
Permits Required: Punchbowl Special District; Grubbing, Grading, Stockpiling; Excavate Public Right-of-Way; Building; Variance from Pollution Controls

The Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu, proposes right-of-way improvements to Wilder Avenue in Makiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i. The improvements are proposed between Pensacola Street and Punahou Square Park, a distance of about 3,400 lineal feet.

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The Makiki Town Center and Wilder Avenue Revitalization Master Plan is a plan for Wilder Avenue, one of the major urban features that help to define the Makiki community. The Master Plan does not propose widening or realigning Wilder Avenue. What the Master Plan proposes is sharing the street with pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

The Master Plan proposes to implement the Honolulu Bike Master Plan for Wilder Avenue at this time. On-street parking would be eliminated along all sections of Wilder Avenue where the bike lane is within the Wilder Avenue right-of-way and adjacent to the curb. Meandering sidewalks should be constructed on both sides of the right-of-way to create a more pedestrian friendly environment to Wilder Avenue and create a more relaxed atmosphere.

It is recommended that "Victorian" style street light standards be installed on the mauka side of Wilder Avenue. Existing light standards would remain on the makai side of the street. The 'Queen's White' Shower Tree should replace the Royal Poinciana Trees as the street tree. Benches, street furniture, and trash receptacles should be of Victorian style design.

No commercial or residential activity will be displaced by the proposed project. The proposed street improvements, however, will displace on-street parking at some locations within the project limits. Approximately 60 on-street parking "spaces" would be removed.

The cost for implementing the master plan is estimated at \$3.5 million. Most of the improvements are proposed within the existing Wilder Avenue right-of-way or on public-owned adjoining the right-of-way. The City and County of Honolulu has not appropriated design and construction funds for the project.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

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Hau'ula Fire Station Replacement

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Design and Construction
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Curtis Kushimaejo (527-6332)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2003

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Koa Ridge Community

Applicant: Castle & Cooke Homes Hawai'i, Inc.
P.O. Box 898900
Mililani, Hawai'i 96789-8900
Contact: Alan Arakawa (548-4811)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning & Permitting,
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Matt Higashida (527-6056)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 7, 2003



2002 Report Card

The Environmental Council's 2002 Annual Report is now available on the website at www.state.hi.us/health/oeqc/index.html.

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Ho'okena Standpipe Replacement

District: South Kona
TMK: 8-6-009: 011
Applicant: County of Hawai'i,
Department of Water Supply
345 Kekuaano'a Street, Suite 20
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
Contact: Owen Nishioka (961-8070 x 259)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Gerald Park Urban Planner (942-7484)
1400 Rycroft Street, Suite 876
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: Building, Electrical, Plumbing;
Gubbing, Grading, Excavation, Stockpiling;
Best Management Practices; Variance from Pollution Controls, Permit to Perform Work within a State Highway Right-of-Way

The Department of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i, proposes to replace its existing Ho'okena standpipe with a new standpipe at a new location in Ho'okena. The new standpipe would be located on a 0.952-acre lot immediately to the south of Ho'okena Elementary School, 'ahupua'a of Kauhako, District of South Kona, County, Island, and State of Hawai'i. The property is owned by the County of Hawai'i.

An area of approximately 9,315 square feet is proposed for the facility. The standpipe would be located on the upper half (eastern side) of the property adjacent to Mamalahoa Highway. The site will be filled to about 14-feet above existing elevation (measured on the low side) to create a level surface. The area to be filled is estimated at 0.52 acres. The quantity of fill is estimated at 1,300 cubic yards.

A one-way circulation plan is proposed. Vehicles would enter the site from Mamalahoa Highway via a paved driveway on the north side of the property and exit from a paved driveway on the south.



Two loading stations are proposed each with one standpipe (12 feet high with a 6-foot extension) for top loading trucks. Water will be dispensed through a 2" standpipe. Each loading station will be equipped with 8 separate water meters (for a total of 16 meters). One water meter will be assigned to each commercial hauler. Currently, there are 6 to 8 commercial water haulers serving the South Kona District. Drawn water will be metered and the hauler charged accordingly.

For homeowners, water can be drawn from three hose bibs to be located in the southwest corner of the facility. There is no water charge for homeowners.

A 6-foot high chain link fence will enclose the site on three sides; a 6-foot rolling gate will secure both driveways on Mamalahoa Highway. Security lighting will be provided.

The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$.311 million and would be funded by the Department of Water Supply and the Office of the Mayor. The project will be constructed in one phase over a six-month period. Construction will commence after all approvals are received.

No residence or business establishment will be displaced because of the project.

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(2) Kanoelehua-Kekuanao'a Project

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-2-37: 41
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809
Contact: Keith Chun (587-0431)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Brian T. Nishimura (935-7692)
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 217
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.
Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: Change of Zone, UIC

The State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), is the owner of approximately 2.847 acres of land in Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawai'i. The subject property, situated on the southwest corner of Kanoelehua Avenue and Kekuanao'a Avenue, is currently vacant and zoned for single family residential use with a minimum lot size requirement of ten thousand square feet (RS-10). DLNR will submit a change of zone application to the Hawai'i County Planning Department to allow for light industrial or mixed commercial/industrial uses (i.e., MCX zoning district) which is consistent with the Industrial designation in the County General Plan. Upon approval of the change of zone request, DLNR intends to offer a long-term lease or leases over the property by public auction. However, because public land laws (HRS §171-13) require that the leases be sold by public auction and awarded to the highest bidder, the specific use or uses of the site cannot be determined until after the lease(s) are auctioned and awarded. Therefore, the impacts discussed in this Environmental Assessment are discussed in general terms based on potential impacts that could result from any of the uses permitted in the MCX zoning district.

Short term impacts anticipated from the proposed construction activity include increased noise levels, dust and exhaust from machinery involved in the installation of the

project improvements. The lessee(s) of the property will be required to comply with all applicable state and County requirements including the State Department of Health regulations and any requirements to utilize best management practices to minimize impacts.

Potential long term impacts for the project include drainage, roadways and traffic issues which will be addressed through the compliance with requirements of the Department of Public Works and the State Department of Transportation.

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices



(3) East Hawai'i Regional Sort Station

District: South Hilo
TMK: 2-1-013: 150, 151, 162, 167, 168
Applicant: County of Hawai'i
Department of Environmental Management
25 Aupuni Street, #208
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
Contact: Barbara Bell (961-8083)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Hawai'i
Office of the Mayor
25 Aupuni Street, #200
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Consultant: URS Corporation
615 Pi'ikoi Street, 9th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814
Contact: David Robichaux (637-8030)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 23, 2003
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Permits Required: Solid Waste Management; Grading, Building

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The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management (DEM) intends to construct and operate the East Hawai'i Regional Sort Station near the current site of the South Hilo Landfill. The subject properties are located at the east end of Leilani Street in Hilo, Hawai'i. This action will use County and State land and funding, and therefore requires compliance with the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act and approval from the Office of the Mayor, which is the Accepting Authority for all documents during the Environmental Impact Statement process.

Because the South Hilo Landfill will reach full capacity in 2004, the County needs to manage the East Hawai'i municipal waste stream that will minimize the impacts of the landfill closure on public health and the environment. The purpose of the proposed action is to build and operate a facility to reduce the waste volume, recycle recoverable material and prepare the remaining waste for transport to Pu'uana'hulu Landfill in North Kona.

The Sort Station will be master planned to include space to divert and process metals, white goods, greenwastes, glass, paper and plastic; and to be integrated with the County's island-wide recycling program in order to maximize efficiencies of scale. The estimated cost of the proposed action is between \$4 million and \$6 million.

The County and its Solid Waste Advisory Committee, examined several alternatives to the proposed action. The primary alternatives to be considered in the Draft EIS are: No action; To construct a new landfill in East Hawai'i; To minimize the function of the Sort Station so that it is simply a reloading facility; and To procure one or more waste reduction facilities for East Hawai'i.

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Anuenue (formerly Rainbow) Radio Towers and Facilities, Kahua Ranch Site

Applicant: Dept. of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96183
Contact: Allen Yamanoha (586-0488)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2003

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Hiluhilu Development

Applicant: Hiluhilu Development c/o Group 70 Int'l
925 Bethel Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Contact: Guido Giacometti (882-1924)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: State Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804-2359
Contact: Anthony Ching (587-3822)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2003



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Hodgins Access Easement

Applicant: William Koa Hodgins (573-1587)
708 Olinda Road
Makawao, Hawai'i 96768

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources
54 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793-2198
Contact: Jason Koga (984-8105)

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2003

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Upper Kaupakulua 0.5 MG Water Storage Tank

Applicant: County of Maui
 Department of Water Supply
 200 South High Street
 Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793
 Contact: George Tengan (270-7816)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: May 8, 2003

Withdrawal

A&B Properties Land Use Amendment Request

On April 3, 2003 the County of Maui Planning Department withdrew a draft EA for the A&B Properties Land Use Amendment Request, published in the February 8, 2002 Environmental Notice.

For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Cua at (808) 270-7735.



Pollution Control Permit Applications

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 Date	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	U. S. Department of Agriculture NSP 0308-01-N (Renewal)	41-650 Ahiki Street, Waimanalo, Oahu	Issued: 4/2/03	1.2 MMBtu/hr and 3.348 MMBtu/hr Steam Boilers
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	University of Hawaii NSP 0418-02-N (Amendment)	District of Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii	Issued: 4/1/03	430 BHP Diesel Engine (RIG-1), 500 BHP Diesel Engine (RIG-2), 410 BHP Diesel Engine (PMP-1), 470 BHP Diesel Engine Generator (GEN-1), 450 BHP Diesel Engine (CORE-1), and Back-up 470 BHP Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital NSP 0279-01-N (Renewal)	4643 Waimea Canyon Drive, Waimea, Kauai	Issued: 4/3/03	One (1) 200lb/hr Pathological Waste Incinerator and One (1) 434 BHP Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Air Branch, 586-4200, Covered Source Permit	Kalaeloa Partners, L.P. CSP 0214-01-C (Renewal)	99-111 Kalaeloa Boulevard, Kapolei, Oahu	Comments Due: 4/21/03	Kalaeloa Cogeneration Plant

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 Kaua'i, Hawai'i and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, O'ahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application. If there are any questions, please call Nick Vaccaro at 587-0384.

Case No.	Date	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-055-2	4/11/03	Lots 125-C and 125-D, Land Court Application 772 as shown on Map 44, land situated at Laie, Koolauloa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 55-315A & 55-313 Kamehameha Hwy Purpose: Improvements	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Ronald N. Lee and Bernard J. Wilson	5-5-02: 92 & 93
OA-928	4/11/03	Lot 366 of Land Court Application 616, land situated at Kailua, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 1264 Mokulua Drive Purpose: Construction of Seawall	Walter P. Thompson, Inc., for DTP Holding, Inc.	4-3-05: 59
OA-929	4/11/03	Portion of Sand Island State Recreation Area, Being a portion of Land Commission Award 6450 to Kaunohua for W. L. Moehonua, land situated at Mokauea, Sand Island, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: Main Propulsion Facility Purpose: Subdivision DAGS JOB # 12-31-4041	Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii, for Honolulu Community College	1-5-41: 06
OA-930	4/11/03	Lot 17 of Land Court Application 1052, as shown on map 5, land situated at Makaha, Waianae, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 84-817 Moua Street Purpose: Improvements	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc., for Phyllis K. D. Chun	8-4-05: 22

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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, Hawai'i 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	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
HA-233-2	Certified 4/8/03	Lot 2, being a portion of Land Commission Award 7073, Apana 1 to Kapae, land situated at Kahului 2 nd , North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: 75-5992 Alii Drive Purpose: Building Permit	Wes Thomas Associates, for Eric and Judith Soto	7-5-19: 30

Coastal Zone News

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Federal Consistency Reviews

The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received the following federal actions to review for consistency with the CZM objectives and policies in Chapter 205A, Hawai'i 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 general information about CZM federal consistency please call John Nakagawa with the Hawai'i CZM Program at 587-2878. For neighboring islands use the following toll free numbers: Lana'i & Moloka'i: 468-4644 x72878, Kaua'i: 274-3141 x72878, Maui: 984-2400 x72878 or Hawai'i: 974-4000 x72878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below please contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. Federally mandated deadlines require that comments be received by the date specified for each CZM consistency review and can be mailed to: Director, Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804. Or, fax comments to the Hawai'i CZM Program at 587-2899.

(1) Supplemental Dock at Ala Wai Boat Harbor Slip 525, O'ahu

Applicant: Thomas Bashaw
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit (200300333)
Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: Bill Lennan, 438-6986
Location: Ala Wai Boat Harbor Slip 525
CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878
Proposed Action:

The applicant is requesting an after-the-fact permit for a supplemental dock to boat slip 525 at Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The dock is constructed of wood, 10 feet by 6.5 feet, and supported in the water by concrete blocks. The project does not involve any dredging or discharge of fill material into the water.

Comments Due: May 7, 2003

(2) Supplemental Deck at Ala Wai Boat Harbor Slip 656, O'ahu

Applicant: Charles Galanto
Federal Action: Department of the Army Permit (200300336)

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Contact: Bill Lennan, 438-6986

Location: Ala Wai Boat Harbor Slip 656

CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878

Proposed Action:

The applicant is requesting an after-the-fact permit for a supplemental deck to boat slip 656 at Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The deck is constructed of wood, 21 feet by 7 feet, and supported in the water by steel supports. The project does not involve any dredging or discharge of fill material into the water.

Comments Due: May 7, 2003

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Ballistic Missile Defense System

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is publishing this notice to announce its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). This PEIS will assess environmental issues associated with the proposed action, foreseeable future actions, and their reasonable alternatives, including the no action alternative, and as appropriate, cumulative effects. This PEIS will support decisions to meet the fundamental objectives of the MDA's mission to test, develop, transfer to deployment, and to plan for decommissioning activities for a Ballistic Missile Defense System to defend the forces and territories of the United States (U.S.), its Allies, and friends against all classes of ballistic missile threats, in all phases of flight.

Public scoping meetings will be conducted as a part of the PEIS process to ensure opportunity for all interested government and private organizations, and the general public to identify their issues of concern they believe should be addressed in the content of the PEIS. The public scoping meeting in Honolulu is scheduled for: May 13, 2003, 6 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 1956 Ala Moana Blvd.

For those that cannot attend the public scoping meetings, written comments via the U.S. mail, or e-mail are encouraged. To ensure sufficient time to consider issues identified during the public scoping meeting period, comments should be submitted to one of the addresses listed below no later than June 12, 2003. Additional information regarding the development of the BMDS PEIS is available on the public participation Web site <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo>.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, statements, and/or questions regarding scoping issues should be addressed to: MDA BMDS PEIS, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031, Phone (Toll Free) 1-877-MDA-PEIS (1-877-632-7347), Fax (Toll Free) 1-877-851-5451, E-mail: bmds.peis@mda.osd.mil.

Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permits

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statute (HRS) 205A-30, the following is a list of SMA Minor permits that have been approved or are pending by the respective county/state agency. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate county/state Planning Department. City & County of Honolulu (523-4131); Hawai'i County (961-8288); Kaua'i County (241-6677); Maui County (270-7735); Kaka'ako Special District (587-2878).

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Oahu: Diamond Head (3-1-36-15)	Replace existing roof (2002/SMA-33)	Robert and Louise Teitge/James H. Park, Architect
Oahu: Waipahu (9-3-2-9)	146 sf explosive magazine & security fence at existing Police Academy (2003/SMA-20)	City & County, DDC
Oahu: Heeia (4-6-7-89)	Bus stop shelter (2003/SMA - 27)	B.P. Bishop Estate/T. Iida Contracting, Ltd.
Hawaii: Hilo (2-2-2-34)	Temporary mobile food vending concession at Hilo Bayfront canoe parking lot. (SMM 135)	Hawaii County DPR
Kauai: Hanalei (5-5-1-5)	Canoe storage (SMA (M) -2003-29)	Namolokama O' Hanalei Canoe Club
Maui: Haiku (2-8-3-52)	Second farm dwelling (SM2 20030043)	Engesser, Thea & Anthony
Maui: Ulumalu (2-8-3-3)	Barn, utility & water lines (SM2 20030044)	Sierra Emory
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-28-40)	Interior alterations (SM2 20030045)	Sooy, Charles Daniel
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-33-23)	Remodel (SM2 20030046)	Lindig, Sylvia
Maui: Lahaina (4-4-14-4)	Temp parking, staging & storage (SM2 20030047)	Hawaiian Dredging
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-2-13, 14)	Various repairs (SM2 20030048)	State DAGS
Maui: Kaa (2-6-11-24)	Swimming pool (SM2 20030049)	Miller, Bruce & Pamela
Maui: Lahaina (4-5-1-12)	Lahaina galleries (SM2 20030050)	Island Design Center
Maui: Lahaina (4-3-5-29)	Deck extension (SM2 20030051)	Goddard, Chris
Maui: Manele (4-9-17-2)	Vehicle access barrier (SMX 20030182) Pending	Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-5-12)	Reroof (SMX 20030184) Pending	All-protect Roofing Co., LLC
Maui: Wailea (2-1-25-10)	Residence (SMX 20030185) Pending	Island Custom Homes
Maui: Haiku (2-8-3-62)	Residence (SMX 20030186) Pending	Richmond, Ronald E.
Maui: Wailuku (3-2-20-3)	Residence garage (SMX 20030188) Pending	Betsill Brothers construction
Maui: Haiku (2-9-2-16)	Farm dwelling (SMX 20030189) Pending	Luyken, Robert
Maui: Lahaina (4-5-1-6)	Interior renovation (SMX 20030190) Pending	Pastula, Michael
Maui: Kailua (2-9-11-17)	Workshop, garage (SMX 20030191) Pending	White, Jeff
Maui: Kihei (3-9-48-137)	Dwelling addition (SMX 20030193) Pending	Aguinaldo, Alicia
Maui: Wailea (2-1-8-6)	Alteration (SMX 20030194) Pending	Manry, William/Trust, Linda
Maui: Wailuku (3-2-11-15)	Addition (SMX 20030195) Pending	Acob, Renato
Maui: Kihei (3-9-37-97)	Deck addition (SMX 20030196) Pending	Schroeder, Steve
Maui: Haiku (2-9-7-73)	Farm dwelling (SMX 20030198) Pending	Wagner, Nick
Maui: Haiku (2-8-3-6)	Subdivision (SMX 20030199) Pending	Serle, Ronald
Maui: Kihei (2-1-8-105)	Swimming pool (SMX 20030200) Pending	Cooper, Martin V.
Maui: Kihei (3-9-8-8)	Residence (SMX 20030201) Pending	Pedersen, Daniel & Judy
Maui: Kihei (2-1-21-56)	Reroof (SMX 20030202) Pending	Hilton, Michael B.
Maui: Kihei (3-9-2-26)	Subdivision (SMX 20030203) Pending	Lipoa Land, LLC/Trans Warehouse Assoc.
Maui: Kapalua (4-2-3-40)	Pool & spa (SMX 20030204) Pending	Cooper, Martin V.
Maui: Paia (3-8-2-104)	Workshop, pool, bedroom (SMX 20030206) Pending	Wark, Roger
Maui: Lahaina (4-3-16-2)	Enclose carport (SMX 20030207) Pending	Yamamoto, Barbara S.
Maui: Makena (2-1-7-96)	Addition (SMX 20030208) Pending	Chu, Daniel
Maui: Kihei (3-69-5-35)	Repairs (SMX 20030209) Pending	Destiny Homes
Maui: Lahaina (4-3-6-80)	Additions (SMX 20030210) Pending	Shimer, Mark
Maui: Hana (1-6-9-3 & 22)	Demolition (SMX 20030211 & 12) Pending	Pacific Islands Land Institute
Maui: Kihei (3-9-20-30)	Interior alteration (SMX 20030213) Pending	Cleift, Jon
Maui: Kihei (3-6-31-34)	Dwelling & garage (SMX 20030214) Pending	Zakian, Gary
Maui: Wailuku (3-9-12-34)	Reroof (SMX 20030215) Pending	Kuwada, Susan/ Jeffrey
Maui: Kihei (2-1-6-104)	Dwelling, pools, garage (SMX 20030216) Pending	Stevens, Lawrence/Anne

Conservation District Notices

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Conservation District Use Permits

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application must submit comments to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Also, anyone interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Applications must submit requests to DLNR that include the following information:

- 1) Name and address of the requestor;
- 2) The departmental permit for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination; and
- 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice.

Both comments and requests for notification of determinations must be submitted to DLNR within thirty days from the initial date that the notice was published in the Environmental Notice.

Please send comments and requests to:

State of Hawai'i
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Land Division
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUA, it is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact the DLNR staff listed below.



Kawai Nui Gateway Park

File No.: CDUA OA-3126 (Board Permit)
Applicant: Helber Hastert & Fee Planners, Inc.
Location: State & county lands abutting Kawai Nui Marsh
Kailua, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu
TMK: (1) 4-4-034:025; (1) 4-2-017:020; (1) 4-2-016:001
Proposed Action: Develop and construct the Kawai Nui Gateway Park for public use.
343, HRS
determination: Non-Exempt
Appl's Contact: Dave Curry & Faith Caplan (545-2055)
DLNR's Contact: Dawn Hegger (587-0380)



Pietsch Pier

File No.: CDUA OA-3129 (Board Permit)
Applicant: Michael A. Pietsch
Location: Wailupe Circle Drive, O'ahu
TMK: (1) 3-6-001: 022
Proposed Action: New Pier
343, HRS
determination: Non-Exempt
Appl's Contact: Michael Pietsch (521-0259)
DLNR's Contact: Matthew Myers (587-0382)



Structure Removal from Love Subdivision

File No.: CDUA MA-3131 (Departmental Permit)
Applicant: Source International, Inc.
Location: Maulili, Kipahulu, Hana, Maui
TMK: (2) 1-6-009:022
Proposed Action: Removal of a structure at Lot B-1, Love Subdivision
343, HRS
determination: Exempt
Appl's Contact: John Bay, Pacific Islands Land Institute
DLNR's Contact: Matthew Myers (587-0382)

Letters of Notice

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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.

The Value of Natural Resources

Below are excerpts from a comment letter and response on the Koa Ridge project, currently under review as a draft EIS. Jeff Mikulina, director of the Sierra Club, raises the issue of the economic value of natural resources. A reply from Gail Renard of the consulting firm Helber Hastert & Fee follows.

Mikulina writes:

"... [What is] the economic value of leaving the land undeveloped[?] A study undertaken cooperatively by the University of Hawaii, the Nature Conservancy and the state concluded that traditional economic analyses tend to ignore the economic value of natural resources left in their natural state. Many of the benefits of natural resources, such as recreational, ecological, or biological values, are often unmeasured. When one person's consumption of a good (e.g., viewing scenic vistas) does not diminish another's consumption (nonrival use) or it is not feasible to exclude anyone else from consuming the good (nonexclusive use), then the market process cannot establish a monetary value. As the values associated with the environment have become more obvious, economists have broadened the concept of total economic value to include both market and nonmarket values. The

expanded definition recognizes that many of the most significant values associated with the environment are not traded in markets and therefore have no market price. A fundamental step in properly valuing environmental resources is recognizing and, wherever possible, quantifying the resource's total economic value (TEV). Environmental goods and services are often over-used and under-valued. Not only does this have a negative effect on current human welfare, but it undermines the future income generating potential of a region or a country."

Renard replies:

".... There is no question that as the amount of open space in any defined environment decreases, the perceived value of the remaining open spaces increases. However, ... the value only grows significantly when the remaining open space approaches zero. Only when the public agrees that the land is worth more in open space than in some form of urban development will it motivate the government to use taxpayer funds to condemn (at market value) the land to keep it in perpetual open space.... Since there is so much open space in Central Oahu and extending down to the North Shore, the incremental value of this land as open space is minimal, and the willingness of the public to use taxpayer dollars to condemn and purchase it is virtually nil."

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Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS

Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190), the National Park Service (NPS) is initiating conservation planning and environmental impact analysis for a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the recently designated Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (NHT). This effort will provide an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and CMP that encompasses protection of sacred, cultural and natural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and facilities. This National Historic Trail traces approximately 175 miles of the prehistoric coastal Ala Loa ("long trail") on the island of Hawai'i, from 'Upolu Point on the northern tip of the island, south along the entire west coast, around Ka Lae (South Point), and

then up to the eastern boundary of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The original trail linked many pre-contact communities on the island, as well as locations of many significant events in Hawaiian history. The Ala Kahakai Trail was designated a National Historic Trail by the United States Congress on January 24, 2000. This designation was derived from a trail feasibility study entitled Ala Kahakai National Trail Study (and Final Environmental Impact Statement, January 1998), as well as on testimony offered by community advocacy groups for the trail. On November 13, 2000, the 106th U.S. Congress and President William Clinton officially incorporated the trail into the National Trails System. Pub. L. 106-509 calls for establishment of a continuous trail, which is to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. As a basis for preparing the Ala Kahakai NHT CMP/EIS, the NPS jointly with the State of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiian groups, private landowners and other stakeholders will identify and analyze several alternative management concepts, consistent with agency policy. At this time, in addition to establishing an environmental baseline by developing a "No

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Action" alternative (maintaining existing conditions and management), the conservation planning process is expected to identify several alternative options for providing visitor use opportunities and suitable protection strategies. The CMP/EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of each alternative, and identify appropriate mitigation actions. The alternatives will be based upon input from the community, an environmental constraints analysis using updated Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data, and other analytical and decision-making methods. Impact Analysis Issues: The CMP/EIS will be tiered to the 1998 Ala Kahakai National Trail Study and EIS. All issues and concerns which informed completion of that project will be updated through consultations and discussions with current landowners, agencies, Native Hawaiian groups, local business owners, and other stakeholders. A planning newsletter is available detailing issues identified to date (copies may be obtained as noted below). At this time, topics to be addressed include: (1) Protection of sacred and cultural Native Hawaiian sites from intended and unintended damage by trail users; (2) Management of marine and terrestrial natural resources that are or may be affected by increased public use of the Ala Kahakai; (3) Landowner liability with regard to access across privately- owned property, as well as trespassing, littering, and other property offenses (approximately 50% of the trail corridor, much of which may be owned in fee simple by the State of Hawai'i, traverses private lands); (4) Trail maintenance and monitoring by volunteer community-based groups; (5) Facility development and maintenance; and (6) Safety and security of trail users. There will be public open house meetings held throughout the various stages of the overall conservation planning process. These meetings will be hosted in communities across the various regions along the designated trail route. The first public meetings will be to elicit comments that identify new concerns and issues, provide essential environmental information, and suggest trail design alternatives. These initial meetings will take place beginning on March 22, 2003. A final summary of all information developed in the scoping phase will be available. Subsequently, draft management alternatives will be developed and available for review through a second round of public meetings. Finally, public meetings to foster broad review of the Draft CMP/EIS will be hosted. All meetings will be noticed and publicized through the local news media, direct mailings, and on the trail's Web site. All responses conveying new information or concerns are encouraged at this time, and may be submitted by any one of several methods. Mail comments to Mr. Mike Donoho, Planning Team Leader, 73- 4786 Kanalani Street, 14, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740; or transmit via email to mike_donoho@nps.gov (include your name and return address in your email message); or via facsimile to (808) 329-2597. All written scoping comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than May 7, 2003. It is the practice of the NPS to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspections all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered. Availability of the Draft CMP/

EIS for review and comment will be officially announced in the Federal Register, as well as through local and regional news media, area libraries, and direct mailing. At this time, distribution of the document is anticipated during fall 2004. After due consideration of all comments and information received, a Final CMP/EIS would be prepared which at this time is anticipated could be completed during summer 2005. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation is the Superintendent, Ala Kahakai National Historic Park (see, 68 F.R.17081, April 8, 2003).

Critical Habitat for Kaua'i Cave Animals

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) designated critical habitat for the world's only eyeless wolf spider (*Adelocosa anops*) and one of its prey - an eyeless shrimplike creature called an amphipod (*Spelaeorchestia koloana*). The rule becomes effective on May 9, 2003. The critical habitat area for these two unusual invertebrates is in the Koloa District on Kaua'i, the only place in the world these endangered animals exist and consists of 14 units whose boundaries encompass 272 acres. Based on new scientific information, the final rule designating the critical habitat consisted of a 94 percent reduction from the 4,193-acre proposal published in March 2002. Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of the final rule will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850-0001. For more information, call Paul Henson at (808) 541-3441 (see, 68 F.R. 17430, April 9, 2003, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service News Release, PIEA-03011, 03-042).

Request for Comment on Supplemental Fishery Management Plan Amendments

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced that the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC) has prepared supplements to Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 4 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Precious Coral Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Amendment 4) fisheries, FMP Amendment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Amendment 6), fisheries FMP Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Amendment 8) for fisheries and FMP Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for Crustaceans Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Amendment 10) of the Western Pacific Region. The supplemental amendments, which have been submitted to NMFS for Secretarial review, are intended to implement certain revisions made by the provisions of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) revisions to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Included in the supplemental amendments are bycatch provisions for the bottomfish and seamount groundfish and pelagic FMPs fisheries; overfishing definitions and control rules for the

bottomfish and seamount groundfish, pelagics, and crustacean FMPs fisheries; and definitions of "fishing communities" in Hawai'i for the bottomfish and seamount groundfish, pelagics, crustaceans, and precious corals FMPs fisheries. Written comments on the supplemental FMP amendments must be received on or before June 6, 2003. Written comments on any of the supplemental FMP amendments should be sent to Dr. Charles Karnella, Administrator, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814, or faxed to (808) 973-2941. Comments will not be accepted via e-mail or the internet. Copies of the amendment documents are available from Kitty Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. The documents are also available on the following website: <http://www.wpcouncil.org>. For details, contact Kitty Simonds, by telephone at (808) 522-8220, or by facsimile at (808) 522-8226 (see, 68 F.R. 16754, April 7, 2003).

Ivy Gourd - Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has prepared an environmental assessment relative to a proposed field release of a nonindigenous leaf-mining weevil, *Acythopeus cocciniae*, into Guam and Saipan for the biological control of ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*). The environmental assessment documents APHIS's review and analysis of environmental impacts associated with widespread release of this agent. APHIS is making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is considering several applications for permits to release the nonindigenous leaf-mining weevil *Acythopeus cocciniae* in order to reduce the severity and extent of ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*) infestations in Guam and Saipan. Ivy gourd is native to Africa, Asia, Fiji, and northern Australia. This invasive weed is a rapidly growing, climbing or trailing vine that forms thick mats, overgrowing trees and other vegetation, walls, fences, and utility poles. Ivy gourd also serves as a host for numerous pests of cucurbitaceous crops, including black leaf-footed bug (*Leptoglossus australis*), leafminers (*Liriomyza* spp.), melon aphid (*Aphis gossypii*), melon fly (*Bactrocera cucurbitae*), pumpkin caterpillar (*Diaphania indica*), red pumpkin beetle (*Aulacophora foveicollis*), and whiteflies (*Bemisia* spp.). Ivy gourd

has been detected in the United States in Guam, Hawai'i, and Saipan. In July 1999, APHIS prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential release of *A. cocciniae* and another weevil of the same genus, *A. burkhartorum*, into the environment for use as biological control agents to reduce the severity and extent of ivy gourd infestations in the State of Hawai'i. APHIS has subsequently received permit applications for additional releases of *A. cocciniae* beyond the area considered in the 1999 EA. The applicants propose to release *A. cocciniae* in Guam and Saipan to reduce the severity and extent of ivy gourd infestation on those islands. *A. cocciniae* is native to Africa. Adults live up to 200 days and feed on the leaves of the ivy gourd, creating numerous holes in the lamina. Eggs are laid singly by insertion into the lamina of the leaves. The eggs hatch in about 8 days, and the larvae mine the leaves for 9 to 10 days thereafter. Pupation takes place within the mine and lasts for 15 days. Adult feeding and larval mining can cause drying of the leaves and eventual defoliation. APHIS's review and analysis of the proposed action and its alternatives are documented in detail in an EA entitled, "Field Release of *Acythopeus cocciniae* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), a nonindigenous leaf-mining weevil for control of ivy gourd, *Coccinia grandis* (Cucurbitaceae), in Guam and Saipan" (February 2003). APHIS is making the EA available to the public for review and comment. APHIS will consider all comments that it receives on or before May 8, 2003. The EA may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/> by following the link for "Document/Forms Retrieval System" then clicking on the triangle beside "6 - Permits - Environmental Assessments," and selecting document number 0034. You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03-034-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03-034-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 03-034-1" in the subject line. APHIS documents published in the Federal Register, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>. For more information, contact Dr. Tracy A. Horner, Ecologist, Environmental Services, PPD, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 149, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-5213 (see, 68 F.R. 17007, April 8, 2003).

