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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

Aloha and mahalo for subscribing to The Environmental Notice. In this issue there are no HEPA projects up for public comment. There are three final environmental assessments/findings of no significant impact for three applicant actions.

Issues related to the environment are only becoming more critical to our well being and more challenging to address. An understanding of core ecological and socioeconomic processes, as well as of how those processes respond to changing climates and management, for example, is critical to our success. As directed by a legislative resolution, the Department of Health has convened the *Hawai'i Climate Change & Health Working Group* to address these complex issues. They meet generally on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The focus on September 17th, from 9:30 am to 12 noon, at the State Capitol, Room 329, will be on food and water safety and security as well as vector-borne diseases. Their agenda includes a presentation Dr. Laura Brewington to discuss *Water & Food Access, Security & Safety Issues for Hawaii and the Pacific*. There will also be a presentation by Dr. Tai Ho Chen, from the CDC USPHS Honolulu Quarantine Station, entitled *Climate Change and Health: Vector-borne infectious diseases in Hawaii & the Pacific*.

Also on September 17th, the Environmental Council will hold its *Annual Strategic Planning Session*, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the State Office Tower, Lei'opapa Building, 15th Floor. This year, Environmental Council members have prioritized the issues of invasive species and nearshore commercial activities that threaten the health of our reefs and ecosystems. An agenda will be available six-calendar days before the meeting at this [link](#).

In other news, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing two new hazardous waste rules to strengthen environmental protection while reducing regulatory burden on businesses. One of the proposed rules will protect waterways, including drinking and surface water, by preventing the flushing of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals and simplify the requirements for healthcare workers. The other rule will provide greater flexibility to industry while requiring new safeguards to protect the public from mismanagement of hazardous waste.

The goal of the proposals will improve the safety and health of our communities by providing clear, flexible, and protective hazardous waste management standards. For additional information on these proposed rules, including how to submit comments, visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/hwgenerators>.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Agency Actions

Any department, office, board, or commission of the state or county government which is part of the executive branch of that government per [HRS 343-2](#).

Applicant Actions

Any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval for a proposed action per [HRS 343-2](#).

Draft Environmental Assessment

When an Agency or Applicant proposes an action that [triggers](#) HRS 343, an Environmental Assessment shall be prepared at the earliest practicable time to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required per [HRS 343-5\(b\)](#), for Agency actions and [HRS 343-5\(e\)](#), for Applicant actions. For actions for which the agency anticipates a Finding of No Significant Impact (AFNSI), a Draft EA (DEA) shall be made available for public review and comment for 30 days and public notice is published in this periodic bulletin.

Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The Agency shall respond in writing to comments on a DEA received during the review and prepare a Final EA (FEA) to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required. The FEA must respond to all public comments. If there are no significant impacts, then the Agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may then be implemented. The public has 30 days from the notice of a FONSI in this bulletin to ask a court to require the preparation of an EIS.

Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

An EIS shall be required if the Agency finds that the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment. The Agency shall file notice of such determination with OEQC, called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISPN is published in this bulletin, the public has 30 days to request to become a consulted party and make written comments. The public (including the Applicant) has 60 days from the notice of the EISPN in this bulletin to ask a court to not require the preparation of an EIS.

Act 172-2012, Direct-to-EIS, Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (with no EA)

Act 172-2012, amended HRS 343, by providing for an agency to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment for various actions that in the experience of the agency would clearly require the preparation of an EIS. Until administrative rules have been drafted, the agency must submit its determination that an EIS is required for an action (Act 172-2012, EISPN) with a completed OEQC publication form detailing the specifics of the action to enable the public to request for a period of thirty-days, to be consulted parties in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Comments and responses must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS.

Act 312-2012, Secondary Actions in the Highway or Public Right Of Way

Act 312-2012, amended HRS 343, by adding a new section (HRS 343-5.5., entitled "Exception to applicability of chapter.") HEPA now allows for a statutory exception for "secondary actions" (those that involve infrastructure in the highway or public right-of-way) provided that the permit or approval of the related "primary action" (those outside of the highway or public-right-of-way and on private property) is not subject to discretionary consent and further provided that the applicant for the primary action submits documentation from the appropriate agency confirming that no further discretionary approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential driveway improvements in the public right-of-way, versus, retail outlet driveway improvements in the public right-of-way.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

After receiving the comments on the EISPN, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The [content requirements](#) of the DEIS shall contain an explanation of the environmental consequences of the proposed action including the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts and their mitigative measures. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this bulletin to comment on a DEIS. The DEIS must respond to comments received during the EISPN comment period in a point-by-point manner.

Final Environmental Impact Statement

After considering all public comments filed during the DEIS stage, the Agency or Applicant must prepare a [Final EIS](#) (FEIS). The FEIS must respond in a point-by-point manner to all comments from the draft and must be included in the FEIS. See here for [style](#) concerns. For Applicant projects, the Approving Agency is authorized to accept the FEIS and must do so within 30-days or the FEIS is accepted as a matter of law. For an Agency project, the Governor or the Mayor (or their designated representative) is the Accepting Authority, and unlike applicant actions, there is no time limit on the accepting authority reviewing the FEIS. Only after the FEIS is accepted may the project be implemented.

Acceptability

If the FEIS is [accepted](#), notice of this action is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of notice of acceptance to ask a court to vacate the acceptance of a FEIS. For Applicant actions, non-acceptance by the Approving Agency is cause for the Applicant to administratively appeal to the Environmental Council. For Agency actions, there is no such administrative appeal. In both instances, the Applicant or the proposing Agency can prepare a revised DEIS after a nonacceptance determination.

National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal projects to prepare an EA or EIS. In many ways it is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a State and Federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be [coordinated](#). OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this bulletin to help keep the public informed of important federal actions.

Conservation District

Any 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. Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notices of permit applications are published in this bulletin.

Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastline of all islands and development in this area is generally regulated by [HRS 205A](#), and county ordinance. A special subset of the SMA that is regulated by HRS 343, is the [Shoreline Setback Area](#). Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit. This bulletin posts notice of these SMA applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the shoreline setback from the certified shoreline. The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified by the State surveyor prior to construction. This bulletin publishes notice from the Department of Land and Natural Resources of shoreline certification applicants and final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The [Environmental Council](#) is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OEQC and the general public concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process (HRS 343). [Agendas](#) of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet and the public is invited to attend.

Administrative Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are [exempt](#) from the environmental review process. These lists and any amendments shall be submitted to the Council for review and concurrence ([HAR 11-200-8\(d\)](#)). This bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making, as well as notice of the Council's decision on the list.

Endangered Species

This bulletin is required by [HRS 343-3\(c\)](#), to publish notice of public comment periods or public hearings for [Habitat Conservation Plans](#) (HCP), [Safe Harbor Agreements](#) (SHA), or [Incidental Take Licenses](#) (ITL) under the federal Endangered Species Act, as well as availability for public inspection of a proposed HCP or SHA, or a proposed ITL (as a part of an HCP or SHA).

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O‘AHU (HRS 343)

1. Kalihi-Pālama Health Center 5(e) FEA (FONSI)

HRS §343

Trigger:

(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds, other than funds to be used for feasibility or planning studies for possible future programs or projects that the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded, or funds to be used for the acquisition of unimproved real property; provided that the agency shall consider environmental factors and available alternatives in its feasibility or planning studies; provided further that an environmental assessment for proposed uses under section 205-2(d)(11) or 205-4.5(a)(13) shall only be required pursuant to section 205-5(b).



Island:

O‘ahu

District:

Honolulu

TMK:

(1) 1-7-031:052

Permits:

ADA Accessibility; Sewer Connection Permits; Department of Health Wastewater Permit; Grubbing, Grading and Stockpiling Permit; Building Permits

Applicant:

Kalihi-Pālama Health Center, P.O. Box 17460, Honolulu, HI 96817. Contact: Emmanuel Kintu, (808) 848-1438

Approving Agency:

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Community Services, 715 South King Street, Suite 311, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Stephen Karel, T: (808) 768-7750, F: (808) 768-7792

Consultant:

PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Vincent Shigekuni, T: (808) 521-5631, F: (808) 523-1402

Status:

Finding of No Significant Impact Determination.

The Kalihi-Pālama Health Center (KPHC) proposes to redevelop a commercial building and a parking lot, by adding a new building (with parking) over the existing parking lot and renovating the existing building. The project site is located at the Ewa/mauka corner of North King Street and Pua Lane.

The proposed development will consolidate the three existing Kalihi facilities within a single structure, while at the same time increasing the square footage in order to serve a growing number of patients and to provide space for new services. The Chinatown location will remain. The Kalihi-Pālama Health Center will have beneficial impacts on the existing community by providing additional health services and improved facilities to administer health programs. The consolidated facility will make it easier for patients to access multiple services in a single visit.

2. Kapi‘olani Residence 5(e) FEA (FONSI)

HRS §343

Triggers:

Seeking State Funding

Island:

O‘ahu

District:

Honolulu

TMK:

(1) 2-3-041:006 and 009

Permits:

201H, building, electrical, plumbing, sidewalk/driveway and demolition work (variance for building permit when work done in setbacks), Grubbing, grading/trenching, Street Usage, Stockpiling Permit, Sewer Connection, Water Connection, Water Quality

Applicant:

SamKoo Pacific, LLC, 1631 Kapi‘olani Boulevard, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96814. Contact: Timothy Yi, (808) 941-2300

Approving Agency:

Hawai‘i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, 677 Queen Street, 3rd Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. Contact: Ken Takahashi, (808) 587-0547



Consultant: Pacific Catalyst, LLC, 1296 Kapi'olani Boulevard, Suite 1907, Honolulu, HI 96814. Contact: Lowell Chun, (808) 386-9596

Status: Finding of No Significant Impact Determination.

SamKoo Pacific, LLC proposes to design and construct a 485-unit residential condominium tower, to be named "Kapi'olani Residence", on a 1.291 acre (56,250 square feet) site consisting of two parcels (TMK's: (1) 2-3-041:009 and (1) 2-3-041:006) adjacent to Ala Moana Center, a little over ¼ mile from the City and County of Honolulu's future Ala Moana HART (Rail) Station.

SamKoo Pacific's vision for "Kapi'olani Residence" focuses on providing a mix of quality affordable and market homes centrally located in the heart of Honolulu's vital Ala Moana neighborhood, adjacent to Ala Moana Center and in convenient proximity to shopping, family services, business and employment opportunities, and multiple transportation choices. The residences will include mauka and makai-facing units that will be housed in a tower fronting Kapi'olani Boulevard. Sixty percent of these residences are intended as affordable units targeting households earning eighty (80) to one hundred twenty (120) percent of the Area Median Income ("AMI"). In addition to the intended residences, the building's ground floor fronting Kapi'olani Boulevard will feature spaces for commercial enterprises that can be occupied by businesses and services oriented toward serving project residents and the local community.

KAUA'I (HRS 343)

3. Maxson Single Family Residence 5(e) FEA (FONSI)

Island: Kauai
District: Hanalei
TMK: (4) 5-9-002:067
Permits: Conservation District Use Application
Applicant: Mark J. Maxson and Robert E. Shaw, c/o Walton D. Y. Hong, 3135-A 'Akahi Street, Līhu'e, HI 96766. (808) 245-4757

Approving Agency: Department of Land and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809. Contact: Lauren Yasaka, (808) 587-0381

Consultant: Walton D. Y. Hong, 3135-A 'Akahi Street, Līhu'e, HI 96766. (808) 245-4757

Status: Finding of No Significant Impact Determination.



Construction of a two-bedroom, two-bath, single family residence on property situated on the mauka side of Kūhiō Highway, Hā'ena, Kaua'i, Hawai'i. The property is identified as Tax Map Key: (4th) 5-9-002-067, and contains 26,371 square feet, more or less. The proposed residence contains an actual development area of 3,492 square feet.

The subject property is within the Limited Subzone of the State Land Use "Conservation" district, which allows the construction of a single family residence with the issuance of a Conservation District Use Permit.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permits

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved (HRS 205A-30). For more information, contact the county/state Planning Department. Honolulu (768-8014); Hawai'i (East 961-8288, West 323-4770); Kaua'i (241-4050); Maui (270-7735); Kaka'ako or Kalaeloa Community Development District (587-2841).

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Hawai'i: South Hilo (2-8-008: 003 (por.) and 049)	Construction of a Fence (SMM 15-339)	Barbara L. Herzstein
Kaua'i: Līhu'e (3-5-002: 002)	Authorizing Installation of 12 Antennas and Associated Improvements (SMA(M)-2015-38)	Verizon Wireless
Kaua'i: Wainiha (5-8-011: 011)	Authorizing After-the-Fact Installation of a Storage Shed (SMA(M)-2016-1)	John Austin
Maui: Lāhainā (4-6-001: 009)	Keiki Halloween Parade (SM2 20150059)	Jill Holley
Maui: Lāhainā (4-3-009: 095)	Construct Retaining Wall (SM2 20150060)	Eladio Hidalgo
Maui: Lāhainā (4-6-032: 017)	Apartment Alteration/Addition (SM2 20150061)	Volk Pacific Builders, Inc.
Maui: Wailuku (3-2-015: 039)	Addition of Garage and Ohana (SM2 20150062)	Christopher Cookman
Maui: (4-3-015: 054)	Main Dwelling Addition/Alteration (SM2 20150063)	Sheldon Bloom
O'ahu: Kaka'ako (2-1-015: 052)	Geotechnical and Infiltration Test Borings (SMA/15-4)	Hawai'i Community Development Authority/Wilson Okamoto Corporation
O'ahu: Pūpūkea (5-9-005: 083)	A Utility Installation, Type B (2015/SMA-31)	New Cingular Wireless PCS (dba AT&T)
O'ahu: Diamond Head (3-1-036: 001)	Lē'ahi Beach Park – Site Improvements (2015/SMA-37)	Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu/HHF Planners

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION LISTS

The following proposed exemption lists are available for public review and comment for a period of thirty-days by clicking on the links below. Please address any comments to the Chairperson, Environmental Council c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control, 235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702, Honolulu, HI 96813.

1. [County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works, September 1, 2015.](#)
2. [City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction](#)



SHORELINE NOTICES

Shoreline Certification Applications

The shoreline certification applications below are available for review at the Department of Land and Natural Resources Offices on Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, and Honolulu, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220 (HRS 205A-42 and HAR 13-222-12). 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 15 calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application. For more information, call Ian Hirokawa at (808) 587-0420.

File No.	Date	Location	Applicant/Owner	TMK
OA-1664	8/17/15	Lot 11-A-1-A of Land Court Application 772 (Map 14) and portion of Kamehameha Highway road remnant situate at Lā'ie, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu Address: 55-329 Kamehameha Highway Purpose: Obtain building permit for improvements outside shoreline setback area	Imata and Associates, Inc./ Marc Mikasa	5-5-002:057
OA-1665	8/27/15	Lot 89 (Map 5) of Land Court Application 1052 situate at Mākaha, Wai'anae, O'ahu Address: 84-749 Moua Street Purpose: Setback purposes	Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc./ James D. & Christine M. Cote	8-4-006:010
OA-1666	8/27/15	Lot 68 (Map 10) of Land Court Consolidation 23 situate at Kaipapa'u, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu Address: 54-001 Ahinalu Place Purpose: Permitting purposes	Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc./ August J. & Veronica Q. Monge	5-4-003:035

Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

The shoreline notices below has been proposed for certification or rejection by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (HRS 205A-42 and HAR 13-222-26). Any person or agency who wants to appeal shall file a notice of appeal in writing with DLNR no later than 20 calendar days from the date of this public notice. Send the appeal to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

File No.	Proposed/ Rejected	Location	Applicant/Owner	TMK
OA-1634	Rejection	Lot 35 of Pūpūkea-Paumalū Beach Lots and a portion of R.P. 1450, L.C Aw. 7420 to Kaiwi situate at Pūpūkea, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu Address: 59-411 Kē Nui Road Purpose: Building setback purposes	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen/ William Kernot	5-9-020:049
OA-1637	Rejection	Lot 94 of Sunset Beach Lots as shown on File Plan 256 situate at Pūpūkea, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu Address: 59-151A Kē Nui Road Purpose: Building setback purposes	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen/ Sunset Oasis LLC	5-9-002:005

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATION

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application or interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Applications must submit comments and requests to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Notification requests must include the following information: 1) Name and address of the requestor; 2) The application for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination; and 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice. Send comments and requests to: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI, 96809. DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUAs. However, DLNR is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands staff listed.

PROJECT:

File No.:

CDUA OA-3754

Name of Applicant:

Poka Place LLC

Location:

Diamond Head State Monument, Honolulu, O'ahu, Hawai'i

TMKs:

(1) 3-1-042:017 (por.)

Proposed Action:

After-the-Fact Earth Retention Walls and Landscaping Improvements

343, HRS Determination:

Draft EA/AFONSI published in the August 8, 2015 edition of *The Environmental Notice*

Applicant's Contact:

Peter Young, Hookuleana LLC, (808) 226-3567

OCCL Staff Contact:

Lauren Yasaka, (808) 587-0386

FEDERAL NOTICES

This notice lists relevant entries from the Federal Register, gleaned from a search of Hawai'i-based entries published since the date of the last issue of The Environmental Notice. For the PDF file click on the title link, also available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

1. [Endangered and Threatened Species: Final Rulemaking To Revise Critical Habitat for Hawaiian Monk Seals](#)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), issued a final rule to revise the critical habitat for the Hawaiian monk seal (*Neomonachus schauinslandi*) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Specific areas for designation include sixteen occupied areas within the range of the species: ten areas in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) and six in the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). These areas contain one or a combination of habitat types: Preferred pupping and nursing areas, significant haul-out areas, and/or marine foraging areas, that will support conservation for the species. Specific areas in the NWHI include all beach areas, sand spits and islets, including all beach crest vegetation to its deepest extent inland, lagoon waters, inner reef waters, and including marine habitat through the water's edge, including the seafloor and all subsurface waters and marine habitat within 10 meters (m) of the seafloor, out to the 200-m depth contour line around the following 10 areas: Kure Atoll, Midway Islands, Pearl and Hermes Reef, Lisianski Island, Laysan Island, Maro Reef, Gardner Pinnacles, French Frigate Shoals, Necker Island, and Nihoa Island. Specific areas in the MHI include marine habitat from the 200-m depth contour line, including the seafloor and all subsurface waters and marine habitat within 10 m of the seafloor, through the water's edge 5 m into the terrestrial environment from the shoreline between identified boundary points on the islands of: Ka'ula, Ni'ihau, Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui Nui (including Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i, Maui, and Moloka'i), and Hawai'i. In areas where critical habitat does not extend inland, the designation ends at a line that marks mean lower low water. In developing this final rule we considered public and peer review comments, as well as economic impacts and impacts to national security. This final rule becomes effective September 21, 2015. The final rule, maps, and other supporting documents (Economic Report, Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 4(b)(2) Report, and Biological Report) can be found on the NMFS Pacific Island Region's Web site at http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/PRD/prd_critical_habitat.html. For further information contact: Jean Higgins, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, (808) 725-5151; Susan Pultz, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, (808) 725-5150; or Dwayne Meadows, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources (301) 427-8403 (see 80 FR 50925, August 21, 2015).

2. [Availability of a Draft Feasibility Study with Integrated EIS, Ala Wai Canal Project, O'ahu](#)

(Notice of this joint National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA] and Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act [HEPA] document and project was also included in the August 23, 2015 issue of The Environmental Notice, pursuant to HEPA requirements articulated in Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announces the availability of a Public Review Draft Feasibility Study with Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for the Ala Wai Canal Project, O'ahu, Hawaii. To better inform potential commenters, a public meeting is scheduled on September 30, 2015 at Washington Middle School in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Draft Feasibility Study/EIS evaluates alternatives to manage flood risk within the Ala Wai watershed, which includes the neighborhoods of Mākiki, Mānoa, Pālolo, Kapāhulu, Mō'ili'iili, McCully, and Waikīkī. It also documents the existing condition of environmental resources in areas considered for locating flood risk management features and potential impacts on those resources that could result from implementing each alternative. The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources is the non-Federal sponsor and the proposing agency for compliance with the Hawaii law on Environmental Impact Statements. All written comments must be postmarked on or before October 7, 2015 and submitted to the Ala Wai Canal Project, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, ATTN: Derek Chow, Chief, Civil and Public Works Branch (CEPOH-PP-C), Building 230, Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440 or via email to AlaWaiCanalProject@USACE.Army.mil. For further information contact: Mr. Derek Chow, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, 808-835-4026 or via email at Derek.J.Chow@usace.army.mil (see 80 FR 50832, August 21, 2015).

3. [Pacific Island Fisheries; 2015 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures](#)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) specifies the 2015 annual catch limits (ACLs) for Pacific Island bottomfish, crustacean, precious coral, and coral reef ecosystem fisheries, and accountability measures (AMs) to correct or mitigate any overages of catch limits. The ACLs and AMs support the long-term sustainability of fishery resources of the U.S. Pacific Islands. The final specifications are effective September 30, 2015, through December 31, 2015. Copies of the fishery ecosystem plans are available from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, T: 808-522-8220, F: 808-522-8226, or www.wpcouncil.org. Copies of the environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact for this action, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2013-0156, are available from www.regulations.gov, or from Michael D. Tosatto, Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Region (PIR), 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818. For further information contact Jarad Makaiau, NMFS PIRO Sustainable Fisheries, 808-725-5176 (see 80 FR 52415, August 31, 2015).

4. [Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Application TE-829250](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), invites the public to comment on the following application for recovery permits to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of endangered species.

Permit Number: TE-829250 Applicant: Hawaii Wildlife Fund, Kahului, Hawaii. The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (relocate nests) the honu or green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) and to take (insert temperature loggers and data sensors into nests and utilize a trained turtle nest detector dog) the honu or green sea turtle, the honu ea or hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and the olive Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), in conjunction with scientific research on the islands of Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i, Maui, and Moloka'i, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by September 25, 2015, to Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments. For further information, contact Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address, or by telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-231-6243) (see 80 FR 51829, August 26, 2015).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

The OEQC publishes these general notices and announcements as a public service for your information. Feel free to submit relevant environmental announcements and notices for publication in this bi-monthly bulletin. The OEQC reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

FEAST (Food, Education, Agriculture, Solutions, Together) Hawai'i Island

Presented by Hawai'i Food Systems Stakeholders Group and sponsored by the Hawai'i Department of Health and Kaiser Permanente Thrive. Thursday, September 24 • 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at The Wainaku Executive Center, 26-238 Hawai'i Belt Rd, Hilo ([map](#))

FEAST (Food, Education, Agriculture, Solutions, Together) is a community foods organizing event that provides a menu of methods to help communities mobilize around improving their local food systems. The event includes a local panel of food-system representatives, introduction to community food systems organizing and language, the identification of food-system priorities, creation of a community-foods organizing plan, plus a meal celebrating our local food. Visit eventbrite.com/e/feast-hawaii-island-a-community-foods-organizing-event-registration-18029287083 for more information and to register. [View/download the flyer](#)

October 4, 2015, from 10 am to 3 pm, is **Children and Youth Day** at the Capitol. For more information, call 586-6130 or visit www.HawaiiCYD.org.

25th Annual Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers Conference

Sponsored by County of Hawai'i, County of Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers members, September 24–29, 2015 at Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona ([map](#)). The annual Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers Conference topics will include keynote speakers Yan Diczbalis on "Tropical Horticulture in Northern Australia," Peter Salleras on "Striving for Sustainable Tropical Fruit Tree Production in the 21st Century," Bob Shaffer on "Soil Culture in Hawai'i," and more. Visit hawaiitropicalfruitgrowers.org for more information and how to register.

[View/download the flyer](#)

First Annual Natural Farming Symposium

Presented by Hawai'i Farmers Union United East Hawai'i Chapter, October 1–3, 2015 • 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at the Komohana Research and Extension Center, 875 Komohana St, Hilo ([map](#))

Learn the basics of Korean Natural Farming from farmers, practitioners and experts. Korean Natural Farming is a method of farming and animal husbandry used both in gardens and on a commercial scale. It utilizes cheap, readily available local ingredients to enhance and enliven soil microbiology and eliminate noxious smells and flies in piggeries. These ancient practices have been adjusted and perfected for modern use with protocols on making, storing, and using inputs. Symposium workshops will feature hands-on learning opportunities with local practitioners. Earlybird registration available at eventbrite.com/e/natural-farming-symposium-2015-tickets-17681217999 and includes breakfast and lunch. Discount registration for Hawai'i Farmers Union United members. [View/download the flyer](#) for more information.

Wholesale Success Workshops: Save the Dates!

Sponsored by The Kohala Center and a U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant

November 3–4, 2015: Waimea, Hawai'i Island

November 5–6, 2015: Kahului, Maui

November 9–10, 2015: Ho'olehua, Moloka'i

Wholesale Success is a two-day workshop specifically designed to meet the food-safety and wholesale-production needs of produce farmers just entering wholesale markets as well as seasoned producers, produce buyers, county sanitarians, farmers market masters, community and school garden coordinators, school and other institutional food-service directors, food processors, and extension agents. All are encouraged to attend. Please stay tuned for more information. Registration information will be advertised in future Ag Bulletins.

Central Toll-Free Number for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. APHIS is launching a new toll-free number to make it easier for stakeholders and members of the public to locate agency resources and information. The program specialists taking calls will work to answer questions directly or connect callers with the appropriate agency experts. Specialist will also direct callers to relevant resources on the APHIS website for future reference. Program specialists can be reached at [844-820-2234](tel:844-820-2234) Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

International Year of Soils

The United Nations has designated 2015 as the **International Year of Soils** as a way to increase understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions. Healthy soils are the foundation of agriculture. In the face of mounting challenges such as a growing global population, climate change, and extreme weather events, soil health is critical to our future. Find additional resources about soil testing, cover crops, green manures, and more at kohalacenter.org/business/resources/soil.

Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) has launched a **Food Innovation Project** for research and development to create value-added products using ingredients from local farms and maximizing the use of seconds and blemished farm products. Beginning in spring 2016, KCC will offer services to food producers and farmers in value-added food product development including recipe creation and testing, analytical testing, nutritional labeling, supplies, and current equipment capabilities. [View/download the flyer](#) for more information and how to register.