

The Environmental Notice December 8, 2020

David Y. Ige, Governor

The Environmental Notice provides public notice for projects undergoing environmental review in Hawai'i as mandated under Section 343-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Environmental Impact Statement Law. Along with publishing Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements for projects in Hawai'i, The Environmental Notice also includes other items related to the shoreline, coastal zone, and federal activities.





Wisdom, a 69-year-old molī (Laysan albatross) on Kuaihelani (Midway Atoll), the oldest confirmed wild bird in the world

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To facilitate the submittal of documents and determinations to OEQC for publication, we again offer the 2021 Submittal calendar at the end of this issue, which can also be <u>found on our website</u>. Unless your submittal is regarding a grandfathered action that had an initial publication (i.e., Draft EA or EISPN) prior to August 9, 2019, please refer to the dates in the <u>red</u> "New Rules Submittal Deadline" column. We encourage the submittal of material PRIOR to the deadline, to enhance the ability to work out any complications that might otherwise prevent the item from being published. As always, feel free to contact our office by phone at (808) 586-4185 or email (<u>oeqchawaii@doh.hawaii.gov</u>) should you have any questions with submitting material for publication.

STATEWIDE MAP OF NEW HRS CHAPTER 343 DOCUMENTS / DETERMINATIONS



O'AHU

Wahiawā Civic Center-Court Facility and State Office Complex (EIS Preparation Notice)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds	
District(s)	Wahiawā	
TMK(s)	(1) 7-4-006:012, 7-4-004:001 and 0071	
Permit(s)	Numerous (see document)	1
Proposing/ Determining Agency	Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawai'i Sally Tamai, (808) 586-0499, sally.l.tamai@hawaii.gov 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI 96813	
Accepting Authority	Governor of Hawai'i; 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 David Ige, (808) 586-0034, https://ltgov.hawaii.gov	
Consultant	Wilson Okamoto Corporation; 1907 South Beretania Street, Suite 400, Honolulu, HI 96826 Keola Cheng, (808) 946-2277, Kcheng@wilsonokamoto.com	
Status	Administrative 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by January 7, 2021. C above to access and read the document, then address comments to the accepting authority and send the CEIS@wilsonokamoto.com	
	Due to the public health concerns in observance of pandemic conditions stemming from the threat pose in-person agency and public meetings will not be held. DAGS is providing opportunities for public input it EISPN public scoping meeting virtually online where oral comments can be made with regards to the EIS. The meeting held in conjunction with this EISPN will be on December 17, 2020, running from 5:30 PM - 7:00PI in this scoping meeting will require pre-registration, which may be completed at the following link: https://bit.ly/WahiawaCivicEISPNScoping (a QR code to the registration link is also provided on page document). Following registration, a link to the meeting will be provided via e-mail.	by facilitating an e public scoping M. Participation

The Proposed Action encompasses the development and construction of a new Wahiawā Civic Center, consisting of a Court Facility, State Office Complex, and a City & County of Honolulu (City) Satellite City Hall on the grounds of the existing Wahiawā Civic Center, an approximately 2.96-acre site.

The existing Wahiawā Civic Center is fully occupied but undersized to accommodate other desired services. The proposed action encompasses the construction of a Court Facility and State Office Complex that will house State offices, City offices such as the Satellite City Hall and Driver's Licensing, and a Judicial District Court Facility. This development will provide various State and City services in one location and would be supported by off- and on-site infrastructure improvements, off- and on-site parking, and on-site support buildings such as a central utility plant.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Status: Public review and comment period for these projects began previously. Please click on the links below to access, and send comments to the relevant agency and copy any relevant applicant and/or consultant.

COMMENTS DUE DECEMBER 8, 2020

MAUI

Front Street Sidewalk, Railing, and Seawall Repair Project--Draft EA (AFNSI)

O'AHU

Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway--Draft EA (AFNSI)

Mōkapu Elementary School Campus Improvements--Draft EA (AFNSI)

Hale'iwa Zone Change--Draft EA (AFNSI) Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 24 document

New Hope Oahu Renovations and Additions--Republished Draft EA (AFNSI) ROH, Chapter 25 document

COMMENTS DUE JANUARY 7, 2021

O'AHU

Kapaa Light Industrial Park--Draft Supplemental EIS (audio recording of public scoping meeting available here)

LISTS OF EXEMPTION NOTICES

Pursuant to HAR § 11-200.1-17, State and county agencies that have determined specific actions to be exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA are required to submit a listing of such exemptions made during the previous month. Following are Lists of Exemption Notices submitted by various agencies for November 2020; refer to the identified agency contact on each list for additional information about any specific exemption:

State of Hawai'i

<u>Department of Land and Natural Resources</u> <u>Department of Transportation</u>

County of Hawai'i

Department of Public Works

County of Maui

<u>Department of Planning</u> <u>Department of Public Works</u>

SHORELINE NOTICES

Applications for Shoreline Certification

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, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than 15 calendar days from the date of this public notice of the application. For more information, call Ian Hirokawa at (808) 587-0420.

File No.	Location	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-1922	1240 Mokulua Drive, O'ahu 96734	(1) 4-3-005: 094	R.M. Towill Corporation	Elizabeth Rice Grossman
OA-1923	55-137 Kamehameha Hwy, O'ahu 96762	(1) 5-5-001: 014 CPR 003 & 004	Gil P. Bumanglag	DTE LLC

PROPOSED SHORELINE CERTIFICATIONS AND REJECTIONS

The shoreline notices below have 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.	Status	Location	тмк	Applicant	Owner
OA-1919	Proposed	1 Lumahai Street, Oʻahu 96825	(1) 3-9-013: 030	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	Charles S. Anderson & Alexandra
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COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved (<u>HRS § 205A-30</u>). For more information, contact the relevant county/state planning agency. 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: Hilo (2-3-009: 011 and 033)	Addition of the Consolidation of the Two Parcels (Amendment to SMM 18-000404)	Hilo Farmers Market, LLC
Kauaʻi: Kīlauea (5-8-008: 055)	Rock Wall Fence (SMA(M)-2021-5)	Nadiah Reiley
Maui: Lahaina (4-4-001: 032)	Church Hall and Rectory Demolition and Replacement (SM2 20190112)	Hawaii Conference Found Tr.
Maui: Kīhei (3-9-030: 032)	Construct Single Story Accessory Dwelling (SM2 20200094)	Theodore Dicks
Maui: Paia (2-6-012: 015)	Convert Garage to a Dwelling (SM2 20200097)	Gary Meola

FEDERAL NOTICES

As a courtesy, listed below are some relevant entries from the Federal Register published since the last issue of *The Environmental Notice*. For more information, click on the title link, also available at www.federalregister.gov.

Notice: <u>Western Pacific Fishery Management Council</u>; <u>Pacific Island Fisheries</u>; <u>Public Meeting</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] on 11/30/2020)

The NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) of a 2020 stock assessment update for seven deep-water bottomfish species ("Deep 7" bottomfish complex) in the Main Hawaiian Islands. The WPSAR panel will meet on December 16-17, 2020. The meeting will be held by web conference via WebEx. Audio and visual portions for all of the web conferences can be accessed at: https://wprfmc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov. Web conference access information and instructions for providing public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 552-8220. For more information and specific times & agenda, click on the title link above.

Notice: <u>Draft 2020 Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports</u> (published by NOAA on 12/04/2020)

NMFS reviewed the Pacific regional marine mammal stock assessment report (SAR) in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). SARs for marine mammals in the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regions were revised according to new information. NMFS solicits public comments on the draft 2020 SARs. NMFS is also requesting new information for strategic stocks that were not updated in 2020. Comments must be received by March 4, 2021.

Notice: <u>Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations</u> (published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] on 11/25/2020)

This notice lists communities, including Honolulu, O'ahu, where the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations), as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, prepared by FEMA for each community, is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. The FIRM, and where applicable, portions of the FIS report, have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Federal Regulations. The LOMR will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings. Submit comments and/or appeals to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table in the notice. The flood hazard determination for Honolulu will be finalized on January 4, 2021.

Proposed Rule: <u>Endangered and Threatened Species</u>; <u>Critical Habitat for the Threatened Indo-Pacific Corals</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 11/27/2020)

We, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), propose to designate critical habitat for the seven threatened corals in U.S. waters in the Indo-Pacific (*Acropora globiceps, Acropora jacquelineae, Acropora retusa, Acropora speciosa, Euphyllia paradivisa, Isopora crateriformis,* and *Seriatopora aculeata*) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Seventeen specific occupied areas containing physical features essential to the conservation of these coral species are being proposed for designation as critical habitat; these areas contain approximately 600 square kilometers of marine habitat. We have considered positive and negative economic, national security, and other relevant impacts of the proposed designations, and we propose to exclude two areas from the critical habitat designations due to anticipated impacts on national security. We are soliciting comments from the public on all aspects of the proposal, including our identification of the geographical area and depths occupied by the species, the physical and biological feature essential to the coral species' conservation and identification, areas not included and excluded, and consideration of impacts of the proposed action. Comments on this proposal must be received by January 26, 2021.

Proposed Rule: Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (published by the U.S. DOT on 11/23/2020)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) proposes to update and codify its internal order establishing the responsibilities and procedures for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which was issued in 1979 and last updated in 1985. This proposal would update the DOT NEPA procedures in response to the Council on Environmental Quality's final rule updating its NEPA procedures and also incorporate provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act; and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act related to DOT's environmental review process. This proposed rule would modernize the Department's procedures and promote collaboration and efficiency in the implementation of NEPA. Finally, this proposal would also update the list of the Department's categorical exclusions consistent with the CEQ's regulations implementing NEPA. Persons interested in submitting written comments on this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking should do so by December 23, 2020.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Agency Actions

Projects or programs proposed by 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

Projects or programs proposed by any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval (discretionary consent) for a proposed action per <u>HRS</u> 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 the action's environmental impact will be significant, and thus 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 proposing or approving 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 action's proponent shall respond in writing to comments on a DEA received during the 30-day review period and prepare a Final EA (FEA) that includes those responses to determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be required. If there are no significant impacts, then the Agency will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required and the project has cleared HRS 343 requirements. The public has 30 days from the notice of a FONSI in this bulletin to ask the Environmental Court to require the preparation of an EIS.

Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation

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 to 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 in 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. 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. This starts a 30-day scoping period in which the agency or applicant must hold a public scoping meeting for the preparation of the Draft EIS. Written comments and responses on the EISPN must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to the OEQC with the 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 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 discretional approvals are required. An aid to understanding this is to visualize residential 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 mitigation 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. For Applicant projects, the Approving Agency is the Accepting Authority and must make a determination within 30 days or the FEIS is deemed 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

The Accepting Authority must be satisified that the FEIS meets three criteria (process, content, response to comments) to accept it. If the FEIS is accepted, notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from publication to challenge 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 non-acceptance determination.



Maui sunset

Photo by Thomas Hawk

National Environmental Policy Act

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

Conservation District

Proposed uses of land in the State Conservation District require 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. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Conservation District.

Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback Area

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coast-line of all islands and development in this area is generally regulated by HRS 205A, and county ordinance. A portion of the SMA that is addressed by HRS 343 is the Shoreline Area, which includes land between the State-certified shoreline and the county-determined shoreline setback line. This bulletin will include EAs & EISs for actions proposed within the Shoreline Setback Area.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawai'i 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. The Council just completed the repeal of Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200 and adoption of HAR Chapter 11-200.1.

Agency Exemption Lists

Government agencies may 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 11-200.1-16). 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).



Publication Calendar of the Office of Environmental Quality Control Periodic Bulletin, HAR Chapter 11-200.1

2021

Pursuant to Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), all items to be published in the periodic bulletin must be electronically submitted to the OEQC five working days prior to the publication date. For actions that have published a draft EA or EISPN on or before August 8, 2019, use the 1996 Rules Submittal Deadline column for determining the filing date for the Final EA, Draft EIS, Final EIS, Acceptance / Non-acceptance, supplemental determinations, and supplemental EISs.

1996 R	ules		New Rules EA or EISPN		ISPN	EIS Comment 45						
Submi	Submittal Submittal		ttal		Publication Date		Comment 30-Day		Day Deadline			
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Dec 11	Fri		Dec 16	Wed		Dec 23 2020	Wed		Jan 22	Fri	Feb 08	Mon
Dec 28	Mon		Dec 31	Thu		Jan 08 2021	Fri		Feb 08	Mon	Feb 22	Mon
Jan 12	Tue		Jan 15	Fri		Jan 23	Sat		Feb 22	Mon	Mar 09	Tue
Jan 27	Wed		Feb 01	Mon		Feb 08	Mon		Mar 10	Wed	Mar 25	Thu
Feb 10	Wed		Feb 16	Tue		Feb 23	Tue		Mar 25	Thu	Apr 09	Fri
Feb 24	Wed		Mar 01	Mon		Mar 08	Mon		Apr 07	Wed	Apr 22	Thu
Mar 11	Thu		Mar 16	Tue		Mar 23	Tue		Apr 22	Thu	May 07	Fri
Mar 25	Thu		Mar 31	Wed		Apr 08	Thu		May 10	Mon	May 24	Mon
Apr 13	Tue		Apr 16	Fri		Apr 23	Fri		May 24	Mon	Jun 07	Mon
Apr 28	Wed		May 03	Mon		May 08	Sat		Jun 07	Mon	Jun 22	Tue
May 12	Wed		May 17	Mon		May 23	Sun		Jun 22	Tue	Jul 07	Wed
May 26	Wed		Jun 01	Tue		Jun 08	Tue		Jul 08	Thu	Jul 23	Fri
Jun 10	Thu		Jun 16	Wed		Jun 23	Wed		Jul 23	Fri	Aug 09	Mon
Jun 25	Fri		Jun 30	Wed		Jul 08	Thu		Aug 09	Mon	Aug 23	Mon
Jul 13	Tue		Jul 16	Fri		Jul 23	Fri		Aug 23	Mon	Sep 07	Tue
Jul 28	Wed		Aug 02	Mon		Aug 08	Sun		Sep 07	Tue	Sep 22	Wed
Aug 10	Tue		Aug 13	Fri		Aug 23	Mon		Sep 22	Wed	Oct 07	Thu
Aug 26	Thu		Aug 31	Tue		Sep 08	Wed		Oct 08	Fri	Oct 25	Mon
Sep 13	Mon		Sep 16	Thu		Sep 23	Thu		Oct 25	Mon	Nov 08	Mon
Sep 28	Tue		Oct 01	Fri		Oct 08	Fri		Nov 08	Mon	Nov 22	Mon
Oct 13	Wed		Oct 18	Mon		Oct 23	Sat		Nov 22	Mon	Dec 07	Tue
Oct 27	Wed		Nov 01	Fri		Nov 08	Mon		Dec 08	Wed	Dec 23	Thu
Nov 10	Wed		Nov 16	Tue		Nov 23	Tue		Dec 23	Thu	Jan 07	Fri
Nov 26	Fri		Dec 01	Wed		Dec 08	Wed		Jan 07	Fri	Jan 24	Mon
Dec 13	Mon		Dec 16	Thu		Dec 23 2021	Thu		Jan 24	Mon	Feb 07	Mon
Dec 28	Tue		Jan 03	Mon		Jan 08 2022	Sat		Feb 07	Mon	Feb 22	Tue

- Section 11-200.1-4(a), HAR, establishes the publication schedule of the periodic bulletin to be on the eighth and twenty-third of each month. Publication shall occur on weekends and holidays, when appropriate.
- Section 11-200.1-5(a), HAR, establishes the submittal deadline to be five working days before the publication date. The schedule does not count holidays and non-working days. Items must be submitted before the close of business (4:30 PM) on the submittal deadline. Note: Actions that have published the Draft EA or EISPN on or before August 8, 2019 shall file pursuant to Chapter 11-200, HAR ("1996 Rules"), which requires filing eight working days before publication.
- Comment periods for EAs are 30 days and for EISs are 45 days from the publication date. Section 11-200.1-3 sets forth how to count the days from publication. The publication date is day zero. Holidays and weekends are counted. When the deadline falls on a state holiday or non-working day, the deadline is the next working day.