

The Environmental Notice April 23, 2023

Josh Green, M.D., Governor Scott Glenn, Director, OPSD 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.





Pohoiki Boat Ramp in 2018 (open and functional before the recent volcanic eruption)

Photo from the project EA

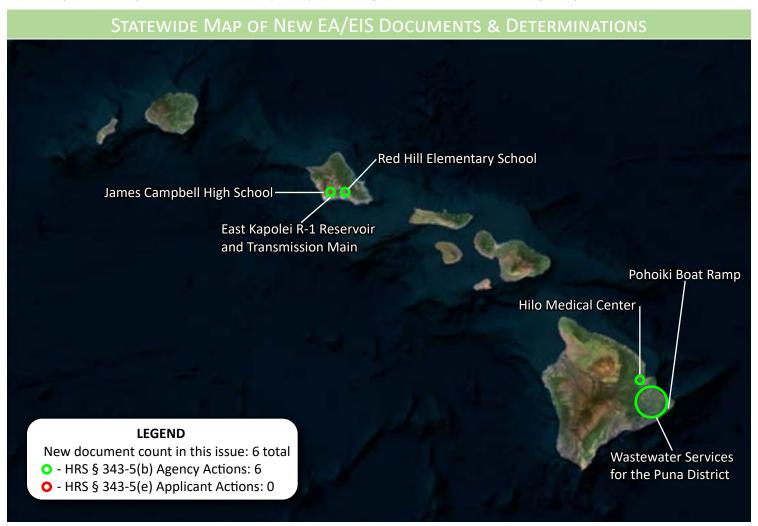


Pohoiki Boat Ramp in 2022 (blocked after the recent volcanic eruption)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

While EAs & EISs should be submitted via our <u>online submittal form</u>, for any other smaller documents that are emailed to our office for publication, please send to <u>dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov</u>. All submittals are due by 4:30pm on the submittal deadline.



Hawai'i EAs/EISs

Addition of Wastewater Services for the Puna District--Draft EIS

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (9)(A) Propose any wastewater treatment unit, except an individual wastewater system or a wastewater treatment unit serving fewer than fifty single-family dwellings or the equivalent	
District(s)	Puna	
TMK(s)	Numerous (see document)	
Permit(s)	Numerous (see document)	
Proposing Agency	County of Hawai'i, Department of Environmental Management Kelly Hartman, (808) 961-8512, Kelly.Hartman@hawaiicounty.gov 345 Kekūanāo'a Street, Suite 41, Hilo, HI 96720	
Accepting Authority	County of Hawai'i, Office of the Mayor Mitch Roth, (808) 961-8211, mitchd.roth@hawaiicounty.gov	
Consultant	AECOM; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 1600, Honolulu, HI 96813 Rae Loui, (808) 529-7221, rae.loui@aecom.com	
Status	Statutory 45-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by June 7, 2023. Please read the documen then address comments to the accepting authority at Kelly.Hartman@hawaiicounty.gov and copy the consultant.	

The Proposed Action is the addition of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal infrastructure and services for the Project Area. The action would provide efficient, technologically advanced, and resilient wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal infrastructure and services, primarily to town and village centers in the Project Area.

Pohoiki Boat Ramp Dredging of Volcanic Debris--Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds(2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district(3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
District(s)	Puna
TMK(s)	(3) 1-3-008:014; unencumbered land (new lava flow)
Permit(s)	Numerous (see document)
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources Finn McCall, (808) 587-3250, finn.d.mccall@hawaii.gov 4 Sand Island Access Road, Honolulu, HI 96819
Consultant	The Limtiaco Consulting Group; 1622 Kanakanui Street, Honolulu, HI 96817 Trevor Vagay, (808) 596-7790, trevor@tlcghawaii.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 23, 2023. Please send comments to the proposing/determining agency and copy the consultant.

The Kīlauea Volcano eruption of 2018 disrupted the use of the Pohoiki Boat Ramp facility in the Puna District. Ocean rescue services, commercial fishing, ocean/volcano tours, recreational opportunities, and food sustainability practices of the Puna community are negatively affected by the closure of the boat ramp, which is undamaged but landlocked by accumulated volcanic debris. The Pohoiki Boat Ramp facility is owned and maintained by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Accumulated material consisting of sand, rock, and cobble currently blocks navigational access to the Pacific Ocean. The proposed project would restore navigational access by removing accumulated material from Pohoiki Bay through excavation and dredging. Volcanic material would be placed in areas of new lava or new beach that are away from the ocean. Pohoiki Bay would be restored to a shape and depth that resembles pre-eruption conditions to the extent possible.

Hawai'i EAs/EISs (continued)

Hilo Medical Center Expansion--Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds	
District(s)	South Hilo	
TMK(s)	(3) 2-3-027:002	
Permit(s)	Chapter 6E, HRS Historic Preservation Compliance, Plan Approval, Construction Permits	
Proposing/ Determining Agency		
Consultant	Munekiyo Hiraga; 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, HI 96720 Emily Murai, (808) 983-1233, planning@munekiyohiraga.com	
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination	

The proposed action involves the expansion of the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) which will be implemented in two phases. The Phase 1 addition will be located in a three-story structure above the current physician and visitor parking and will house an intensive care unit (ICU) which will have 19 beds and a Patient Care Unit (PCU) which will have 36 beds. The Phase 2 addition will consist of a three-story structure also located above the existing visitor parking. One floor of Phase 2's three-story building will be dedicated to a Family Birthing Center containing six Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum (LDRP) rooms, three isolation LDRP rooms, and three patient rooms for postpartum or antepartum patients. Both additions will connect to the existing HMC building via enclosed pedestrian bridges. In addition, the current physician and visitor parking will be redesigned to accommodate the expansion phases as well as utility connections.

O'AHU EAS/EISS

East Kapolei 215 R-1 3.0 Million Gallon Reservoir and 16-Inch Transmission Main--Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds	
District(s)	'Ewa	
TMK(s)	[1] 9-1-018: 007, 008, and 012; Farrington Highway Right-of-Way (ROW) (no TMK assigned); Kūalakaʻi Parkway ROW (TMK [1] 9-1-017: 096); Kapolei Parkway ROW (no TMK assigned)	
Permit(s)	Various (see document)	
Proposing/ Determining Agency	City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply Lorna Heller, (808) 748-5944, lheller@hbws.org 630 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96843	
Consultant	R.M. Towill Corporation; 2024 North King Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96819 Brian Takeda, (808) 843-1133, briant@rmtowill.com	
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by May 23, 2023. Please send comment to the proposing/determining agency and copy the consultant.	

The City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply is undertaking the East Kapolei 215 R-1 3.0 MG Reservoir and 16-Inch Transmission Main project for the use of R-1 (recycled) water in Kapolei, 'Ewa District, Island of O'ahu, Hawai'i. The project involves the construction of a new East Kapolei 215 R-1 3.0 MG reservoir; control (operations) building; and 16-inch transmission main extending along the East Kapolei 215 Reservoir site access road with a proposed bulb-out easement within TMK: 9-1-018:012 (Ho'opili Gateway Development), Farrington Highway, Kūalaka'i Parkway, and Kapolei Parkway. The proposed project will be conducted on State, County, and Private lands. Funds for the project will be from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program and the City and County of Honolulu. The project has been assigned Project Priority List number C150051-77.

O'AHU EAS/EISS (CONTINUED

James Campbell High School Athletic Complex & Master Plan--Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	'Ewa
TMK(s)	(1) 9-1-001-002
Permit(s)	NPDES, Community Noise, Building Permits
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Education Karynn Yoneshige, (808) 784-5127, karynn.yoneshige@k12.hi.us P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804
Consultant	Environmental Communications, Inc.; P.O. Box 236097, Honolulu, HI 96823 Taeyong Kim, (808) 528-4661, tkim@environcom.com
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The proposed project is a programmatic document for future improvements on the James Campbell High School campus as well as an environmental assessment that specifically address improvements for the athletic facilities for the campus. Presently funded is new athletic complex that will consist of new bleachers, girls and boys locker rooms, fitness and trainer rooms, broadcast booth, weight training rooms, a new ticket booth, concession stand and public toilets and other support services.

Other future master plan components include renovated fields, new parking areas, relocation of portable buildings to facility a new internal circulation road, new covered play courts to replace Ilima Intermediate's outdoor courts, a new parking garage, a new multipurpose building, additional play courts, replacement of visitor's bleachers and other modernization improvements.

The proposed project cost is \$18,000,000.

Red Hill Elementary School Covered Play Court--Final EA (FONSI)

HRS §343- 5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
District(s)	Honolulu
TMK(s)	(1) 1-1-012:028
Permit(s)	Variance from Pollution Controls (Noise Permit), Chapter 6E Historic Site Review, Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention, Building Permit, Grading and Grubbing Permit, Certificate of Occupancy, Fire Department Review
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Education William George, (808) 784-5125, william.george@k12.hi.us Office of Facilities and Operation, 3633 Wai'alae Avenue, Room B-201, Honolulu, HI 96816
Consultant	Gerald Park Urban Planner; 95-595 Kaname'e Street #324, Mililani, HI 96789 Gerald Park, (808) 625-9626, gpark@gpup.biz
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The project will provide a covered facility where students can engage in outdoor play during inclement and hot weather and serve a covered, multi-purpose facility for school activities and functions.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Status: The comment period for these projects began previously. Please click on the links below to read a document, then send comments to the relevant agency and copy any relevant applicant and/or consultant identified in the submission form that follows the initial agency letter.

COMMENTS DUE APRIL 24, 2023

O'AHU

Palisades Elementary School Covered Play Court--Draft EA (AFNSI)

August Ahrens Elementary School (AAES) New Classroom Building--Draft EA (AFNSI)

Kahawainui Stream Maintenance Dredging--Draft EA (AFNSI)

KAUA'I

Kaua'i Bus Maintenance Facility Improvements for Electric Buses--Draft EA (AFNSI)

COMMENTS DUE MAY 8, 2023

HAWAI'I

<u>Hawaiian Kingdom Brands Kanaka Beverage Plant and Café--Draft EA (AFNSI)</u>
Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association - Resiliency and Agricultural Innovation Hub--Draft EA (AFNSI)

Maui

Hālau of 'Ōiwi Art--Draft EA (AFNSI)

O'AHU

Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Project--Supplemental Determination and EIS Preparation Notice

KAUA'I

Management of Wailua Reservoir Dam and Diversion--EIS Preparation Notice

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 [(808) 768-8015]; Hawai'i [East (808) 961-8288], [West (808) 323-4770]; Kaua'i [(808) 241-4050]; Maui [(808) 270-7735]; Kaka'ako or Kalaeloa Community Development District [(808) 587-2846]

Location (TMK)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Hawai'i: Laupāhoehoe, Welokā (3-6-010: 006)	Proposed Reconstruction of Gas Dispensary Canopy Structure (PL-SMM-2023-000043)	Ron Terry
Kaua'i: Kapa'a (3-9-006: 001)	Relocating Portion of Multi-use Bike and Pedestrian Path (SMA(M)-2023-18)	County of Kaua'i, Department of Parks and Recreation/Bow Engineering & Development
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-001: 009)	150 Banyan Tree Bday (SM2 2023-00011)	Lahaina Restoration Foundation
Maui: Lahaina (4-6-008: 061)	After-the-Fact 6-foot Perimeter Wall and House Touch Up Painting (SM2 2023-00041)	Lewis Cox
Maui: Kahului (3-8-052: 001)	Operate a State Certified Satellite Redemption Center and Non-Ferrous Scrap Metal Recycling Operation (SM2 2023- 00043)	Bruce Iverson
O'ahu: Kailua (4-2-016: portion of 015)	Kawainui Marsh Levee Mauka Staging Area Project (2023/SMA-10)	Division of Forestry and Wildlife, State Department of Land and Natural Re- sources / HHF Planners

SHORELINE NOTICES

APPLICATIONS FOR SHORELINE CERTIFICATION

The shoreline certification applications below are available for review and comment 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). Maps and photos of each application file can be viewed here. 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-2031	344 Wailupe Circle, O'ahu 96821	(1) 3-6-001:015	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	AJW Investment LLC
OA-2032	41-875 Laumilo Street, O'ahu 96795	(1) 4-1-005:004 & 067	KN Surveying, LLC	Ulalia W. Lee Trust
OA-2033	55-349 Kamehameha Highway, O'ahu 96762	(1) 5-5-002:030	Thomas Pattison	David Thielen

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-2020	Proposed	45-221 Ka Hanahou Circle, Oʻahu 96744	(1) 4-5-047:051	Jaime F. Alimboyoguen	Michael Elhoff
HA-635	Proposed	Hawai'i Belt Road, Hawai'i 96704	(3) 8-7-014:002	Daniel Berg c/o dlb &	The Kona Estates Fund I, LLC &
				Associates, Inc	The Kona Estates Fund II, LLC

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>Permanent Advisory Committee To Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting Announcement</u> (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 04/14/2023)

NMFS announces a public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) on May 22, 2023. Meeting topics are provided under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice. The meeting of the PAC will be held via web conference on May 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. HST. Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials; comments must be received by May 15, 2023. Click on title link above for information on participating in the meeting

Notice: Notice of Intent To Conduct Scoping and To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Designation of a National Marine Sanctuary for the Pacific Remote Islands (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 04/18/2023)

In accordance with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NOAA is initiating the process to consider designating the submerged lands and waters surrounding the Pacific Remote Islands to the full extent of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as a new national marine sanctuary. NOAA will prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the sanctuary designation process to discuss environmental impacts and inform decision makers and the public of reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment. NOAA is initiating the public scoping process to invite comments on the scope and significance of issues to be addressed in the DEIS that are related to designating this area as a national marine sanctuary. The results of this scoping process will assist NOAA in moving forward with the designation process, which would include the preparation and release of draft designation documents, as well as the formulation of alternatives for the DEIS. Comments must be received by NOAA on or before June 2, 2023. NOAA will host in-person public scoping meetings, with an option to join virtually, on May 10, 2023 in Honolulu and May 11, 2023 in Hilo. Click on the title link above for meeting times, locations, and virtual meeting links.

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 <u>HRS 343-2</u>.

Applicant Actions

Projects or programs proposed by any person who, pursuant to statute, ordinance, or rule, requests approval for a proposed action per <u>HRS 343-2</u>.

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 challenge the FONSI in the Environmental Court and seek a ruling 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 OPSD 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 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 OPSD with the Draft EIS.

HEPA

While technically there is no "Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act," HRS 343 is often referred to by this term.

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.

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. Whether the FEIS is accepted or not accepted, notice of the Acceptance Determination is published in this bulletin. The public has 60 days from publication to legally challenge the acceptance of a FEIS. For both Applicant and Agency actions, 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, OPSD 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/denied by the Department or 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; 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. Some projects going through the SMA permit process on O'ahu are also required to go through an environmental review process that mirrors HRS 343; these "ROH Chapter 25" EAs/EISs are included in this bulletin.

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 Advisory Council

The Environmental Advisory Council is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OPSD and the general public concerning ecology and environmental quality. Agendas of their regular meetings are posted on the Internet and the public is invited to attend.

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).