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# The Environmental Notice

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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 (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for projects in Hawai'i. The Environmental Notice also includes other items related to the shoreline, coastal zone, and federal activities.



DHHL intends to develop a portion of the approximately 656 acres of land in Wākiu for its beneficiaries.

photo from the [project's Final EA](#)

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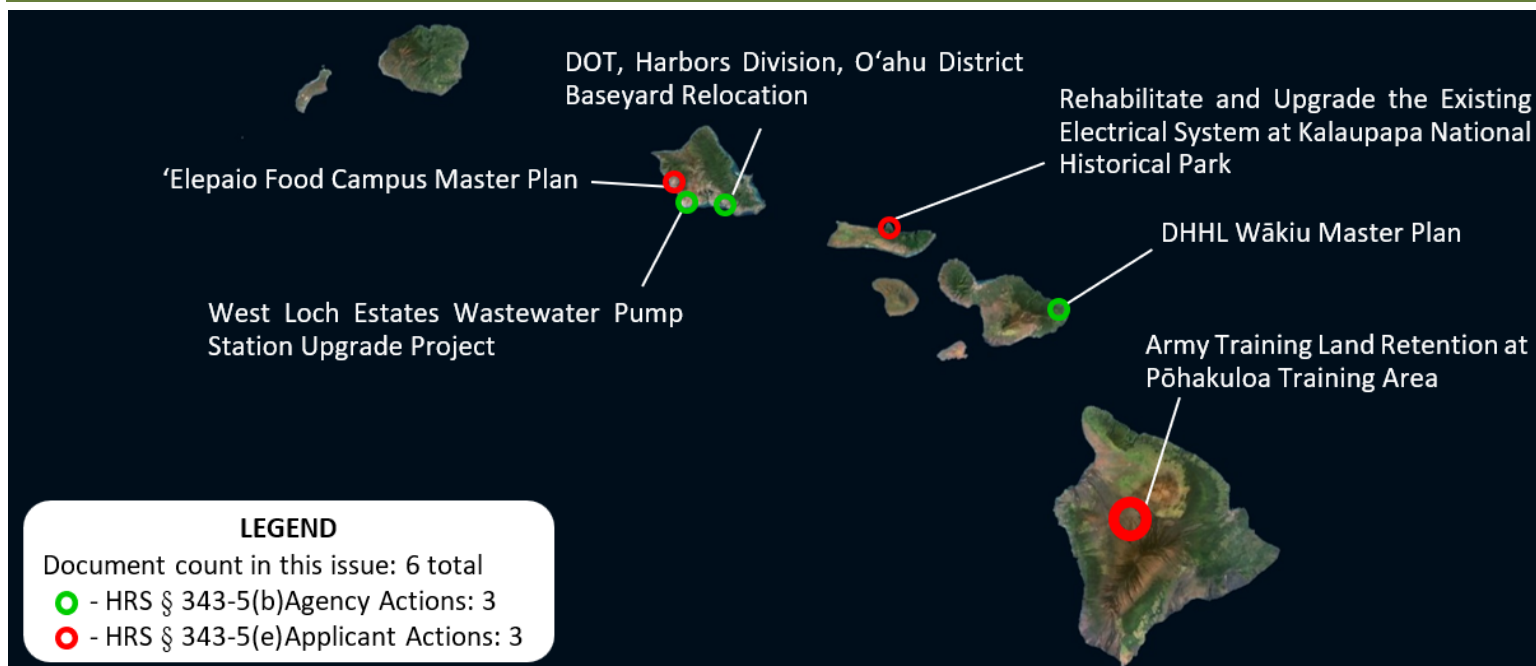
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is still seeking new members. To learn more about the work of the EAC, visit their [webpage](#). To apply to be on the EAC, submit this [online application](#) under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - Environmental Advisory Council.
- The 2025 Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) will take place on August 27-29, 2025 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. Early Bird registration is now available [online](#). Visit the [OPSD HCPO webpage](#) for more information.

## STATEWIDE MAP OF EA/EIS DOCUMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS



## HAWAII EAs/EISS

**Army Training Land Retention at Pōhakuloa Training Area – (Non-Acceptance of Final EIS)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(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
<b>District(s)</b>	North Kona
<b>TMK(s)</b>	(3) 4-4-015:008; 4-4-016:005; 7-1-004:007
<b>Permit(s)</b>	none
<b>Approving Agency</b>	Board of Land and Natural Resources Lauren Yasaka, (808) 587-0431, <a href="mailto:lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov">lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov</a> 1151 Punchbowl Street Room 220, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
<b>Applicant</b>	US Army Garrison Hawaii; 745 Wright Avenue, Building 107, Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013 Alice Roberts, (808) 786-0269, <a href="mailto:alice.k.robers.civ@army.mil">alice.k.robers.civ@army.mil</a>
<b>Consultant</b>	G70; 111 S. King Straet, Suite 170, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Jeff Overton, (808) 523-5866, <a href="mailto:jeff@g70.design">jeff@g70.design</a>
<b>Status</b>	On May 9, 2025, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board), the Accepting Authority for the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), voted to not accept the <a href="#">final EIS Vol 1</a> , <a href="#">Vol 2</a> , and <a href="#">Vol 3</a> .

The Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) on Hawai'i Island encompasses approximately 132,000 acres of U.S. Government-owned and State-owned land. The U.S. Government leases approximately 23,000 acres from the State of Hawai'i. The lease expires on August 16, 2029. The Army proposes to retain up to 22,750 acres of State-owned land in support of continued military training. The retention will preserve maneuver area, provide austere environment training, enable access between major parcels of U.S. Government-owned land, retain infrastructure investments, allow for future modernization, and maximize use of the impact area. Loss of this land would impact the ability of the Army to meet training requirements and its mission of readiness. The Proposed Action is a real estate action that would enable continuation of ongoing activities. It does not include construction or changes in ongoing activities. Revisions between the Second Draft EIS and Final EIS are generally in Volume 1.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Land and Natural Resources Planner, Lauren Yasaka, at [lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov](mailto:lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov).

## MAUI EAs/EISS

**DHHL Wākiu Master Plan – Final EA (FONSI)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
<b>District(s)</b>	Hāna
<b>TMK(s)</b>	(2) 1-3-004:001, (2) 1-3-004:012, (2) 1-3-004:017, (2) 1-3-004:018
<b>Permit(s)</b>	See Section 2.6
<b>Proposing/ Determining Agency</b>	State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Julie-Ann Cachola, (808) 620-9480, <a href="mailto:julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov">julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov</a> P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805
<b>Consultant</b>	G70; 111 S. King St., Suite 170, HONOLULU, HI 96813 Kawika McKeague, (808) 523-5866, <a href="mailto:dhhleastmauimp@g70.design">dhhleastmauimp@g70.design</a>
<b>Status</b>	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The Project is intended to develop a portion of the approximately 656 acres of land in Wākiu for DHHL beneficiaries. These lands were transferred to DHHL as a result of the 1995 settlement of claims between the State of Hawai'i and DHHL that transferred over 16,800 acres from the State to DHHL's land inventory. The purpose of the Master Plan is to identify developable lands and allowable land uses based on existing conditions and engagement with beneficiaries. This includes homestead lot types, sizes, and configurations that fulfill the vision and values of the community based upon multiple outreach and charrette sessions.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands consultant, Jeffrey Seastrom, at [dhhleastmauimp@g70.design](mailto:dhhleastmauimp@g70.design).



## MOLOKA'I EAS/EISS

**Rehabilitate and Upgrade the Existing Electrical System at Kalaupapa National Historical Park – Final EA (FONSI)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
<b>District(s)</b>	Kalawao
<b>TMK(s)</b>	(2) 6-1-001:001; (2) 6-1-001:002
<b>Permit(s)</b>	See Table 7 in Final EA
<b>Approving Agency</b>	State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Nancy McPherson, (808) 730-0354, <a href="mailto:nancy.m.mcpherson@hawaii.gov">nancy.m.mcpherson@hawaii.gov</a> 91-5420 Kapolei Pkwy, Kapolei, HI 96707
<b>Applicant</b>	National Park Service; P.O. Box 2222; Kalaupapa, HI 96742 Nancy Holman, (808) 567-6802, <a href="mailto:Nancy_Holman@nps.gov">Nancy_Holman@nps.gov</a>
<b>Consultant</b>	None
<b>Status</b>	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The current electrical distribution system at the Park was installed in 1969 and is owned by the state's Department of Health (HDOH). Power outages occur frequently within the Park because of deteriorated transformers, worn and frayed transmission lines, and pole and insulator failures. The electrical distribution system has created a variety of health and safety concerns for patient-residents, NPS and HDOH staff, and visitors. Rehabilitating and upgrading the electrical distribution system would improve efficiency, comply with current Hawaiian Electric (HECO) code standards for future operations, increase reliability, make the system easier for an outside entity to maintain, and eliminate health and safety concerns. The project proposes to rehabilitate the settlement's single and three-phase aboveground electrical distribution system to a looped system, replace and upgrade power poles, insulators, hardware and power lines, and realign poles to reduce potential impacts to cultural resources. Work would be limited to the existing electrical distribution system alignment.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands planner, Nancy McPherson, at [nancy.m.mcpherson@hawaii.gov](mailto:nancy.m.mcpherson@hawaii.gov).

## O'AHU EAS/EISS

**DOT, Harbors Division, O'ahu District Baseyard Relocation – Final EA (FONSI)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
<b>District(s)</b>	Honolulu
<b>TMK(s)</b>	(1) 1-2-025:011, 084, 085, 100
<b>Permit(s)</b>	HRS Chapter 6E, NPDES General Permit, Community Noise Permit/Variance, Hazardous Waste Permit, Asbestos Abatement Permit, Street Usage Permit
<b>Proposing/ Determining Agency</b>	State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Harbors Celia Shen, (808) 587-2013, <a href="mailto:Celia.Y.Shen@hawaii.gov">Celia.Y.Shen@hawaii.gov</a> 869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
<b>Consultant</b>	SSFM Intrnational, Inc.; 99 Aupuni Street, Suite 220, Hilo, HI 96720 Jennifer Scheffel, (808) 375-6038, <a href="mailto:jscheffel@ssfm.com">jscheffel@ssfm.com</a>
<b>Status</b>	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The proposed project would relocate the existing baseyard to a new location described in Section 1.3. HDOT Harbors is proposing demolition of Building 904 and redevelopment of the site for use by HDOT Harbors' O'ahu District Baseyard. Specifically, the proposed project includes the following:

- Demolition of the existing building (Building 904)
- Construction and operation of HDOT Harbors' new O'ahu baseyard

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Transportation consultant, Jennifer Scheffel, at [jscheffel@ssfm.com](mailto:jscheffel@ssfm.com).

## O'AHU EAS/EISS (CONTINUED)

**'Elepaio Food Campus Master Plan – Draft EA (AFNSI)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
<b>District(s)</b>	Wai'anae
<b>TMK(s)</b>	[1] 8-6-001: 012, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028
<b>Permit(s)</b>	BWS Building Permit Application, Building, Grubbing Grading Stockpiling, Trenching, Sustainable Communities Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Street Usage, HFD Building Plans Review, Variance from Pollution Controls, NPDES, Discharge of Hydrotesting Water, Disability and Communications Access Board, Historic Site Review
<b>Approving Agency</b>	State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Julie Ann Cachola, (808) 730-0347, <a href="mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov">dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov</a> 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707
<b>Applicant</b>	Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; 86-260 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, Hawai'i 96792 John Griego, (808) 697-3704, <a href="mailto:jgriego@wcchc.com">jgriego@wcchc.com</a>
<b>Consultant</b>	Gerald Park Urban Planner; 95-595 Kame'e Street #324; Mililani, Hawai'i 96789 Gerald Park; (808) 625-9626, <a href="mailto:gpark@gpup.biz">gpark@gpup.biz</a>
<b>Status</b>	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. <b>Comments are due by July 8, 2025.</b> Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to <a href="mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov">dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov</a> .

'Elepaio Social Services, the social services arm of the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center ("WCCHC"), proposes to develop a food campus and resiliency hub in the ahupua'a of Lualualei, District of Wa'ianae. The project will be developed on approximately 10.5 acres east of and adjoining the WCCHC. The area to be developed is part of 6 lots comprising 25.1 acres owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Proposed is the construction of a food warehouse, agriculture growing field, a multi-purpose building, a teaching kitchen / dining area, and administration building. The project will be built in three phases over a projected seven years beginning in 2025 or 2026. Site work, infrastructure installation, road improvements, and construction of the food warehouse and growing field are proposed for Phase 1 construction. Construction costs for the improvements over the 3 phases of development are estimated at \$29.80 million. The cost will be funded by the WCCHC through Federal, State, and County grants, contributions from charitable foundations, corporate giving programs, and donations from community organizations and individuals.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center consultant, Gerald Park, at [gpark@gpup.biz](mailto:gpark@gpup.biz).

**West Loch Estates Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade Project – Final EA (FONSI)**

<b>HRS §343-5(a) Trigger</b>	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
<b>District(s)</b>	'Ewa
<b>TMK(s)</b>	(1) 9-1-181:001 (POR)
<b>Permit(s)</b>	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit Appendix C: Discharges of construction storm water, Appendix F: Discharges of Hydrotesting Waters, Appendix G: Discharges Associated with Construction Activity Dewatering; City & County: Special Management Area Use Permit (Major), Noise Permit, Variance (for new aboveground fuel storage tank), Grading permit, Trenching Permit, Building Permit, Dewatering Permit
<b>Proposing/ Determining Agency</b>	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services Paul Gamble, (808) 768-8744, <a href="mailto:paul.gamble@honolulu.gov">paul.gamble@honolulu.gov</a> 1000 Uluohia Street, Suite 308, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
<b>Consultant</b>	Environmental Planning Solutions, LLC; 945 Makaiwa Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816 Colette Sakoda, (808) 748-1529, <a href="mailto:cmsakoda@gmail.com">cmsakoda@gmail.com</a>
<b>Status</b>	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The West Loch Estates Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS), located in the leeward region of O'ahu, Hawai'i, services the West Loch Estates community. Located at the 91-1024 Kapapahu Street, 'Ewa Beach, it is sited within the western (ma'uka) portion of the City and County of Honolulu's West Loch Kapapahu Shoreline Park parking lot. The existing WWPS infrastructure and building are in operable condition but improvements are required to address its aging condition and to comply with current codes and standards, as well as improve the reliability and operations of the WWPS to decrease the likelihood of failures.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Department of Environmental Services consultant, Colette Sakoda, at [cmsakoda@gmail.com](mailto:cmsakoda@gmail.com).

## PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

**Status:** The comment period for these projects began previously. **Comments are due June 9, 2025.** 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.

**HAWAII**

[Imiloa Pre-Kindergarten Facility – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

**KAUAI**

[Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital TOD Master Plan – \(EIS Preparation Notice\)](#)

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATIONS

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 for each project. CDUAs can be found on the OCCL website at [dlnr.hawaii.gov/occl](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/occl).

**PROJECT:**

**File No.:** [CDUA HA-3981 \(Department's Acceptance Letter\)](#)  
**343, Determination:** [Final Environmental Assessment](#)/FONSI Published [March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#)  
**Name of Applicant:** Ryan Pastorek, managing member of Opunaha LLC  
**Agent:** Land Planning Hawaii LLC  
**Location:** 15-2193 Government Beach Road  
 Popoki, Puna, Island of Hawaii  
**TMK:** (3) 1-5-010:026 (& 027)  
**Proposed Action:** [Ryan Pastorek Single-Family Residence](#)  
**343, HRS determination:** [Final Environmental Assessment](#)  
**Agent's Contact:** John Pipan ph: (808) 333-3393, [john@landplanninghawaii.com](mailto:john@landplanninghawaii.com)  
**OCCL Staff Contact:** Trevor Fitzpatrick ph: (808) 587-0378, [trevor.j.fitzpatrick@hawaii.gov](mailto:trevor.j.fitzpatrick@hawaii.gov)

**PROJECT:**

**File No.:** [CDUA HA-3982 \(Department's Acceptance Letter\)](#)  
**343, Determination:** [Final Environmental Assessment](#)/FONSI Published [March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#)  
**Name of Applicant:** Paul Pastorek  
**Agent:** Land Planning Hawaii LLC  
**Location:** Government Beach Road  
 Popoki, Puna, Island of Hawaii  
**TMK:** (3) 1-5-010:027  
**Proposed Action:** [Paul Pastorek Single-Family Residence](#)  
**343, HRS determination:** [Final Environmental Assessment](#)  
**Agent's Contact:** John Pipan ph: (808) 333-3393, [john@landplanninghawaii.com](mailto:john@landplanninghawaii.com)  
**OCCL Staff Contact:** Trevor Fitzpatrick ph: (808) 587-0378, [trevor.j.fitzpatrick@hawaii.gov](mailto:trevor.j.fitzpatrick@hawaii.gov)

## 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. The following are Lists of Exemption Notices submitted by various agencies for **May 2025, unless noted otherwise**. Contact the identified agency contact on each list for additional information about any specific exemption or any ADA compliance issues:

**State of Hawai'i**

[Hawai'i Housing Finance & Development Corporation](#)  
[Department of Land and Natural Resources](#)

**City and County of Honolulu**

[Department of Design and Construction](#)  
[Department of Planning and Permitting](#)

## 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, contact Rebecca Anderson at [rebecca.l.anderson@hawaii.gov](mailto:rebecca.l.anderson@hawaii.gov).

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2146	4157 Black Point Road	96816	(1) 3-5-001:007	Ailana Surveying & Geomatics	Toshio Okumura & Barbarine Rich
OA-2147	68-327 Crozier Drive	96791	(1) 6-8-005:047	Gil P. Bumanglag	Revocable Trust of Reed H. Matsuura; Reed H. Matsuura, Trustee
OA-2148	914 C Punahale Place	96821	(1) 3-6-002:009	Walter P. Thompson, Inc.	AJ Beach LLC & JB Beachside LLC
MA-848	355 Front Street	96761	(2) 4-6-003:011	Arthur P. Valencia	The David W. and Catherine Medina Trust; David W. Medina & Catherine Medina, Trustees
KA-497	Kuhio Highway	96714	(4) 5-8-012:002	Honua Engineering	Theron L. Vines, Jr. & Geneil Vines
KA-498	5-7062 Kuhio Highway	96714	(4) 5-8-011:011	Honua Engineering	Vines Family Trust; Theron L. Vines & Geneil P. Vines, Trustees

## 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	Zip Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
MA-844	Proposed	399 Front Street	96761	(2) 4-6-002:001	Arthur P. Valencia	Front Street Dreams Trust
HA-658	Proposed	15-1075 Ala Heiau Road	96749	(3) 1-5-031:072	Daniel Berg	Robert E. Drew & Merris Leann Gold-Drew

## 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 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: Wainaku, Hilo (2-6-016:008)	Proposed second single-family dwelling and related improvements, Amended (PL-SMM-2023-000047)	Kenneth and Kayoko Zahn
Kaua'i: Hanalei (5-5-005:007)	Construction of a new wood and fence and gate. (SMA(M)-2025-22)	Cogent Designs/ Weke Road Beach House LLC
Kaua'i: Kapa'a (4-5-001:016)	Cesspool to septic upgrade (SMA(M)-2025-23)	LOX Hawaii c/o Samantha Shetzline
Kaua'i: Hanalei (5-5-10:081)	Pedestrian bridge (SMA(M)-2025-24)	Belles Graham LLP c/o Halelea Investment Company
Kaua'i: Līhu'e (3-2-003:058 CPR Unit 11)	After the fact (ATF) construction of a shed and new retaining wall (SMA(M)-2025-25)	Lloyd Chow
O'ahu: Hauula (5-3-005:052)	Construction of two new one-family detached dwellings on a lot regulated as a shoreline lot (2025/SMA-23)	Hilda Gabriela Vizcarra Bhardwaj
O'ahu: Kailua (4-3-007:036)	Expand an existing single-family dwelling by adding a third bedroom and new deck (2025/SMA-27)	Hawaii Architects, Inc. (James Matichuk)
O'ahu: Diamond Head (3-1-032:006)	Installation of two new motorized parking gates and associated equipment (2025/SMA-35)	Douglas Engineering Pacific, Inc. (Trevin Goda)

## 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](http://www.federalregister.gov).

**Notice: [Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 06/02/2025)**

Notice of agenda change of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's 203rd meeting. The meeting will be held between **June 9 and June 11, 2025**. For specific agendas and times, please click on the title link above.

**Rule: [International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions for Tropical Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean for 2025 and Beyond](#) (published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on 05/23/2025)**

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is issuing regulations under the Tuna Conventions Act (TCA) of 1950, as amended, to implement Resolution C-24-01 (*Conservation Measures For Tropical Tunas In The Eastern Pacific Ocean During 2025-2026*) adopted at the 102nd Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) in September 2024. This final rule maintains and extends management measures for fishing vessels targeting tropical tuna (*i.e.*, bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*), yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), and skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)) in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). The fishing restrictions will apply to large purse seine vessels of class sizes 4-6 (*i.e.*, vessels with a carrying capacity of 182 metric tons (mt) or greater) and longline vessels greater than 24 meters in overall length that fish for tropical tuna in the EPO. **The rule is effective June 23, 2025**. For more information, please click on the title link above.

**Notice: [Revision of Approved State Primacy Program for the State of Hawaii](#) (published by the Environmental Protection Agency 05/23/2025)**

Notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii revised its approved State primacy program under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) by adopting regulations that effectuate the Federal Ground Water Rule (GWR). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that Hawaii's revision request meets the applicable SDWA program revision requirements and the regulations adopted by Hawaii are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA approves this revision to Hawaii's approved State primacy program. **A request for a public hearing must be received or postmarked before June 23, 2025**. For more information, please click on the title link above.



## 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 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 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 OPSP called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISP) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISP 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 EISP 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, EISP) 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 EISP must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to OPSP 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 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 EISP, 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 satisfied 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, OPSP 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 coastline 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 OPSP 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).