Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2012

PSF No. 12OD-027
Oahu

Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to Na Wahine O Ke Kai for a Canoe Race Event to be held on September 23, 2012, at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portions of 021.

APPLICANT:

Na Wahine O Ke Kai (NWOKK), a domestic non-profit corporation

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portions of 021, as shown on the attached Exhibit 1.

AREA:

7,000 square feet, more or less

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No
CURRENT USE STATUS:

The requested beach areas are unencumbered

CHARACTER OF USE:

Canoe Race Event

TERM:

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 23, 2012

RENTAL:

$700.00 (One time payment based on 10¢ per square foot per day.)

COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

None

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8(a)(1) and (4) and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated December 4, 1991, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, that states "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing" and Class No. 4, that states "Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.", as included in Exhibit 2.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed: YES x NO __
Registered business name confirmed: YES x NO __
Applicant in good standing confirmed: YES x NO __

REMARKS:

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai Long Distance Canoe Race event consists of approximately forty-one (41) nautical miles beginning at Hale-O-Lono Harbor on the island of Molokai, and terminates offshore from Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki, located on the island of Oahu. The canoe race is scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2012, starting at 8
A.M. and is anticipated to conclude five to eight hours later in Waikiki.

Set-up upon the Duke Kahanamoku Beach for the day’s event is scheduled to begin at 6 A.M. and a teardown is scheduled for 6 P.M. later that same day. For purposes of concluding the day’s event, NWOKK requests that the Board approve of a right-of-entry for its use over designated areas of the beach.

For Board approval purposes of this request, the subject right-of-entry includes Beach Areas: 1, 2, 3 and 7, only. See Exhibit 3.

Area 1 is intended to be an Awards/Finish Area/Hospitality/Webcast Area, located within close proximity to the parking lot of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. This area will be utilized for tents, spectators and includes the Awards ceremony.

Area 2 is the Exhibitors Area intended for booths/promotions to display materials associated with the sport of canoe racing. No commercial types of activities will be allowed to occur there.

Area 3 is a Canoe Landing/Welcoming Area, located directly fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel (HHVH). This area is intended for use as a greeting and welcoming area for the canoe race finishers.

Area 7 is intended for a Canoe Landing/Exit Area leading to the canoe trailers located within the parking lot. Materials that are necessary to close the event will also be located within this area.

Flags representing the various countries participating in the canoe race event are proposed for placement along the walkway of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Pier (HHVP).

As each canoe finishes the race, their accompanying escort boat will proceed to HHVP, currently encumbered under Revocable Permit No. 7566, to enable the unloading of the supporting canoe paddle members and to exit. Revocable Permit No. 7566 requires a $1.50 toll per paying customer. Staff understands HHV is not charging any supporting canoe paddle members for using the pier. Therefore, staff does not believe HHV needs to pay the State the $1.50 toll per supporting canoe member.

No requests were routed to government and/or community agencies for comments since there are currently no outstanding issues associated with this request.

Staff has no objections to the subject request.

Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the past five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to Na Wahine O Ke Kai for the purpose of covering the subject area for a canoe race event under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
   a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry form, as may be amended from time to time; and
   b. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timmy Chee  
Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

William J. Aila Jr., Chairperson
TAX MAP KEY: (1) 2-3-037: PORTIONS OF 21

EXHIBIT 1
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION
regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to Na Wahine O Ke Kai for a Canoe Race Event

Project / Reference No.: PSF 12OD-027

Project Location: Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portions of 021.

Project Description: Canoe Race Event

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

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This Division has permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that periodically occurred and continues to occur on this and other beach areas across the State. Such activities have resulted in no known significant impacts, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. As such, staff believes that the proposed event would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Consulted Parties Not applicable

EXHIBIT 2
Recommendation: That the Board finds that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

William J. Aila Jr., Chairperson

3/1/12
Date