State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

June 8, 2012

Board of Land and Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR) CHAIRPERSON TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN DLNR AND WINDWARD BOATS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RESEARCH VESSEL ($131,308.85) IN FY12 GENERAL FUNDS) FOR THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES WEST HAWAII CORAL REEF MANAGEMENT/MONITORING PROGRAM

Submitted herewith for your consideration and approval is a request to authorize the DLNR Chairperson to enter into a contract between DLNR and WINDWARD BOATS, INC. The contract provides $131,308.85, in FY12 General Funds for the purchase of a research vessel for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) West Hawaii coral reef research, monitoring and management activities.

For the past several years, DAR has been trying to replace an aging and increasingly problem-plagued survey vessel. DAR’s 26’ Glacier Bay power catamaran, which is 14 years old with over 55,000 sea miles. Currently the vessel is out of commission. McCormick Marine Services made an assessment that, even with repairs, the current vessel’s capacity would be diminished, and it would no longer be suitable for long-term use under heavily loaded conditions, long distances and potentially adverse ocean and weather conditions typically encountered during DAR research and monitoring operations.

With the vessel being inoperable, monitoring operations have been affected, resulting in impacts to the monitoring program and delays in complying with federal grant deliverables. Therefore, bids were requested through the State Procurement System Solicitation, ID : 925, SOLICITATION NO. IFB DAR-2012-001, posted May 1, 2012 with a closing date of May 16, 2012. Windward Boats, Inc. submitted the sole bid for $131,308.85.

Governor’s approval to use General Funds for the purchase of a vessel (estimated at $130,000) was received on May 21, 2012. Funds are currently available for this purchase in DAR’s FY12 LNR 401 operating budget. DAR does not foresee funds being available within its FY13 operating budget. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dr. William Walsh, West Hawaii Aquatic Biologist, at 1-808-327-6226.

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RECOMMENDATION:

“That the Board authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and, subject to necessary approvals, enter to a contract with WINDWARD BOATS, INC. for the purchase of a research vessel.”

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

GUY KAULUKUKUI
Acting Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

[Signature]

WILLIAM J. AIWA, JR.
Chairperson

Att: Governor’s Approval
April 20, 2012

TO: The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
    Governor, State of Hawaii

THROUGH: Honorable Kalbert K. Young, Director of Finance
          Department of Budget and Finance

FROM: William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson
      Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Expend State General Funds to Purchase a Replacement Vessel for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Coral Reef Monitoring Program in West Hawaii

Submitted herewith for your approval is a request to expend State General Funds to purchase a replacement vessel for DAR’s Coral Reef Monitoring Program in West Hawaii. Procurement of the vessel will be via the Competitive Sealed Bids (IFB) process pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 103D-302, and Hawaii Administrative Rule Chapter 3-122, Subchapter 5.

For the past several years, DAR has been trying to replace an aging and increasingly problem-plagued survey vessel. DAR’s 26’ Glacier Bay power catamaran, which is 14 years old with over 55,000 sea miles, is used extensively for DAR’s West Hawaii research, monitoring and management activities. Currently the vessel is out of commission. With the vessel being inoperable, monitoring operations are being affected, resulting in impacts to the monitoring program and delays in complying with federal grant deliverables.

Quotes for necessary repairs range from $19,000 to $24,000. At minimum, major repairs would be needed to replace the fuel and electrical systems as well as several watertight hatches. These repairs will result in a boat which is operable but in a substantially diminished capacity. A repaired vessel will have limited usage and some potential resale value but it will no longer be suitable for the long term use under heavily loaded conditions, long distances and potentially adverse ocean and weather conditions typically encountered during DAR research and monitoring operations. This assessment was made by McCormick Marine Services.

A replacement vessel with trailer is estimated to cost approximately $130,000. Funds are currently available for this purchase in DAR’s FY12 LNR 401 operating budget. DAR does not foresee funds being available within its FY13 operating budget. If you have any questions or
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need further information, please contact Dr. Robert Nishimoto, Aquatic Resources Program Manager, at 1-808-933-3447.

Your expeditious review and favorable consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

RECOMMEND:

☑ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL

KALBERT K. YOUNG
Director of Finance
May 11, 2012
DATE

☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii
5-21-12
DATE