

State of Hawai'i  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Conservation and Management Permit to the Monument Co-Trustee Representatives of the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, for Access to State Waters to Conduct Conservation and Management Activities

The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument program hereby submits a request for your authorization and approval for issuance of a Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument conservation and management permit to the Monument Co-Trustee representatives of the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (NOAA); State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), pursuant to § 187A-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS); §§ 13-60.5-5 & 13-60.5-6, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR); and §§ 13-126-9 & 13-126-10, HAR, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

The conservation and management permit, as described below, would allow entry and management activities to occur in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument), including the NWHI State Marine Refuge and the waters (0-3 nautical miles) surrounding the following sites:

- Nihoa Island
- Mokumanamana Island
- French Frigate Shoals
- Gardner Pinnacles
- Maro Reef
- Laysan Island
- Lisianski Island
- Pearl and Hermes Atoll
- Midway Atoll
- Kure Atoll

The activities covered under this permit would occur from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

The proposed activities are a renewal of work previously permitted and conducted in the Monument. No new activities are being proposed within this permit application.

#### INTENDED ACTIVITIES

The applicants propose to conduct management activities for the conservation and management of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, and Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary.

NOAA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the state DLNR perform coordinated management of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to ensure proper care, protection and preservation of historic, cultural, and scientific resources. Applicants are the Superintendent of the Monument for NOAA, Superintendent for Policy, Partners and Support for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Chairperson for the State of Hawai‘i, DLNR. The permit applicants will collaborate and coordinate on activities that support the management of the Monument.

This application is intended to cover all activities necessary to effectively co-manage Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Applicants describe the scope of activities in their application as follows:

1. General operations to support field activities, which includes field camp, vessel, and flight operations
2. Resource survey and monitoring, which includes evaluating status and trends of target species and habitats
3. Natural resource protection, restoration, and remediation, which includes predator and invasive species control, as well as marine debris removal
4. Cultural and historic resource identification, evaluation, monitoring, access and protection
5. Education and outreach

These activities are being requested in order to fulfill trust duties by providing coordinated interagency management of the Monument ecosystems, preventing duplicate efforts, and gaining efficiencies. All of the above activities would be conducted by NOAA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and State of Hawai‘i employees, contractors, volunteers, or other Federal and State employees under the direction and administrative control of the applicants.

The activities proposed by the applicants directly support the Monument Management Plan, including but not limited to priority management needs 3.1: Understanding and Interpreting the NWHI; 3.2: Conserving Wildlife and Habitats; 3.3 Reducing Threats to Monument Resources; 3.5: Coordinating Conservation and Management Activities; and 3.6: Achieving Effective Monument Operations.

#### REVIEW PROCESS

The permit application was sent out for review and comment to the following scientific and cultural entities: Hawai‘i Division of Aquatic Resources, Hawai‘i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (NOAA/NOS), NOAA Pacific

Islands Regional Office (NOAA-PIRO), United States Fish and Wildlife Service Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex Office, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). In addition, the permit application has been posted on the Monument Web site since September 30, 2015, giving the public an opportunity to comment. The application was posted within 40 days of its receipt, in accordance with the Monument's Public Notification Policy.

**Comments received from the scientific community are summarized as follows:**

Scientific reviews support the acceptance of this application. No concerns were raised.

**Comments received from the Native Hawaiian community are summarized as follows:**

Cultural reviews support the acceptance of this application. No concerns were raised.

**Comments received from the public are summarized as follows:**

No comments were received from the public on this application.

**Additional reviews and permit history:**

Are there other relevant/necessary permits or environmental reviews that have or will be issued with regard to this project? (e.g. MMPA, ESA, EA)      Yes       No

If so, please list or explain:

- The proposed activities are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and HRS chapter 343. The Final Environmental Assessment covering the subject activity was published in OEQC's The Environmental Notice on December 23, 2008 with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).
- Take of Endangered and Threatened Species; Federal Bird Banding Permit; Green Turtle Tagging Permit; Marine Mammal Permit; Depredation Permit; Migratory Bird Permit. For additional information and permit numbers see Question 3 of the attached Compliance Sheet.

Has Applicant been granted a permit from the State in the past?      Yes       No

If so, please summarize past permits:

- The applicants were granted permit PMNM-2008-001, PMNM-2009-001, PMNM-2010-001, PMNM-2011-001, PMNM-2012-001, PMNM-2013-001 and PMNM-2014-001, and PMNM-2015-001 in the past eight years for the purpose of managing the Monument.

Have there been any      a) violations:      Yes       No   
    b) Late/incomplete post-activity reports:      Yes       No

Are there any other relevant concerns from previous permits?      Yes       No

STAFF OPINION

Department staff is of the opinion that Applicants have properly demonstrated valid justifications for their application and that they and their staff should be allowed to enter the NWHI State waters and to conduct the activities therein as specified in the application with certain special instructions and conditions, which are in addition to the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Conservation and Management Permit General Conditions. All suggested special conditions have been vetted through the legal counsel of the Co-Trustee agencies (see Recommendation section). Staff recommends that the BLNR approve the application containing language consistent with years prior to the federal policy issue.

MONUMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD OPINION

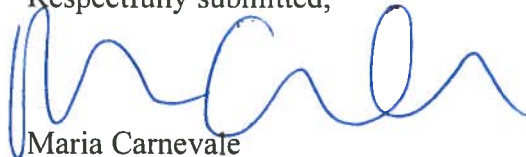
The MMB is of the opinion that the Applicants have met the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031 and this activity may be conducted subject to completion of all compliance requirements. The MMB concurs with the special conditions recommended by Department staff. The Senior Executive Board continues to discuss the implementation of certain federal policies in relation to this permit. Resultantly, the MMB is submitting two versions of this application for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize and approve a Conservation and Management Permit with language consistent with the 2015 permit to Monument Co-Trustee Representatives U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, with the following special conditions:


1. That the Board declare that the actions which are anticipated to be undertaken under this permit will have little or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. Upon the finding and adoption of the department's analysis by the Board, that the Board delegate and authorize the Chairperson to sign the declaration of exemption for purposes of recordkeeping requirements of chapter 343, HRS, and chapter 11-200, HAR.
3. That the permittee provide, to the best extant possible, a summary of their Monument access, including but not limited to, any initial findings to the DLNR for use at educational institutions and outreach events.
4. This permit is not to be used for nor does it authorize the sale of collected organisms. Under this permit, the authorized activities must be for noncommercial purposes not involving the use or sale of any organism, by-products, or materials collected within the Monument for obtaining patent or intellectual property rights.
5. The permittee may not convey, transfer, or distribute, in any fashion (including, but not limited to, selling, trading, giving, or loaning) any coral, live rock, or organism collected under this permit without the express written permission of the Co-Trustees.
6. To prevent introduction of disease or the unintended transport of live organisms, the permittee must comply with the disease and transport protocol attached to this permit.
7. Tenders and small vessels must be equipped with engines that meet EPA emissions requirements.
8. Refueling of tenders and all small vessels must be done at the support ships and outside the confines of lagoons or near-shore waters in the State Marine Refuge.
9. No fishing is allowed in State Waters except as authorized under State law for subsistence, traditional and customary practices by Native Hawaiians.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Carnevale  
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL



Suzanne Case  
Chairperson

**Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT Permit Application**

**NOTE:** *This Permit Application (and associated Instructions) is to propose activities to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Co-Trustees are required to determine that issuing the requested permit is compatible with the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031. Within this Application, provide all information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument).*

**ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Any or all of the information within this application may be posted to the Monument website informing the public on projects proposed to occur in the Monument.
- In addition to the permit application, the Applicant must either download the Monument Compliance Information Sheet from the Monument website OR request a hard copy from the Monument Permit Coordinator (contact information below). The Monument Compliance Information Sheet must be submitted to the Monument Permit Coordinator after initial application consultation.
- Issuance of a Monument permit is dependent upon the completion and review of the application and Compliance Information Sheet.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Send Permit Applications to:

NOAA/Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center

NOS/ONMS/Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Attention: Permit Coordinator

1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176

Honolulu, HI 96818

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PHONE: (808) 725-5800 FAX: (808) 455-3093

**SUBMITTAL VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL IS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED. FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS, SEE THE LAST PAGE.**

**Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument  
Permit Application Cover Sheet**

This Permit Application Cover Sheet is intended to provide summary information and status to the public on permit applications for activities proposed to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. While a permit application has been received, it has not been fully reviewed nor approved by the Monument Management Board to date. The Monument permit process also ensures that all environmental reviews are conducted prior to the issuance of a Monument permit.

**Summary Information**

**Applicant Name:** Matthew Brown, Athline Clark, Maria Carnevale

**Affiliation:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

**Permit Category:** Conservation and Management

**Proposed Activity Dates:** January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Vessel and plane

**Proposed Locations:**

This permit application encompasses all conservation and management activities that the Co-Trustee representatives may conduct throughout the entire Monument.

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:**  
Variable, depending on activity type and location.

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:**

There will be Monument staff in the Monument 365 days of the year. Numbers of personnel will fluctuate depending upon the season and the management activity undertaken at any one time.

**Description of proposed activities:** (complete these sentences):

**a.) The proposed activity would...**

This Monument Conservation and Management Permit Application proposes activities that would allow the Co-Trustee Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct management activities for the conservation and management of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument including the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, and Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary.

**b.) To accomplish this activity we would ....**

To accomplish the conservation and management of this ecosystem the Co-Trustees would carry out authorized activities associated with the following:

1. General operations to support field activities, which includes field camp, vessel, and flight operations
2. Resource survey and monitoring, which includes evaluating status and trends of target species and habitats
3. Natural resource protection, restoration, and remediation, which includes predator and invasive species control, as well as marine debris removal
4. Cultural and historic resource identification, evaluation, monitoring, access and protection
5. Education and outreach

**c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...**

These activities would benefit the Monument by providing coordinated interagency management of Monument ecosystems, prevent duplicate efforts, and gain efficiencies.

**Other information or background:**

A conservation and management permit of this nature has been issued annually, pending a stringent review process, to the Monument Co-Trustee agencies since 2008 for the purpose of conducting cooperative and effective management of Monument resources. For example, the NOAA NMFS PIFSC Marine Turtle Research Program has worked successfully within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge for 40 consecutive seasons, resulting in great success for the species. Such collaborative work would benefit other Monument programs.



**Section A - Applicant Information**

**1. Applicant**

Brown, Matthew: Superintendant for Policy, Partners, and Support, Pacific Marine National Monuments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Clark, Athline,: Superintendent, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Carnevale, Maria: State Co-Manager, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

**1a. Intended field Principal Investigator (See instructions for more information):**

N/A

**2. Mailing address (street/P.O. box, city, state, country, zip):**

Brown, Matthew: Superintendant for Policy, Partners, and Support, Pacific Marine National Monuments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Clark, Athline,: Superintendent, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Carnevale, Maria: State Co-Manager, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

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**3. Affiliation (institution/agency/organization directly related to the proposed project):**

Brown, Matthew: Superintendent for Policy, Partners, and Support, Pacific Marine National Monuments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Clark, Athline,: Superintendent, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Carnevale, Maria: State Co-Manager, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

**4. Additional persons to be covered by permit. List all personnel roles and names (if known at time of application) here (e.g. John Doe, Research Diver; Jane Doe, Field Technician):**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office staff to include: Natural Resource Planner, Laura Beauregard; Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, Elizabeth Flint; Contaminants Specialist, LeeAnn Woodward; Pacific Marine National Monuments Superintendent for Operations, Susan White; Pacific Marine National Monuments Deputy Superintendent, Amanda Pollock; Administrative Officer, Stuart Sakurai; Palmyra Manager, Stefan Kropidowski; Inventory and Monitoring Biologist, Jared Underwood; Inventory and Monitoring Supervisor, Jean Kenyon; Refuge Zone Officer, Charlie Quitugua; Information and Education Specialist, Ken Foote; External Affairs Assistant, Sandra Hall; Invasive Species Coordinator, Jason Hanley; 3 Presidential Management Fellows, TBN and 4 Volunteers, TBN.

FWS PMNM HQ Staff (10 total) to include:

- Pacific Marine National Monuments Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Partners and Support, TBN; FWS Permit Manager, TBN; Visitor Services Manager, Ann Bell; Wildlife Refuge Specialist, Ty J. Benally; Budget Officer, Pat Moriyasu; Administrative Officer, Maylanie Hipolito; Biological Science Technician, Cynthia Rehkemper; 1

Logistics Manager, TBN; 1 Wildlife Biologist, TBN; 1 Refuge Manager, TBN; 4 Volunteers, TBN.

FWS Midway Atoll NWR to include:

- Refuge Staff (15 total) includes Refuge Manager, Dan Clark; Deputy Refuge Manager, Bret Wolfe; Wildlife Biologist, TBN; Biological Science Technician, Ann Humphrey; Maintenance Mechanic, John Miller; 1 Park Ranger, TBN; 5 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN
- Midway Atoll Contractors (70 total) includes 45 DBSI contract support personnel for airport operations, logistics, facilities, medical, communications, and task orders; and 25 construction workers.
- Midway Federal Aviation Administration Staff (6 total) including Honolulu Air Traffic Organization, Dave Washino and Kevin Inouye; Airports District Office, Honolulu, Ron V. Simpson and Tyson Price; two FAA staff, TBN.

FWS Hawaiian Islands NWR Staff to include:

- French Frigate Shoals Staff (34 total) includes Wildlife Refuge Manager, Meg DuhrSchultz; Deputy Refuge Manager, TBN; 2 Biological Science Technicians, TBN; 10 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN; and 20 Maintenance Staff, Volunteers or Contractors, TBN.
- Laysan Island Staff (10 total) includes 4 Biological Science Technicians, TBN; and 6 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN.
- Nihoa Staff includes (4 total) 4 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN.
- Lisianski Staff includes 2 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN.
- Pearl and Hermes Staff includes 2 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN

FWS Ecological Services Staff to include: Field Supervisor, Mary Abrams; Deputy Field Supervisor, David Tessler; Assistant Field Supervisor, Kristi Young; Aquatics Ecosystem Conservation Program Manager, Dan Polhemus; Oahu/Kauai/Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Geographic Team Program Manager, Aaron Nadig; 4 Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Nadiera Sukhraj-McCarthy, Kevin Foster, Tony Montgomery, and Jiny Kim; 1 Vertebrate Recovery Coordinator, Sheldon Plentovich; and 1 Contaminants Specialist, Michael Fry.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

– National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)

Superintendent, Athline Clark; Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Programs, David Swatland; Deputy Superintendent for Research and Field Operations, Randall Kosaki; Research Coordinator, TBN; Education and Technology Coordinator, Vincent Andy Collins; Administrative Officer, Moani Pai; Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, TBN; Planning and Evaluation Coordinator, TBN; Evaluation Specialist, Alyssa Miller; Planning and Evaluation Program Specialist, Allison Ikeda; Maritime Archaeologist, Kelly Gleason; Permits and Policy Coordinator, Tia Brown; Permits and Policy Specialist, Justin Rivera; Policy Specialist, Pua Borges-Smith; Constituent Outreach Specialist, TBN; Fiscal Administrator, TBN; Human Resource Specialist, TBN; Administrative/Fiscal Assistant, Acacia Dias; Research Specialist, Daniel Wagner; GIS Specialist, Joey Lecky; Field Operations Coordinator, Jason Leonard; Information Technology Support Specialist, TBN; Senior Information Technology Specialist, TBN; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Manager, Kālewa Correa; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Program Coordinator, Nakoa Goo; Monument Volunteer Coordinator, Virginia Branco; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Program Associate, TBN; Kaua'i Programs Outreach Coordinator, Yumi Yasutake; Navigating Change Coordinator, Kainoa Kaulukukūi; Resource Protection Specialist, Loren Scott Godwin; Program Specialist, Stephanie Fisher, Research Support Technician, Brian Hauk; Website & Graphic Designer, Kahi Fujii; Office Assistant, TBN; Executive Administrative Assistant, TBN; Strategic Initiatives Associate, TBN; Marine Operations Coordinator, Hadley Owen, ENS; Communications Manager, Toni Parras; Native Hawaiian Program Coordinator, TBN; Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, TBN; Native Hawaiian Research Associate, TBN; Data Team Program Coordinator, David Graham; Database Administrator, TBN; Web Applications Developer, John Geyer; GIS Developer, TBN; Data Documentation and Outreach Specialist, TBN; and Senior Data Analyst, TBN.

– National Ocean Service (NOS), Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) field staff, TBN.

– National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO)

Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, Michael Tosatto; Deputy Regional Administrator, Sarah Malloy; Media and Outreach Coordinator, Wende Goo; Management Analyst, Pua Kamaka; Operations, Management, and Information staff, TBN; Protected Resources staff, TBN; Habitat Division staff, TBN; Restoration Center staff, TBN; Marine National Monument Program: Management and Program Officer, Samantha Brooke; Fishery Policy Analyst, Richard Hall; Natural Resources Management Specialist, Heidi Hirsh; and Natural Resource Policy Management Specialist, Hoku Ka'aequahiwi; and Office of Law Enforcement staff, TBN.

– National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)

Science Center Director, Michael Seki; Deputy Director, Evan Howell; Science Operations Lead, Noriko Shoji; Operations Manager, Kyle Koyanagi; NEPA and Permits Coordinator, Hoku Johnson; Management and Program Analyst, Matthew Vandersande; Monument Science Coordinator, TBN; Natural Resource Management Specialist, Risa Oram. Biological Science Technician, Jamie Barlow; Biological Science Technician, Louise Giuseffi, Biological Science Technician, Eric Mooney; NOAA Corps Officer, David McVay; NOAA Corps Officer, Kelli-

Ann Bliss, NOAA Corps Officer, Kristin Golmon, Logistics Leader, Christopher Demarke; Insular Fisheries Associate, Dianna Miller; Insular Fisheries Specialist, William Misa; Insular Fisheries Specialist, Audrey Rollo; Seabed Mapping Specialist, Jeremy Taylor; GIS Specialist, Bryan Dieter, other Science Operations Staff, TBN; Fisheries Research and Monitoring Division Stock Assessment Program staff; Research Fish Biologist, Benjamin Richards; Research Fish Biologist, Annie Yau; Math Stat, Marti McCracken, Life History Program Staff: Fish Bio-Sampling Tech. Meagan Sundberg Luers; Research Fish Biologist Joseph O'Malley; Research Fish Biologist, Ryan Nichols; Marine Debris Operations Manager, TBN; Coral Reef Ecosystem Program Operations and Marine Debris Team, Russell Reardon. Kevin O'Brien, Joao Garriques. James Morioka, other OMB staff TBN; Benthic Habitat Mapping staff, TBN; Coral Reef Ecosystem Program staff, TBN; Ecosystems and Oceanography Program staff, TBN; Protected Species Division Director, Frank Parrish; Biologist, Siri Hakala; Research Fish Biologist, Michael Parke, Marine Turtle Biology and Assessment Program (MTBAP) Leader, T. Todd Jones; Zoologist, George Balazs; MTBAP Biological Science Technician, Shawn K.K. Murakawa; MTBAP Biological Science Technician, Shandell Brunson; MTBAP staff, TBN; MTBAP 3 Temp Field Biologists, TBN; Research Fish Biologist, John R. Henderson; Supervisory Program Management Specialist, Chad Yoshinaga; Hawaiian Monk Seal Research Program (HMSRP) Manager, Charles Littnan; HMSRP staff: Ecologist, Stacie Robinson, Marine Biologist, Thea Johanos-Kam; Research Marine Biologist, Jason Baker; Field Research Supervisor, Jessica Lopez Bohlander; Biological Technician, Tracy Wurth;; Biological Research Associate, Mark Sullivan; Biological Research Assistant, Eric Tong; Biological Science Technician, Brenda Becker, Biological Science Technician, Robert Dollar; and TBN. Veterinarian, Michelle Barbieri; Veterinarian, TBN; Ten Temp Field Biologists, TBN. Cetacean Research Program (CRP) Lead, Erin Oleson; CRP staff : Acoustician Karlina Merkens; Ocean Engineer Lora Van Ufelen; Biological Science Technician Pollyanna Fisher Pool; Fisheries Biologist, Amanda Bradford; Marine Biologist, Marie Hill; Acoustician, Yvonne Barkley; Cetacean Specialist, Alexandra Bayless; Operations Manager, Erik Norris; Biological Science Technician, Aliza Millette; other CRP staff, TBN.

#### State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

DLNR Chairperson, Suzanne Case, DLNR First Deputy, Kekoa Kauluhiwa; Water Deputy, Jeff Pearson; Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Administrator, TBD; Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Administrator, TBD; Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), TBN; State Co-Manager, Maria Carnevale; PMNM Program Specialist, Molly Mamaril, Permit Coordinator, TBN; Wildlife Manager, Jason Misaki; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Manager, Cynthia Vanderlip; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Field Camp Leader, Naomi Worcester; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Field Camp Leader, Matthew Saunter; Offshore Island Biologist, Amarissa Marie; DOFAW Oahu Branch Manager, David Smith; 5 Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary Volunteers and Technicians, TBN; 6 Aquatic Biologists, TBN; 6 Aquatic Alien Invasive Species (AIS) Team staff, TBN; 5 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN; Outreach and Education Specialist, Michelle G. Jones; 1 Outreach and Education Specialist, TBN.

#### Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)

Board of Trustees and staff; Chief Executive Officer/Ka Pouhana, Dr. Kamana'opono M. Crabbe; Chief Operating Officer, Lisa Victor; Chief Advocate, Kāwika Riley; Line of Business

Directors, Hawley Iona, Kēhaunani Abad, Lisa Watkins-Victorino; Executive Office staff, TBN; Chief Counsel, Ernest Kimoto; Corporation Counsel staff, TBN; Papahānaumokuākea Program Manager, Keola Lindsey; Papahānaumokuākea Program Specialist, Brad Ka'aleleo Wong; Policy Program Manager, Sterling Wong; Policy Program staff, TBN; Washington D.C. Bureau Chief, Patrick Gonzalez-Rodgers; Washington D.C. Bureau staff, TBN; Compliance Program Manager, Kai Markell; Compliance Program staff, TBN; Land, Culture and History Program Manager, Kamo'a Quitevis; Land Culture and History Program staff, TBN; Program managers and staff, TBN.

Senior Executive Board (SEB), Members of the Monument Management Board (MMB), and the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) which are comprised of, but not limited to: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense (DOD), US Coast Guard (USCG), NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), USFWS OLE, DLNR Department of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and State of Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH).

Other staff, volunteers, cultural liaisons, or contractors necessary for the permitted activities may enter the Monument for conservation and management activities. Resident families of Midway Atoll may enter the Monument. Invited news media representatives may enter the Monument to provide public information of conservation and management activities. All personnel will be identified and information will be provided to the Monument Permit Coordinators prior to each entry into the Monument.

The applicants shall ensure that all personnel assigned to any conservation and management activity allowed under this permit are qualified to perform in the assigned role and are limited to the scope of their position and respective project, and shall comply with all other applicable laws, policies, protocols, permits, and regulations. In addition, the applicants will ensure that all management activities are communicated and coordinated on an ongoing and regular basis.

To safeguard all the resources and ecological integrity of the Monument, early and ongoing coordination of interagency activities will occur between the action agency and interested Monument partners as soon as details of activities are identified. The goal of early coordination is the commitment to identifying, incorporating, and customizing best management practices for specific activities. Additionally, pre-access permit and cultural briefings will be conducted for all new personnel entering the Monument and annually for all.

**Section B: Project Information**

**5a. Project location(s):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Niihau Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necker Island (Mokumanamana)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French Frigate Shoals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gardner Pinnacles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maro Reef			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laysan Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water

**Ocean Based**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisianski Island, Neva Shoal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pearl and Hermes Atoll       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Midway Atoll                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kure Atoll                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land-based | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shallow water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deep water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                        |  |   |  |

NOTE: There is a fee schedule for people visiting Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge via vessel and aircraft.

Location Description:

This permit application encompasses all conservation and management activities that the permit applicants may conduct throughout the entire Monument.

**5b. Check all applicable regulated activities proposed to be conducted in the Monument:**

- Removing, moving, taking, harvesting, possessing, injuring, disturbing, or damaging any living or nonliving Monument resource
- Drilling into, dredging, or otherwise altering the submerged lands other than by anchoring a vessel; or constructing, placing, or abandoning any structure, material, or other matter on the submerged lands
- Anchoring a vessel
- Deserting a vessel aground, at anchor, or adrift
- Discharging or depositing any material or matter into the Monument
- Touching coral, living or dead
- Possessing fishing gear except when stowed and not available for immediate use during passage without interruption through the Monument
- Attracting any living Monument resource
- Sustenance fishing (Federal waters only, outside of Special Preservation Areas, Ecological Reserves and Special Management Areas)
- Subsistence fishing (State waters only)
- Swimming, snorkeling, or closed or open circuit SCUBA diving within any Special Preservation Area or Midway Atoll Special Management Area

**6. Purpose/Need/Scope *State purpose of proposed activities:***

The applicants propose activities that constitute management activities for the conservation and management of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument including the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, and Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary. While the permit applicants will collaborate and coordinate on activities that support the management of the Monument, any activities that require separate permits and authorizations shall be subject to additional approvals.

All activities conducted in the Monument shall be executed in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8031 (Proclamation) and other Federal and State laws. The applicants are subject to policies, laws, and regulations associated with their management jurisdictions in addition to the Proclamation, as described in the Monument Management Plan.

To accomplish the conservation and management of the Monument, the permit applicants propose the following activities. Please note that each activity group specifies which priority management need, from the Monument Management Plan, will be addressed by conducting these activities.

**1) Operations**

***(Priority Management Need 3.6: Achieving Effective Monument Operations)***

To coordinate field activities and provide adequate infrastructure to ensure safe and efficient operations while avoiding impacts to the ecosystems of the Monument, the following activities may be conducted:

- a) Field station operations for resource conservation supported by on-site management, following all federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations to protect employee safety and health.
- b) Facility maintenance activities for assets and facilities of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) and the State of Hawai'i Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary and its agents, necessary for meeting mission and purposes of refuges and the Monument. Examples of activities to be undertaken include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Maintenance and repair/replacement (e.g., carpentry, electrical, plumbing, welding, general construction) of facilities and their components;
  - ii. Building and other facilities deconstruction and reconstruction;
  - iii. Airport maintenance, including improvements such as runway lighting replacement, taxiway maintenance (including repaving, and painting/markings);
  - iv. Painting, including all preparation work such as scraping, washing, etc.; and
  - v. Lead-based paint soil remediation, including removal of sand/soil from around many or all affected buildings and proper on-site containment of this material.



- c) Field Camp Supply and Support:
  - i. Delivery and removal of supplies, people, waste, and/or assets necessary for operations.
- d) Operations and On-site Reviews:
  - i. Operations and on-site reviews by management and congressional personnel;
  - ii. Agency site visits and meetings for management planning and programmatic assessments; and
  - iii. On-site management and safety reviews to gauge implementation and effectiveness of Monument management and programs.
- e) Flight Operations:
  - i. Operation, maintenance, and use of airfields and runways at Midway Atoll and Tern Island.
- f) Vessel operations:
  - i. Operation of vessels to provide access for conservation and management activities listed under this permit application; and
  - ii. Anchoring of authorized vessels on non-coral substrate only.
- g) Sustenance Fishing:
  - i. Sustenance Fishing as defined by 50 CFR Part 404.11 section (h) (Note: Sustenance fishing will only occur within Midway Atoll Special Management Area for on-island FWS personnel and contractors.)
- h) Personnel Safety, Fitness and Health Maintenance:
  - i. Provide opportunities for on-site staff maintenance of personal health and fitness. This includes, but is not limited to biking and jogging at Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals and Midway Atoll; and
  - ii. Provide for the health and safety of personnel, volunteers, contractors and visitors in the Monument through site safety reviews, adverse weather and emergency response procedures, establishment of safety protocols, and continuation of operation plans.

## 2) Resource Survey and Monitoring

*(Priority Management Need 3.1: Understanding and Interpreting the NWHI)*

To increase understanding of the distributions and abundances of organisms and their habitats and to improve ecosystem-based conservation management decisions in the Monument, the following activities may be conducted:

- a) Survey and monitor target species and habitats to evaluate status and trends for management purposes. The following activities in direct support of management, monitoring, and characterization may be conducted:

- i. Placement, installation, and maintenance of scientific equipment, devices, markers, oceanographic instrument arrays, remotely operated camera systems and remote viewing camera systems;
  - ii. Non-lethal marking and tagging for monitoring purposes;
  - iii. Visual, non-invasive marking and tagging for monitoring purposes;
  - iv. Collection of biological, chemical, climatological, or geological samples for: analysis in support of activities under approved management plans: restoration or recovery plans; and for base line inventory and monitoring of population trends; and habitat conservation and management;
  - v. Collection of biological voucher specimens that cannot be visually identified on the spot and/or may represent new geographic records or new species;
  - vi. Physical surveys and collections for landfills, storage tanks, contamination, or other potentially hazardous artifacts associated with current and former occupation and use of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI); and
  - vii. Visual and acoustic line-transect surveys to estimate the abundance and distribution of cetaceans in the NWHI.
- b) Conduct habitat mapping for the production of accurate, high-resolution base maps.
- i. Data collection methods may include optic, acoustic, and metal detector technologies, as well as land and dive operations for ground truthing; and
  - ii. Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) work.

### 3) Natural Resource Protection, Restoration, and Remediation

*(Priority Management Need 3.2: Conserving Wildlife and Habitats)*

*(Priority Management Need 3.3: Reducing Threats to Monument Resources)*

To protect, conserve, and maintain the native ecosystems and biological diversity of the Monument, including migratory birds, marine turtles, and marine mammals, and to aid in the recovery of its threatened and endangered plants and animals and their habitat, the following activities may be conducted. These include activities to reduce threats and minimize damage to Monument resources from marine debris, contaminants, disease, alien species and emergency situations.

- a) Conduct management actions to promote conservation of Monument resources. This includes activities necessary to understand and carry out protection, restoration, and remediation of species and habitats, such as carrying out existing species recovery and restoration plans. Examples include, but are not limited to Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Plan, the Laysan Island Ecosystem Restoration Plan (1998), the short-tailed albatross attraction project on Midway, the Laysan duck reintroduction project on Midway, the Nihoa Millerbird recovery project, *Verbesina sp.* control, cattle egret control, rat control, and other invasive species control projects. Restoration, when and where appropriate, will be undertaken using the best available information about pre-disturbance conditions to establish goals.

- i. Turtle and bird disentanglement, health response (including treatment and necropsy), and translocation activities (not including large habitat modification), according to existing species recovery plans;
  - ii. Population augmentation or reestablishment activities such as capture, translocation, reintroduction, and outplanting;
  - iii. Invasive species controls by mechanical, chemical and manual methods as needed; and
  - iv. Investigation and monitoring of contamination in abiotic or biotic resources.
- b) The following list of activities is intended to promote the recovery of the Critically Endangered Hawaiian monk seal at any or all breeding sites in the NWHI. Activities may include:
- i. Disentanglement of monk seals from marine debris;
  - ii. Health response, including but not limited to cutting umbilical cords, lancing abscesses, administering antibiotics and necropsy;
  - iii. Anthelmintic treatment ('deworming') by field staff, which may include monitoring to detect improvement in body condition of treated seals versus control seals. Anthelmintic medications may include various cestodocides and nematocides (e.g. praziquantel, fenbendazole, ivermectin, emodepside) applied via various routes (e.g. oral, injectable, topical);
  - iv. Translocation, consisting of the following types:
    - a. *Intra-atoll*: These translocations will include moving seals from areas of high risk where threats are imminent to safer areas, and moving pups to promote maternal fostering when necessary. Field staff will perform these movements; greater resources (e.g. veterinarian care) will not typically be necessary.
    - b. *Inter-atoll*: These translocations will include transport of weaned female pups from atolls/islands of low survival to those of higher survival.
    - c. *MHI – NWHI*: These translocations will include transport of main Hawaiian Island (MHI) seals that are considered a threat to themselves or humans because they have demonstrated a pattern of interacting with humans.
    - d. *NWHI-captive care*: Seals may be taken into temporary captivity for treatment at appropriate, federally permitted rehabilitation facilities in the MHI for release back in the NWHI (i.e. permitted for captive care of injured, ill or prematurely weaned seals) (see below).
    - e. Aggressive male seal translocations to areas with no pups or juveniles (see below);
  - v. Reunion of nursing mothers and pups, when separated (includes instances of pup switches);
  - vi. Mitigation of male aggression towards pups and juveniles (individual and multiple male-based aggression), including utilizing all federally permitted techniques (including, but not limited to, poles, rocks, slingshots and air horns). Mitigation tools will be applied as appropriate for the given context (i.e. the intensity, severity and frequency of aggression and the location, with regard to

- other species in the area such as birds). Mitigation may include temporarily separating males from juveniles by placing either in temporary shore-pens (see below). Mitigation also may include removal of the male(s) from the area by:
- a. Translocation to a location where no pups or juveniles will be harmed;
  - b. Placement in an appropriate, federally permitted facility that is agreeable and permitted to care for a male indefinitely; or
  - c. Lethal removal; this type of removal will only be applied when the above two options are not feasible, possible or exhausted. The preferred technique for euthanasia will be via physical means (e.g. firearm, captive bolt, etc.), in order for the carcass to remain in PMNM and for culturally appropriate and environmentally proper disposal to occur. When necessary, chemical euthanasia and removal of the carcass from PMNM will be allowed;
- vii. Captive care of compromised seals to administer veterinary care and/or food supplementation. Captive care may include the capture and transport of seals to shore-pens (in the NWHI) or facilities in the MHI. We will aim to return NWHI seals under care in the MHI to the NWHI when a licensed veterinarian deems them rehabilitated and transport is feasible. The seals will then be released to the NWHI site deemed most appropriate for their subsequent survival (determined on the basis of such factors as the intensity and severity of imminent threats to the seals and recent survival trends at each atoll/island);
  - viii. Monitoring shark activity at French Frigate Shoals. Monitoring may include camping on islets with shark incidents on nursing pups and recording shark activity and shark-seal interactions via hand-held or mounted cameras (cameras will be mounted on a pole 15' or less with no guy wires to be used only during the field season and attended daily by field staff);
  - ix. Placement of temporary shore pens at selected NWHI breeding sites to facilitate monk seal recovery activities described here within (e.g. translocations, captive care, or male aggression mitigation); and
  - x. Establishment of field staff residence at all monk seal breeding sites to perform the monk seal activities described here within.
- c) Remove marine debris, trash, and other materials (land and ocean-based) that pose threats to Monument resources, including but not limited to derelict fishing gear. Activities may include:
- i. Disentanglement of threatened and endangered species by authorized personnel, debris tracking via drifter buoys and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and monitoring of sites that have been cleared of debris for recovery rates and effects of removal;
  - ii. Location and removal of debris and hazardous materials. This may be through interagency agreements, such as the Department of Defense (DOD) Innovative Readiness Training (IRT), Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS), or the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Programs. Efforts may include activities such as seafloor and island mapping, reconnaissance and removal of materials, and derelict vessel salvage and removal; and
  - iii. Removal of sessile encrusting flora and fauna associated with marine debris.

- d) Provide Emergency Response, Injury Assessment, Mitigation, Restoration, and Monitoring and Post-Response Management:
  - i. Activities as necessary for emergency response, injury assessment, mitigation, restoration, monitoring, and post-response management in coordination with appropriate federal and/or state resource agencies and as appropriate, consistent with NOAA, FWS and State of Hawaii Damage Assessment and Restoration regulations, policies, and procedures (e.g., oil spills, ship groundings, tsunami-generated marine debris, damage assessments, monitoring alien species, monitoring coral bleaching events, collection of bleached coral or alien species); and
  - ii. Activities in response to an unusual mortality event (including but not limited to threatened and endangered species, marine mammals, and migratory birds) mass stranding or other urgent species response.

**4) Cultural and Historical Resource Identification and Protection**  
*(Priority Management Need 3.1: Understanding and Interpreting the NWHI)*

To identify, document, interpret, preserve and protect the Monument's cultural and historic resources, the following activities may be conducted:

- a) Collect post-contact artifacts as needed;
- b) Monitor and survey historic sites;
- c) Conservation of artifacts subject to successful National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation and appropriate approvals from other Federal agencies (e.g., U.S. Navy) when applicable;
- d) Non-commercial filming and photographic activities for the purposes of further documenting and capturing the history of the NWHI;
- e) Locate historic artifacts using passive side scan sonar, metal-detector, or (land-based) ground penetrating radar;
- f) Return seized Monument resources to their natural environment in coordination with appropriate federal and/or state resource agencies, including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), as appropriate;
- g) Recording of atmospheric, celestial, biological and other environmental observations for the purpose of developing and understanding natural trends, changes and cycles;
- h) Conduct Native Hawaiian cultural protocols and ceremonies including offering of culturally and biologically appropriate ho'okupu in accordance with Monument regulations and Best Management Practices;
- i) Collect culturally significant natural materials acquired during Monument operations and activities for cultural ceremonies and practices;

- j) Transfer of culturally significant natural materials acquired during Monument operations and activities to Hawaiian cultural practitioners, in coordination with appropriate federal and/or state resource agencies, including OHA, and with the appropriate transfer documents and required permits;
- k) Maintenance, preservation, and perpetuation of Native Hawaiian cultural sites and practices per the NHPA, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Archeological Resources Protection Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act and applicable sections of the Hawai'i State Constitution, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules; and
- l) Maintenance and preservation of historic sites on Midway Atoll.

**5) Outreach and Education**

*(Priority Management Need 3.5: Coordinating Conservation and Management Activities)*

To cultivate an informed, involved constituency that supports and enhances conservation of the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Monument, and to contribute to the Nation's science and cultural literacy, the following activities may be conducted:

- a) Collect information and experiences from the Monument to develop agency web pages, Navigating Change projects, and other Monument educational outreach products;
- b) Collect debris and biological samples and specimens such as albatross boluses for education projects;
- c) Transfer debris, biological samples, and specimens (such as albatross boluses) for educational projects with appropriate permits and transfer documents, to accredited educational institutions. Approved final Material Transfer Permit (MTP) procedures will supersede this subsection; and
- d) Conduct news media and VIP site visits to enhance public knowledge and understanding of Monument resources.

\*Considering the purpose of the proposed activities, do you intend to film / photograph federally protected species?    Yes  No

For a list of terrestrial species protected under the Endangered Species Act visit:  
<http://www.fws.gov/angered/>

For a list of marine species protected under the Endangered Species Act visit:  
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/>

For information about species protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act visit:  
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/laws/mmpa/>

**7. Answer the Findings below by providing information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Monument:**

**a. How can the activity be conducted with adequate safeguards for the cultural, natural and historic resources and ecological integrity of the Monument?**

All conservation and management activities conducted by the permit applicants will be carried out with strict safeguards for the natural, cultural and historic resources of the Monument as required by Presidential Proclamation 8031, and other applicable law and agency policies and standard operating procedures. All agencies have field protocols and best management practices. These practices and procedures will minimize or eliminate disturbance to wildlife, flora, habitats, and cultural and historic resources. Long and short-term monitoring data is used to inform management and conservation actions to maintain the ecological, cultural and historic integrity of the Monument.

To safeguard all the resources and ecological integrity of the Monument, early and ongoing coordination of interagency activities will occur between the action agency and interested Monument partners as soon as details of activities are identified. For example, a joint calendar of projected activities to be covered under the manager's permit is kept and continually updated by agency staff. In addition, logistics planning and coordination meetings between all Monument Management Board (MMB) agencies may be implemented to further synchronize activities. The goal of early coordination is the commitment to identifying, incorporating, and customizing best management practices for specific activities.

Additionally, pre-access permit and cultural briefings will be conducted for all new personnel entering the Monument and annually for all.

**b. How will the activity be conducted in a manner compatible with the management direction of this proclamation, considering the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance Monument cultural, natural and historic resources, qualities, and ecological integrity, any indirect, secondary, or cumulative effects of the activity, and the duration of such effects?**

The activities requested are directed by Presidential Proclamation 8031 and other state and federal laws, regulations, and policies. The applicants will manage the Monument's natural, historic and cultural resources, qualities, and ecological integrity in a way that will not diminish and will likely enhance them. Indirect, secondary, and cumulative effects of management activities are always considered. Activities will be in support of the Monument Management Plan (2008), including but not limited to priority management needs 3.1: Understanding and Interpreting the NWHI; 3.2: Conserving Wildlife and Habitats; 3.3 Reducing Threats to Monument Resources; 3.5: Coordinating Conservation and Management Activities; and 3.6: Achieving Effective Monument Operations.

**c. Is there a practicable alternative to conducting the activity within the Monument? If not, explain why your activities must be conducted in the Monument.**

On June 15, 2006, President George W. Bush established Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument by issuing Presidential Proclamation 8031 (Proclamation; 71 FR 36443, June 26, 2006) under the authority of the Antiquities Act (16 U.S.C. 431), with codifying regulations in 50 CFR Part 404. This Proclamation designated that the Monument would be managed by Department of Commerce through NOAA, Department of the Interior through FWS, and that the State of Hawai'i's jurisdiction in the region remained unchanged. Through the December 8, 2006 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), NOAA, FWS, and the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources became the agencies responsible for the conservation and management of the Monument, and they are working cooperatively and consulting with each other to administer the Monument. Per the MOA, the Department of Land and Natural Resources collaborates with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) in the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources in the Monument, and OHA is a member of the Monument Management Board. The applicants have been directed to provide unified conservation and management of the lands and waters of the Monument; therefore there is no practicable alternative to conducting management activities inside the Monument.

**d. How does the end value of the activity outweigh its adverse impacts on Monument cultural, natural and historic resources, qualities, and ecological integrity?**

The end value is to maintain all Monument resources and conduct adaptive management which will allow educated management decisions and provide for long-term protection of the Monument. By taking appropriate management actions – from monitoring to habitat enhancement and education – agencies will be able to anticipate needs, take appropriate action, and allow only activities that enhance the quality and integrity of the natural, historic and cultural resources of the Monument. Appropriate management actions prevent potential adverse impacts that include but are not limited to: invasive species outbreaks, overharvesting of natural resources; marine debris damage; avian disease outbreaks, and monk seal population declines. In addition, the applicants will employ time-tested best management practices to minimize and mitigate adverse impacts.

**e. Explain how the duration of the activity is no longer than necessary to achieve its stated purpose.**

All conservation and management activities conducted by the permit applicants are conducted in the shortest possible window to prevent or eliminate disturbance to the natural, historic and cultural resources of the Monument.

**f. Provide information demonstrating that you are qualified to conduct and complete the activity and mitigate any potential impacts resulting from its conduct.**

The applicants and their representative management, biological, interpretive, law enforcement, administrative, and education and outreach staff possess high levels of expertise and knowledge of the ecosystem and locations within the Monument. These experts provide their knowledge



and recommendations in all management decisions so that all impacts are minimized and mitigated if necessary.

**g. Provide information demonstrating that you have adequate financial resources available to conduct and complete the activity and mitigate any potential impacts resulting from its conduct.**

The applicants have adequate financial resources available to conduct the proposed management activities. Federal funding is provided through congressional appropriation. State funding is provided through State of Hawai'i funding processes.

**h. Explain how your methods and procedures are appropriate to achieve the proposed activity's goals in relation to their impacts to Monument cultural, natural and historic resources, qualities, and ecological integrity.**

The methods and procedures used in the conservation and management activities by the permit applicants are appropriate to achieve the proposed activity's goals. All activities proposed are required for effective management of the Monument and are conducted in a way that minimizes impact as required by law. Management activities assist the applicants to protect the Monument natural, historic and cultural resources, qualities, and ecological integrity.

**i. Has your vessel been outfitted with a mobile transceiver unit approved by OLE and complies with the requirements of Presidential Proclamation 8031?**

All vessels used by the applicants that are not stationed in the Monument will be outfitted with a functional NOAA Office of Law Enforcement type-approved Vessel Monitoring System as required by 50 CFR Part 404.5 and stated in the Proclamation.

**j. Demonstrate that there are no other factors that would make the issuance of a permit for the activity inappropriate.**

There are no other factors that would make the issuance of a permit for the listed activities inappropriate.

**8. Procedures/Methods:**

The above activities will be conducted by employees, contractors, and volunteers under the direction and control of the applicants in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8031 and all other applicable laws and regulations.

The applicants will abide by the following policies and procedures, among others that may be developed, when operating in the Monument:

1. Disease and Introduced Species Prevention Protocols for Permitted Activities in the Marine Environment;
2. General Sampling and Transport Protocols for Collected Samples;
3. Voucher Specimen Guidelines;
4. Hull, tender vessel, ballast water, and gear inspections for alien species;
5. Rat-free inspections;

6. Precautions for Minimizing Human Impacts on Birds;
7. Best Management Practices for Boat Operations and Diving Activities;
8. Health and Safety Plans, and Emergency Response Plans;
9. All FWS refuge policies and procedures for conduct in the two wildlife refuges (Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge);
10. All policies and procedures for conduct in Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Hawaii State Marine Refuge and Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary;
11. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Executive Orders;
12. Hawai'i Administrative Rules, §13-60.5, the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, § 187A-6; and
13. All other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

**NOTE: If land or marine archeological activities are involved, contact the Monument Permit Coordinator at the address on the general application form before proceeding.**

**9a. Collection of specimens - collecting activities (would apply to any activity): organisms or objects (List of species, if applicable, attach additional sheets if necessary):**

Collections will occur as necessary to support the management activities listed under Question 6, Number 2 (Resource Survey and Monitoring). Collections will occur as needed in the following instances:

- Collecting species for propagation or translocation;
- Collecting post-contact artifacts as needed;
- Collecting biological, climatological, chemical, geological, or archaeological samples for study;
- Collection of biological voucher specimens that cannot be visually identified on the spot and/or may represent new geographic records or new species;
- Collection of culturally significant natural materials for cultural ceremonies and practices;
- Collection of specimens and biological samples for educational outreach activities; and
- Collection of specimens and biological materials for monitoring and research purposes to include organisms found dead and non-lethal biological samples, if such collection supports stated research or monitoring needs. (For example: birds collected to determine cause of death; birds and other samples collected for other information (e.g. genetic or isotope analyses); plastic pollution studies; and feather and egg samples for genetic and isotope sampling.)

Answers to the following will be dependent on specific management activities, and will be reported on per activity to document and track actual collections.

Common name:

Scientific name:

# & size of specimens:

Collection location:

Whole Organism  Partial Organism

**9b. What will be done with the specimens after the project has ended?**

Collections and specimens will be processed and archived according to agency protocols and Monument Best Management Practices. Some material may be provided for educational use or for museum vouchers and studies. Cultural materials may be provided to Hawaiian cultural practitioners when applicable, in coordination with appropriate federal and/or state resource agencies, including OHA. When practicable, and desirable, collections and specimens will be returned to the Monument at the location of collection.

**9c. Will the organisms be kept alive after collection?**  Yes  No

Management activity dependent

• General site/location for collections:  
Management activity dependent

• Is it an open or closed system?  Open  Closed  
Management activity dependent

• Is there an outfall?  Yes  No  
Management activity dependent

• Will these organisms be housed with other organisms? If so, what are the other organisms?  
Management activity dependent

• Will organisms be released?  
Management activity dependent

**10. If applicable, how will the collected samples or specimens be transported out of the Monument?**

Collected samples and specimens will be transported out of the Monument by approved aircraft or vessel unless used for management within the Monument. Appropriate media for preservation will be used, and are incident or specimen specific.

**11. Describe collaborative activities to share samples, reduce duplicative sampling, or duplicative research:**

Collaborative activities are always a goal, and are incident specific. Collaboration opportunities will be sought out and will be entered into as opportunities present themselves. Monument Co-

Trustee representatives and the Monument Management Board will work collaboratively to achieve the desired results, thus reducing duplicative sampling.

**12. List all specialized gear and materials to be used in this activity:**

All gear and materials necessary for the activities listed in Section B, Number 6 are either available on location or will be provided by the acting agency as necessary. All gear and materials will be selected and treated according to invasive species and disease prevention protocols.

**13. List all Hazardous Materials you propose to take to and use within the Monument:**

All hazardous materials necessary for the activities listed in Section B, Number 6 are either available on location or will be provided by the acting agency as necessary. Hazardous materials on the islands will be used in amounts that will sustain an approved activity for an appropriate time period. Inventory of hazardous materials will be conducted annually to reduce or minimize long term storage in order to reduce spills or accidents per OSHA standards. Unused and old hazardous materials brought into the Monument will be removed appropriately for disposal. All U.S. Department of Transportation safety measures will be followed for storage and transport of hazardous materials within the Monument.

**14. Describe any fixed installations and instrumentation proposed to be set in the Monument:**

Fixed installations and instrumentation will be used in marine and terrestrial survey, monitoring, and conservation activities such as:

- Placement, maintenance, testing, and removal of measuring devices and related equipment;
- Placement of weighted floats and/or lines affixed directly to the seabed for the purposes of grounding response, or benthic surveys;
- Setting of survey stakes;
- Coring the seabed to determine adequacy of the substrate for installation of moorings, and permanent monitoring stations;
- Installation and maintenance of moorings, boundary buoys, and permanent monitoring stations; and
- Placement of scientific equipment.

All installed hardware, including but not limited to instrumentation, survey stakes, moorings, buoys, and scientific equipment, will be removed from the Monument upon completion of their respective projects.

**15. Provide a time line for sample analysis, data analysis, write-up and publication of information:**

Samples and data will be analyzed as quickly as possible if they are collected, and publication of resulting information will follow. All data or a summary description will be provided in the permit reports as required by the permit resulting from this application.

**16. List all Applicant's publications directly related to the proposed project:**

N/A

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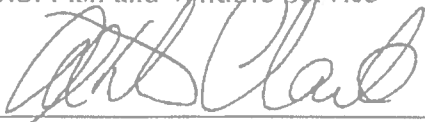
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- Electronic and Hard Copy of Application with Signature
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- Material Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Materials

With knowledge of the penalties for false or incomplete statements, as provided by 18 U.S.C. 1001, and for perjury, as provided by 18 U.S.C. 1621, I hereby certify to the best of my abilities under penalty of perjury of that the information I have provided on this application form is true and correct. I agree that the Co-Trustees may post this application in its entirety on the Internet. I understand that the Co-Trustees will consider deleting all information that I have identified as “confidential” prior to posting the application.

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Matthew Brown  
Superintendent for Policy, Partners and Support  
Pacific National Marine Monuments  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Date

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Athline Clark  
Superintendent  
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Date



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Maria Carnevale  
State Co-Manager  
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument  
State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources

9/27/15  
Date

**SEND ONE SIGNED APPLICATION VIA MAIL TO THE MONUMENT OFFICE BELOW:**

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Coordinator  
6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy. # 300  
Honolulu, HI 96825  
FAX: (808) 397-2662

**DID YOU INCLUDE THESE?**

- Applicant CV/Resume/Biography
- Intended field Principal Investigator CV/Resume/Biography
- Electronic and Hard Copy of Application with Signature
- Statement of information you wish to be kept confidential
- Material Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Materials



## **Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Compliance Information Sheet**

### **1. Updated list of personnel to be covered by permit.**

Matthew Brown, Superintendent for Policy, Partners and Support, Pacific Marine National Monuments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Athline Clark, Superintendent, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Maria Carnevale, State Co-Manager, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office staff to include: Natural Resource Planner, Laura Beauregard; Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, Elizabeth Flint; Contaminants Specialist, LeeAnn Woodward; Pacific Marine National Monuments Superintendent for Operations, Susan White; Pacific Marine National Monuments Deputy Superintendent, Amanda Pollock; Administrative Officer, Stuart Sakurai; Palmyra Manager, Stefan Kropidowski; Inventory and Monitoring Biologist, Jared Underwood; Inventory and Monitoring Supervisor, Jean Kenyon; Refuge Zone Officer, Charlie Quitugua; Information and Education Specialist, Ken Foote; External Affairs Assistant, Sandra Hall; Invasive Species Coordinator, Jason Hanley; 3 Presidential Management Fellows, TBN and 4 Volunteers, TBN.

FWS PMNM HQ Staff (10 total) to include: - Pacific Marine National Monuments Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Partners and Support, TBN; FWS Permit Manager, TBN; Visitor Services Manager, Ann Bell; Wildlife Refuge Specialist, Ty J. Benally; Budget Officer, Pat Moriyasu; Administrative Officer, Maylanie Hipolito; Biological Science Technician, Cynthia Rehkemper; 1 Logistics Manager, TBN; 1 Wildlife Biologist, TBN; 1 Refuge Manager, TBN; 4 Volunteers, TBN. FWS Midway Atoll NWR to include:

- Refuge Staff (15 total) includes Refuge Manager, Dan Clark; Deputy Refuge Manager, Bret Wolfe; Wildlife Biologist, TBN; Biological Science Technician, Ann Humphrey; Maintenance Mechanic, John Miller; 1 Park Ranger, TBN; 5 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN

- Midway Atoll Contractors (70 total) includes 45 DBSI contract support personnel for airport operations, logistics, facilities, medical, communications, and task orders; and 25 construction workers.

- Midway Federal Aviation Administration Staff(6 total) including Honolulu Air Traffic Organization, Dave Washino and Kevin Inouye; Airports District Office, Honolulu, Ron

V. Simpson and Tyson Price; two FAA staff, TBN. FWS Hawaiian Islands NWR Staff to include:

- French Frigate Shoals Staff (34 total) includes Wildlife Refuge Manager, Meg DuhrSchultz; Deputy Refuge Manager, TBN; 2 Biological Science Technicians, TBN; 10 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN; and 20 Maintenance Staff, Volunteers or Contractors, TBN.
  - Laysan Island Staff (10 total) includes 4 Biological Science Technicians, TBN; and 6 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN.
  - Nihoa Staff includes (4 total) 4 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN.
  - Lisianski Staff includes 2 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN.
  - Pearl and Hermes Staff includes 2 Biological Science Technicians or Volunteers, TBN
- FWS Ecological Services Staff to include: Field Supervisor, Mary Abrams; Deputy Field Supervisor, David Tessler; Assistant Field Supervisor, Kristi Young; Aquatics Ecosystem Conservation Program Manager, Dan Polhemus; O‘ahu/Kaua‘i/Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Geographic Team Program Manager, Aaron Nadig; 4 Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Nadiera Sukhraj-McCarthy, Kevin Foster, Tony Montgomery, and Jiny Kim; 1 Vertebrate Recovery Coordinator, Sheldon Plentovich; and 1 Contaminants Specialist, Michael Fry.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)

Superintendent, Athline Clark; Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Programs, David Swatland; Deputy Superintendent for Research and Field Operations, Randall Kosaki; Research Coordinator, TBN; Education and Technology Coordinator, Vincent Andy Collins; Administrative Officer, Moani Pai; Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, TBN; Planning and Evaluation Coordinator, TBN; Evaluation Specialist, Alyssa Miller; Planning and Evaluation Program Specialist, Allison Ikeda; Maritime Archaeologist, Kelly Gleason; Permits and Policy Coordinator, Tia Brown; Permits and Policy Specialist, Justin Rivera; Policy Specialist, Pua Borges-Smith; Constituent Outreach Specialist, TBN; Fiscal Administrator, TBN; Human Resource Specialist, TBN; Administrative/Fiscal Assistant, Acacia Dias; Research Specialist, Daniel Wagner; GIS Specialist, Joey Lecky; Field Operations Coordinator, Jason Leonard; Information Technology Support Specialist, TBN; Senior Information Technology Specialist, TBN; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Manager, Kālewa Correa; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Program Coordinator, Nakoa Goo; Monument Volunteer Coordinator, Virginia Branco; Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Program Associate, TBN; Kaua‘i Programs Outreach Coordinator, Yumi Yasutake; Navigating Change Coordinator, Kainoa Kaulukukui; Resource Protection Specialist, Loren Scott Godwin; Program Specialist, Stephanie Fisher, Research Support Technician, Brian Hauk; Website & Graphic Designer, Kahi Fujii; Office Assistant, TBN; Executive Administrative Assistant, TBN; Strategic Initiatives Associate, TBN; Marine Operations Coordinator, Hadley Owen, ENS; Communications Manager, Toni Parras; Native Hawaiian Program Coordinator, TBN; Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, TBN; Native Hawaiian Research Associate, TBN; Data Team Program Coordinator, David Graham; Database Administrator, TBN; Web Applications Developer, John Geyer; GIS Developer, TBN; Data Documentation and Outreach Specialist, TBN; and Senior Data Analyst, TBN.

– National Ocean Service (NOS), Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) field staff, TBN.

– National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, Michael Tosatto; Deputy Regional Administrator, Sarah Malloy; Media and Outreach Coordinator, Wende Goo; Management Analyst, Pua Kamaka; Operations, Management, and Information staff, TBN; Protected Resources staff, TBN; Habitat Division staff, TBN; Restoration Center staff, TBN; Marine National Monument Program: Management and Program Officer, Samantha Brooke; Fishery Policy Analyst, Richard Hall; Natural Resources Management Specialist, Heidi Hirsh; and Natural Resource Policy Management Specialist, Hoku Ka’aekuahiwi; and Office of Law Enforcement staff, TBN.

– National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)

Science Center Director, Michael Seki; Deputy Director, Evan Howell; Science Operations Lead, Noriko Shoji; Operations Manager, Kyle Koyanagi; NEPA and Permits Coordinator, Hoku Johnson; Management and Program Analyst, Matthew Vandersande; Monument Science Coordinator, TBN; Natural Resource Management Specialist, Risa Oram, Biological Science Technician, Jamie Barlow; Biological Science Technician, Louise Giuseffi, Biological Science Technician, Eric Mooney; NOAA Corps Officer, David McVay; NOAA Corps Officer, Kelli-Ann Bliss, NOAA Corps Officer, Kristin Golmon, Logistics Leader, Christopher Demarke; Insular Fisheries Associate, Dianna Miller; Insular Fisheries Specialist, William Misa; Insular Fisheries Specialist, Audrey Rollo; Seabed Mapping Specialist, Jeremy Taylor; GIS Specialist, Bryan Dieter, other Science Operations Staff, TBN; Fisheries Research and Monitoring Division Stock Assessment Program staff; Research Fish Biologist, Benjamin Richards; Research Fish Biologist, Annie Yau; Math Stat, Marti McCracken, Life History Program Staff: Fish Bio- Sampling Tech, Meagan Sundberg Luers; Research Fish Biologist Joseph O'Malley; Research Fish Biologist, Ryan Nichols; Marine Debris Operations Manager, TBN; Coral Reef Ecosystem Program Operations and Marine Debris Team, Russell Reardon, Kevin O'Brien, Joao Garriques, James Morioka, other OMB staff TBN; Benthic Habitat Mapping staff, TBN; Coral Reef Ecosystem Program staff, TBN; Ecosystems and Oceanography Program staff, TBN; Protected Species Division Director, Frank Parrish; Biologist, Siri Hakala; Research Fish Biologist, Michael Parke, Marine Turtle Biology and Assessment Program (MTBAP) Leader, T. Todd Jones; Zoologist, George Balazs; MTBAP Biological Science Technician, Shawn K.K. Murakawa; MTBAP Biological Science Technician, Shandell Brunson; MTBAP staff, TBN; MTBAP 3 Temp Field Biologists, TBN; Research Fish Biologist, John R. Henderson; Supervisory Program Management Specialist, Chad Yoshinaga; Hawaiian Monk Seal Research Program (HMSRP) Manager, Charles Littnan; HMSRP staff: Ecologist, Stacie Robinson, Marine Biologist, Thea Johanos-Kam; Research Marine Biologist, Jason Baker; Field Research Supervisor, Jessica Lopez Bohlander; Biological Technician, Tracy Wurth;; Biological Research Associate, Mark Sullivan; Biological Research Assistant, Eric Tong; Biological Science Technician, Brenda Becker, Biological Science Technician, Robert Dollar; and TBN. Veterinarian, Michelle Barbieri; Veterinarian, TBN; Ten Temp Field Biologists, TBN. Cetacean Research Program (CRP) Lead, Erin Oleson; CRP staff : Acoustician Karlina Merkens; Ocean Engineer Lora Van Ufelen; Biological Science Technician Pollyanna Fisher Pool; Fisheries Biologist, Amanda Bradford; Marine Biologist, Marie Hill; Acoustician, Yvonne Barkley; Cetacean Specialist, Alexandra Bayless; Operations Manager, Erik Norris; Biological Science Technician, Aliza Millette; other CRP staff, TBN.

State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

DLNR Chairperson, Suzanne Case, DLNR First Deputy, Kekoa Kauluhiwa; Water Deputy, Jeff Pearson; Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Administrator, Bruce Anderson; Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Administrator, TBD; Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), TBN; State Co-Manager, Maria Carnevale; PMNM Program Specialist, Molly Mamaril, Permit Coordinator, TBN;

Wildlife Manager, Jason Misaki; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Manager, Cynthia Vanderlip; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Field Camp Leader, Naomi Worcester; Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary Field Camp Leader, Matthew Saunter; Offshore Island Biologist, Amarissa Marie; DOFAW O'ahu Branch Manager, David Smith; 5 Kure Atoll State Seabird Sanctuary Volunteers and Technicians, TBN; 6 Aquatic Biologists, TBN; 6 Aquatic Alien Invasive Species (AIS) Team staff, TBN; 5 Biological Science Volunteers, TBN; Outreach and Education Specialist, Michelle G. Jones; 1 Outreach and Education Specialist, TBN

Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)

Board of Trustees and staff; Chief Executive Officer/Ka Pouhana, Dr. Kamana'opono M. Crabbe; Chief Operating Officer, Lisa Victor; Chief Advocate, Kāwika Riley; Line of Business Directors, Hawley Iona, Kēhaunani Abad, Lisa Watkins-Victorino; Executive Office staff, TBN; Chief Counsel, Ernest Kimoto; Corporation Counsel staff, TBN; Papahānaumokuākea Program Manager, Keola Lindsey; Papahānaumokuākea Program Specialist, Brad Ka'aleleo Wong; Policy Program Manager, Sterling Wong; Policy Program staff, TBN; Washington D.C. Bureau Chief, Patrick Gonzalez-Rodgers; Washington D.C. Bureau staff, TBN; Compliance Program Manager, Kai Markell; Compliance Program staff, TBN; Land, Culture and History Program Manager, Kamoā Quitevis; Land Culture and History Program staff, TBN; Program managers and staff, TBN.

Senior Executive Board (SEB), Members of the Monument Management Board (MMB), and the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) which are comprised of, but not limited to: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense (DOD), US Coast Guard (USCG), NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), USFWS OLE, DLNR Department of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and State of Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH).

Other staff, volunteers, cultural liaisons, or contractors necessary for the permitted activities may enter the Monument for conservation and management activities. Resident families of Midway Atoll may enter the Monument. Invited news media representatives may enter the Monument to provide public information of conservation and management activities. All personnel will be identified and information will be provided to the Monument Permit Coordinators prior to each entry into the Monument.

The applicants shall ensure that all personnel assigned to any conservation and management activity allowed under this permit are qualified to perform in the assigned role and are limited to the scope of their position and respective project, and shall comply with all other applicable laws, policies, protocols, permits, and regulations. In addition, the applicants will ensure that all management activities are communicated and coordinated on an ongoing and regular basis.

To safeguard all the resources and ecological integrity of the Monument, early and ongoing coordination of interagency activities will occur between the action agency and

interested Monument partners as soon as details of activities are identified. The goal of early coordination is the commitment to identifying, incorporating, and customizing best management practices for specific activities. Additionally, pre-access permit and cultural briefings will be conducted for all new personnel entering the Monument and annually for all.

**2. Specific Site Location(s): (Attach copies of specific collection locations):**

This permit application encompasses all conservation and management activities that the permit applicants may conduct throughout the entire Monument.

**3. Other permits (list and attach documentation of all other related Federal or State permits):**

Current Permits to Comply with Other Federal / State Regulations:

1. Take of Endangered and Threatened Species: USFWS-TE-702631; USFWS-TE-003483-22; USFWS-PMNM-1; USFWS-FWSPIO-17
2. Federal Bird Banding Permit: USGS-22570; USGS-22613; USGS-09149
3. Green Turtle Tagging Permit: USFWS-TE-739350-4
4. Marine Mammal Permit (Monk Seal – Research): NOAA/NMFS-16632-00
5. Depredation Permit: USFWS-MB097755-0 (Cattle Egret Control)
6. Communication systems (Broadcast/Receive Frequencies) at Midway are all licensed by FAA and FCC as appropriate. Contact refuge for additional information.
7. The USFWS is the Operator of Record of Henderson Airfield (Sand Island, Midway Atoll) and maintains its Certification as required in 14 CFR Part 139 (Federal Code of Regulations). The airfield is a certified ETOPS (emergency designation) airfield and is maintained with funding by both FAA and the USFWS. This includes UHF-VHF radio systems, AWOS (automated weather) and NDB (Non-directional Beacon) systems. Contact refuge for additional information.
8. Migratory Bird Permits: USFWS-MB016635-0; MB2852A-2 (STAMP Project)

Previous Permits:

1. Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Management Activities: NWHICRER-2004-001
2. Kure Marine Debris Removal: DLNR-NWHI-06R010
3. DAR NWHI Ulua Fish Tagging Project: DLNR-NWHI-06R020
4. HINWR Management Activities 2006: DLNR-NWHI-06R022
5. HINWR Management Activities 2006: NWHIMNM-2006-019
6. HINWR Management Activities 2007: DLNR-NWHI-07S001
7. HINWR Management Activities 2007: NWHIMNM-2007-002
8. MANWR Management Activities 2007: NWHIMNM-2007-005
9. Kure marine debris removal: DLNR-NWHI-07C001
10. Monument Management Activities: NWHIMNM-2007-001

11. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2008-001
12. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2009-001
13. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2010-001
14. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2011-001
15. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2012-001
16. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2013-001
17. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2014-001
18. Monument Management Activities: PMNM-2015-001

**3a. For each of the permits listed, identify any permit violations or any permit that was suspended, amended, modified or revoked for cause. Explain the circumstances surrounding the violation or permit suspension, amendment, modification or revocation.**

There are no permit violations to report.

**4. Funding sources (Attach copies of your budget, specific to proposed activities under this permit and include funding sources. See instructions for more information):**

All activities will be conducted using allocated federal or state budgets as appropriate.

**5. Time frame:**

Activity start: January 1, 2016

Activity completion: December 31, 2016

Dates actively inside the Monument:

From: January 1, 2016

To: December 31, 2016

Describe any limiting factors in declaring specific dates of the proposed activity at the time of application: None

Personnel schedule in the Monument: All personnel listed above may enter the Monument to conduct the Conservation and Management activities listed in this permit application at any time between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016.

**6. Indicate (with attached documentation) what insurance policies, bonding coverage, and/or financial resources are in place to pay for or reimburse the Monument trustees for the necessary search and rescue, evacuation, and/or removal of any or all persons covered by the permit from the Monument:**

Federal and State agencies are self-insured.

**7. Check the appropriate box to indicate how personnel will enter the Monument:**

- Vessel
- Aircraft

Provide Vessel and Aircraft information:

All vessel information will be provided to the Monument in advance of the proposed departure date and will require separate Compliance Information Sheets.

**8. The certifications/inspections (below) must be completed prior to departure for vessels (and associated tenders) entering the Monument. Fill in scheduled date (attach documentation):**

- Rodent free, Date:
- Tender vessel, Date:
- Ballast water, Date:
- Gear/equipment, Date:
- Hull inspection, Date:

\*All vessels operating under the Monument Manager's permit will require separate Compliance Information Sheets and will document fulfillment of the above required inspections and certifications.

**9. Vessel information (NOTE: if you are traveling aboard a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessel, skip this question):**

Vessel name:

Vessel owner:

Captain's name:

IMO#:

Vessel ID#:

Flag:

Vessel type:

Call sign:

Embarkation port:

Last port vessel will have been at prior to this embarkation:

Length:

Gross tonnage:

Total ballast water capacity volume (m3):

Total number of ballast water tanks on ship:

Total fuel capacity:

Total number of fuel tanks on ship:

Marine Sanitation Device:

Type:

Explain in detail how you will comply with the regulations regarding discharge in the Monument. Describe in detail. If applicable, attach schematics of the vessel's discharge and treatment systems:

Other fuel/hazardous materials to be carried on board and amounts:

Provide proof of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement-approved Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). Provide the name and



contact information of the contractor responsible for installing the VMS system. Also describe VMS unit name and type:

VMS Email:  
Inmarsat ID#:

\* Individuals MUST ENSURE that a type-approved VMS unit is installed and that its automatic position reports are being properly received by the NOAA OLE system prior to the issuance of a permit. To make sure your VMS is properly configured for the NOAA OLE system, please contact NOAA OLE at (808) 203-2503 or (808) 203-2500.

\* PERMIT AUTHORIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUALS ENTERING THE MONUMENT VIA VESSEL UNTIL NOAA OLE HAS CONTACTED THE MONUMENT PERMIT COORDINATOR WITH A 'POSITIVE CHECK' READING.

**10. Tender information:**

On what workboats (tenders) will personnel, gear and materials be transported within the Monument? List the number of tenders/skiffs aboard and specific types of motors:

## **Additional Information for Land Based Operations**

### **11. Proposed movement of personnel, gear, materials, and, if applicable, samples:**

Personnel, gear, materials, and collected samples will be moved on NOAA research vessels, University of Hawai‘i research vessels, authorized charter vessels, and aircraft (to Midway Atoll and Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals) as needed. For vessels that do not carry separate Monument permits (e.g. contract re-supply vessels), separate Compliance Information Sheets will be required and submitted prior to proposed departure date.

### **12. Room and board requirements on island:**

Agency staff will be provided room and board as coordinated by the permit applicants on the islands within the Monument as appropriate. Agencies will pay fees at Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge as necessary for room and board costs.

### **13. Work space needs:**

Agency staff will be provided room and board as coordinated by the permit applicants on the islands within the Monument as appropriate.

#### **DID YOU INCLUDE THESE?**

- Map(s) or GPS point(s) of Project Location(s), if applicable
- Funding Proposal(s)
- Funding and Award Documentation, if already received
- Documentation of Insurance, if already received
- Documentation of Inspections
- Documentation of all required Federal and State Permits or applications for permits