REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON STATE SMALL BOAT HARBOR FACILITY
COMMERCIAL PERMITS FOR VESSELS ENGAGED IN OCEAN-USE ACTIVITIES IN
OCEAN WATERS BETWEEN KALAELOA POINT AND KAENA POINT

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In response to
House Concurrent Resolution 120, Senate Draft 1, 2013 Legislative Session

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PURPOSE
This report complies with House Concurrent Resolution 120, Senate Draft 1, 2013 Legislative Session, requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a study of the commercial vessel permits in state small boat harbors involving ocean-related activities for ocean waters between Kalaeloa Point and Kaena Point, consult with the Waianae Coast community on the existing and future ocean-use activities, and requires a report to be submitted no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session.

ACTIONS
The Department’s, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), met with the area Senator and Representative and provided the requested information regarding commercial vessel activities originating out of the Waianae Small Boat Harbor. A moratorium on new commercial vessel activities has been in place for several years now and no new commercial permits are being offered at this time. A Waianae Baseline Study was conducted in order to determine how to best manage the west shore of Oahu. Several recommendations were given; however, the community is still considering which management method they would prefer to have implemented. Until such time as a management plan is adopted, no new commercial vessels permits will be issued that would exceed the number of commercial permits that were in place at the time the moratorium was imposed.