

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: Approve Publication of Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project: Haleiwa Small Boat Harbor Maintenance Dredging and Beach Nourishment, Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii

AND

Delegate Authority to Chairperson to Approve the Final Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact, if Appropriate

REQUEST:

The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (“DOBOR”) is requesting that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (“Board”) approve the publication of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact (“DEA-AFONSI”) for the subject project. DOBOR is also requesting that the Board delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve the Final Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact, if appropriate. If the proposed project is determined to have a significant impact, appropriate actions will be taken including preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, if necessary.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project is being managed by USACE as a pilot project authorized under Section 1122 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, as amended, to promote the reuse of dredged material for beneficial purposes. DOBOR supports the proposed project and is acting as one of the local sponsor agencies for the project. Funding for the project, which has not yet been secured, will be shared by USACE and local sponsors (State and C & C).

The standard practice for dredging projects administered by USACE is to dispose of dredged material by the most cost-effective means, which is typically achieved by disposing of dredged material at an approved offshore dredged material ocean disposal site. Section 1122 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, as amended, allows USACE to dispose of dredged material at alternate, less cost-effective sites for beneficial reuse purposes.

In addition to DOBOR's support, the State Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands and C & C Department of Parks and Recreation also support the project. The proposed placement of beach

quality sand on Haleiwa Beach will provide much needed beach nourishment and erosion protection as well as habitat for endangered species such as green sea turtles and Hawaiian monk seals. The proposed beach nourishment will also protect structures within Haleiwa Beach Park that have been undermined by erosion along the beach.

HRS CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Due to the use of State lands and funds, compliance with HRS Chapter 343 is required. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a DEA-AFONSI that can be viewed at the following link:

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/reports-and-publications/>

RECOMMENDATION:

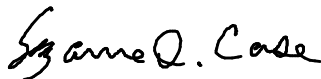
Approve publication of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project: Haleiwa Small Boat Harbor Maintenance Dredging and Beach Nourishment, Haleiwa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii and delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve a Final Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact, if appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources