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SUBJECT:

UPDATE OF THE KAHULUI COMMERCIAL HARBOR 2030 MASTER PLAN

AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, MAUI - HC 90023

The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division has decided to prepare a *Revised* Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above document. Many factors have contributed to this decision, including concerns expressed by members of the Maui community, questions from other government agencies, and changes in usage of the harbor, specifically the withdrawal of two cruise ships from Hawaii by NCL America.

In the Revised Draft EIS, the alternatives under consideration will be changed as we plan to reduce the impacts on recreational users. In addition, the results of the Statewide Fuel Facilities Development Plan will be included. Finally, the next version will be termed a Programmatic EIS, underscoring the fact that we will apply for NEPA reviews of actions involving dredging and filling later, when preliminary design work will yield a more detailed account of the changes needed to expand Kahului Commercial Harbor.

All written and oral comments received on the Draft EIS published in December 2007 will be included in the *Revised* Draft EIS.

Thank you for your interest in Kahului Commercial Harbor. We look forward to reviewing our Revised Draft EIS with you.