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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AWA	Animal Welfare Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOC	Department of Commerce
EO	Executive Order
ERM	ERM-West, Inc.
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FR	Federal Register
HMS	Hawaiian monk seals
MHI	Main Hawaiian Islands
MMHSRP	Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOA	Notice of Availability
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NWHI	Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
PEIS	programmatic environmental impact statement
PSAs	public service announcements
ROD	Record of Decision
U.S.	United States
UME	unusual mortality event
USC	U.S. Code

1.0

INTRODUCTION

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management, conservation, and protection of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*), under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 United States Code [U.S.C.] 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). The NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) and NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) are responsible for implementation of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Plan (NMFS 2007). NMFS currently has one permit authorizing research and enhancement on Hawaiian monk seals (ESA-MMPA Permit No. 10137-05) issued to PIFSC that will expire in 2014.

NMFS is preparing a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) to assess the impacts of implementing specific management actions and administering a research and enhancement program to improve survival of monk seals. These actions constitute a major federal action subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500 - 1508). The NEPA process is described in more detail in Section 3.0 of this report.

The first step in the NEPA process is scoping (as required under 40 CFR 1501.7), which provides an opportunity for the public and agencies to express their views and help identify issues to be addressed in the PEIS, including potential management actions and associated research and enhancement program activities that may be performed on Hawaiian monk seals in an effort to recover the species.

This document represents a public record and summary of the scoping activities. This scoping report summarizes the substantive comments that were received during the scoping comment period. Responses are not provided to individual comments at this stage in the development of the PEIS. Instead they are collected, read, and summarized in this report. Comments will be addressed throughout the Draft PEIS in appropriate sections, and have been considered when developing alternatives for the proposed action.

The next opportunity for the public to comment on the PEIS will be after issuance of the Draft PEIS. Comments received during the Draft PEIS comment period will be responded to and a Comment Analysis Report will be published on the project website. For additional information on future steps in the PEIS process, please see Section 3.0.

1.1 STATUS OF HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS

In the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI), young seals are starving, pups are being killed by sharks, seals are getting entangled in marine debris, and sea level rise threatens terrestrial habitats. Low juvenile survival over the past 2 decades is the primary cause of the population's decline. The population decline will likely continue without intervention. Enhancement activities are being considered to improve juvenile survival and the overall health of the population.

In the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI), incidents such as disturbance of seals on beaches, hooking and entanglement in fishing gear, and intentional killings (*e.g.*, shootings) counteract recovery efforts. Effective public outreach, education, and other actions to protect seals from harmful situations and reduce negative human/seal interactions are essential to minimize impacts in the MHI.

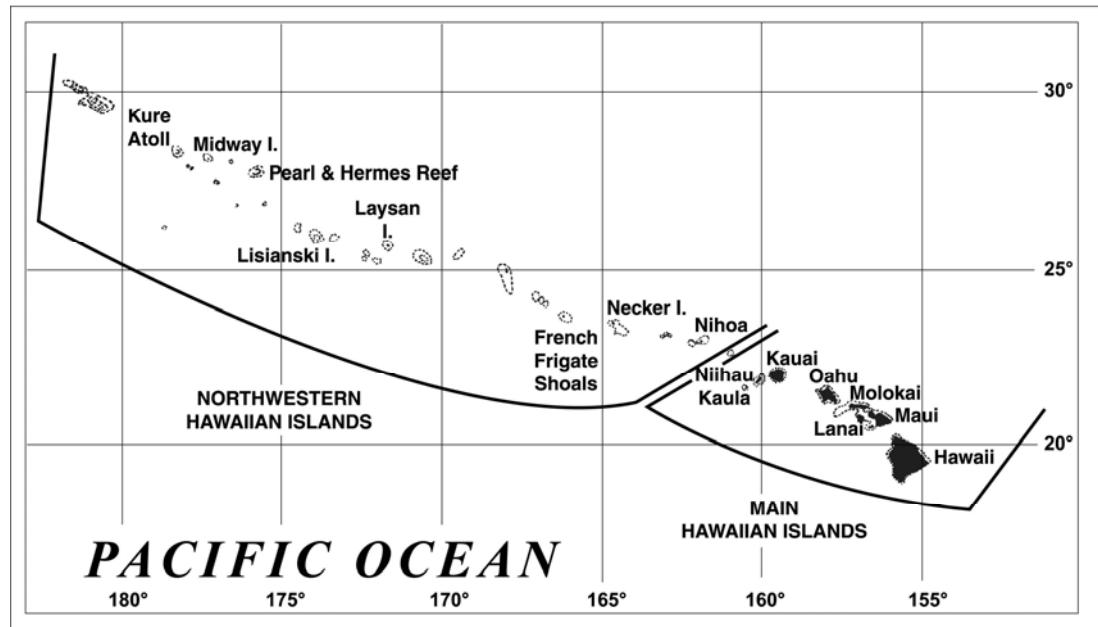
1.2 PROJECT AREA

The project area for this PEIS encompasses the range where Hawaiian monk seals are found throughout the Hawaiian Archipelago and Johnston Atoll including the NWHI and MHI. The majority of monk seals live in six main breeding sub-populations in the NWHI including:

- Kure Atoll;
- Midway Islands;
- Pearl and Hermes Reef;
- Lisianski Island;
- Laysan Island; and
- French Frigate Shoals.

Smaller breeding sub-populations also occur on Necker Island and Nihoa Island, and monk seals have been observed at Gardner Pinnacles and Maro Reef. Most of the population is within the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, designated in 2006. However, monk seals are also found in smaller numbers on the MHI, where births have also occurred. Figure 1-1 illustrates the project area.

Figure 1-1. Project Area



1.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPING PROCESS

Scoping activities began on October 1, 2010 when the Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 60721). On November 12, 2010, the scoping period was extended an additional 15 days via notice in the *Federal Register* until November 30, 2010. Appendix A provides a copy of the NOI and notice of extension.

The aim of the scoping process is to invite potentially affected and interested individuals, agencies, and groups to help:

- Identify concerns about the proposed action;
- Define a range of alternatives;
- Determine and define the scope of issues to be examined;
- Identify other environmental and consultation requirements;
- Identify related environmental documents being prepared; and
- Identify potentially interested parties.

Central to the scoping process is presentation of the proposed action and preliminary alternatives for public comment related to the scope of the PEIS.

Public comment helps further define the scope as well as develop alternatives considered in the impact analysis.

A basic principle of public participation is reporting back to stakeholders about the process in which they take part. In keeping with a transparent process, this scoping report has been posted on the project website (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/Hawaiianmonkseal.htm>) and those who are included in the project mailing list received an email notification of such posting.

Public comments were received through November 30, 2010 and are summarized in this Scoping Summary Report. Project scoping materials are included as appendices and include:

- AHUWa YbhA: Federal Register NOI and Scoping Comment Period Extension;
- AHUWa YbhB: Project Mailing List;
- AHUWa YbhC: Project Newsletter and Comment Form;
- AHUWa YbhD: Public Scoping Meeting Notices;
- AHUWa YbhE: Public Scoping Meeting Sign-in Sheets; and
- AHUWa YbhF: Agency Scoping Meeting Information (including agency coordination letters and sign-in sheets).

Scoping is carried out through written communications, public meetings, and formal and informal consultation with agency officials, interested individuals, and groups.

Project information was distributed to the public using the following tools:

- Project mailing list (updated throughout the project);
- Project newsletter and comment form;
- Project website (updated throughout the project);
- Publication of public scoping meeting notices;
- Public service announcements;
- Five public scoping meetings; and
- Agency consultation and coordination.

Mailing List

The mailing list catalogues potentially affected or interested parties, agencies, and elected officials; and in part demonstrates NMFS' outreach efforts for this PEIS. The mailing list is continually updated as new requests are made throughout the project. Updates for the mailing list may come from comment forms, public meeting sign-in sheets, emails, and one-on-one discussions. The initial mailing list included over 345 records. The mailing list is included in AHUWa YbhB.

Newsletter and Comment Form

A project newsletter and comment form was distributed on October 1, 2010 via email and postal service to the mailing list and posted on the project website. The newsletter and comment form was also distributed during the scoping meetings. This newsletter was the first in a series of four, and provided project background and historic information, schedule, contacts, and announced scoping meetings, agenda, times, and locations. The first project newsletter and comment form is included in AHUWa YbhC.

Project Website

NMFS has established a project website that is available to anyone with Internet access at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/Hawaiianmonkseal.htm>. The information is updated as project milestones are met and new information is available. The website hosts background information about monk seals, public participation opportunities, newsletters, a public comment form, contact information, and project documents such as the Scoping Summary Report and when available, the Draft PEIS, Final PEIS, and Record of Decision.

Public Scoping Meeting Notices

Public notices for scoping meetings were announced in the following newspapers for each county:

Table 1-1. Newspapers and Dates of the Public Scoping Notices

Newspaper	County(ies) / Islands Represented	Dates of Publication
Honolulu Star Advertiser	Honolulu	October 6 & 13, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
MidWeek	Honolulu	October 13, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
Hawai'i Tribune Herald	Hawai'i	October 7 & 14, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
Garden Island	Kaua'i	October 13 & 20, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
MidWeek Kaua'i	Kaua'i	October 13 & 20, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
Maui News	Maui	October 11 & 18, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010
Moloka'i Dispatch	Moloka'i	October 13 & 20, 2010 November 12 & 19, 2010

Public notices for all five public scoping meetings outlined the general purpose of the scoping meeting, meeting times and locations, and the agenda of the meeting. Public notices were published 14 days in advance of each public scoping meeting and again 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Public notices were also published announcing the extension of the scoping comment period 14 and 7 days prior to the deadline for comments. Notarized affidavits of publication were obtained for each legal public notice for the administrative record and are included in AHUWa Ybhd.

Public Service Announcements

Public service announcements (PSAs) were faxed and/or emailed to the following:

- ABC Hawai'i
- CBS Hawai'i
- Fox News Hawai'i
- PBS Hawai'i
- Hawai'i Public Radio
- Hawai'i Talk Radio
- Hilo KNWB 97.1

The content of the PSAs were identical to the public notices.

Public Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings were held in five locations throughout the state of Hawai'i. Table 1-1 shows the dates and locations of the public scoping meetings.

Table 1-2. Dates and Locations of the Public Scoping Meetings

Location	Date
Central Union Church Honolulu, O'ahu	Wednesday October 20, 2010
Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Hilo, Hawai'i	Thursday October 21, 2010
NOAA Sanctuaries Learning Center Kahului, Maui	Monday October 25, 2010
Hale Mahaolu Home Pumehana Kaunakakai, Moloka'i	Tuesday October 26, 2010
Wilcox Elementary School Lihu'e, Kaua'i	Wednesday October 27, 2010

The scoping meetings lasted 3 hours and began with a 30-minute open house. Display boards were situated throughout the room that communicated preliminary project information. During the open house, individuals could circulate in and out of the meeting place, interact with NMFS PIRO, NMFS PIFSC, and consultant team staff, and ask questions.

The open house was followed by a presentation that provided monk seal history and background, information about NMFS and their goals and regulatory requirements pertaining to monk seals, and preliminary project details. A formal verbal comment period was provided after the presentation. Talk story sessions occurred after the formal comment period if time allowed and attendees were interested.

Information packets were provided for each attendee at the public scoping meetings and included a project newsletter, comment form, frequently asked questions on five topics regarding monk seals, a welcome informational brochure, and a table that outlined various ongoing NOAA projects. This information packet and public meeting sign-in sheets are included in AHWa Ybh E.

Agency Consultation and Coordination

NMFS invited federal and state agencies with jurisdiction within the project area and/or regulatory responsibility pertinent to monk seals to be cooperating agencies. Letters were mailed September 14, 2010 and requested a response by October 8, 2010.

Letters were also sent to federal and state agencies that might be interested or potentially affected inviting them to an agency scoping meeting that was held in Honolulu, HI on October 20, 2010. Cooperating agency letters and invitations to the agency scoping meeting, as well as the meeting sign-in sheets, are included in AHWa YbhF.

2.0 ***ISSUE SUMMARY***

2.1 ***SOURCE OF SCOPING COMMENTS***

As part of scoping, NMFS PIRO hosted public scoping meetings to introduce the project proposal to the public, describe the process of the PEIS, and solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated. The scoping comment period ended November 30, 2010.

Scoping comments submitted during preparation of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS came from the following sources:

- Public scoping meeting verbal comments;
- Agency scoping meeting comments;

- Email and written comments; and
- Verbal comments via the toll-free phone line.

The following table provides the number of comments received in each of these categories.

Table 2-1. Number and Types of Comments Received During the Scoping Period

Comment Type	Quantity
Email / Hard Copy	77
Verbal Comments	48
Phone Comments	2
Agency Comments	12
Total	139

2.2 ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING SCOPING

2.2.1 *Native Hawaiian Concerns*

2.2.1.1 *General*

- Statements asserting that monk seals are indigenous (endemic) to only the NWHI and not the MHI.
- Statements asserting that monk seals are indigenous (endemic) to the Hawaiian Islands, and commenters requesting that NMFS provide evidence of this in the PEIS.
- Statements asserting that monk seals are not indigenous (endemic) to the Hawaiian Islands. Some commenters cited specific examples including:
 - *‘ilioholoikauaua* is not endemic or indigenous to Hawai‘i because it is not named in the *kumulipo*;
 - monk seals do not have a Hawaiian name given to it by the *kupuna*;
 - an animal this size would have been used by Hawaiians had they occurred here;

- the bones and teeth would have been used in those areas with little to no combustible materials and no evidence exists to support this;
- monk seals would have been used for fuel at least, if not food, and no evidence exists to support this;
- monk seals are not mentioned in any of the chants or depicted in the *hula* performed today;
- monk seals lack any mention of god status like the shark;
- no hooks or weapons are made from the monk seal;
- no known medical use of the monk seal; and
- no *kahuna* use.
- Statements communicating a lack of support from the Native Hawaiian community regarding protection for monk seals.
- The monk seal is a very special animal because it is the only warm tropical seal and only found in the Hawaiian Islands.

Cultural

- Statements asserting that the monk seal is a culturally significant animal as well as a key organism in the Hawaiian ecosystem.
- Statements urging that NMFS address cultural concerns, cultural protocol, monitoring, cultural impact assessment, and plan.
- Statements about protection of aboriginal rights by federal law and objections to invasion of rights by federal government placing restrictions on monk seals. Laws are made to save the fish and endangered species have no cultural base.
- The appropriate cultural practitioners and other Native Hawaiian authorities should be involved with considering the social and cultural importance of seals to Hawaiians within past, present, and future contexts. For example, the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
- Traditional knowledge needs to be incorporated into resource management planning efforts (specific reference made to Article 12, Section 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution). NMFS should seek consultation and recommendations from the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee through the Aha Moku Council on these matters of management of the State's natural resources.

- Subsistence users need to have a seat on an advisory council that can represent traditional knowledge to help make sustainable and socially acceptable recommendations for resource management planning.

2.2.2

Fisheries

- Consider the unintended consequences of this proposal to the recreational fishing industry in Hawai'i.
- General comments expressing concern that monk seals will deplete fishery resources.
- Concerns about the impacts of big factory fishing fleets and the potential effects on declining fish stocks thereby causing more shark predation on monk seals.
- Increased monk seal populations will negatively impact our efforts to reach our goals concerning total allowable catches and bag limits.
- Monk seals are stealing fish from fishermen nets and eat the fish targeted by fishermen for supplement.
- Monk seals are the reason why the fisheries are depleted and the fishermen are catching fewer fish.
- Monk seals are depleting the fish stocks in the MHI; it is not accurate that monk seals eat bottom fish.
- Predation by monk seals to deep-7 fishery will destroy what we are trying to save and prevent recovery of our deep-7 near shore reef fisheries.
- Concerns that monk seals are analogous to introduced alien species such as ta'ape that have become invasive and have adverse impacts on fisheries.
- Work with the State of Hawai'i to close the unsustainable gillnet fishery that is killing female monk seals that are of reproductive age and have a good probability to increase the population of this critically endangered species.
- DLNR sets laws on fishermen when and where they can fish for bottom fish.
- The reason monk seals are endangered is due to overfishing in the NWHI. NMFS can solve this problem by installing a Sanctuary Act to stop fishermen from fishing in that area.

- Fishing with gill and similar nets should become illegal.

2.2.3 *Alternatives*

2.2.3.1 *General*

- Statements in support of translocation, vaccination, and deworming.
- Statements in support of the No Action alternative.
- Statements in support of ongoing monk seal recovery activities and of expanding the scope of recovery actions to include more direct actions such as deworming, translocation, and vaccinations to increase the monk seal population in the NWHI and MHI.
- Statements in support of the proposed action including translocation, as long as seals are returned to the NWHI.
- Statements in support of Alternative 3 (as presented at scoping meetings); despite concerns over some of the activities, monk seals are no longer in a position for us to choose ideal solutions.
- Immunization, deworming, and translocation could do more harm than good for monk seals.
- At least three cycles of translocation are necessary to determine if that effort will be successful so the proposed ten-year plan will not be very helpful.
- NMFS should specifically evaluate the threat of sea level rise in terms of the monk seal. This should include documenting rates and locations of shoreline loss, analyzing impacts of an increase in the number and severity of storms, evaluating natural and human influenced adaptations seals may use to survive, and evaluating mitigation measures that could improve seal survival in these conditions.
- NMFS needs to evaluate the impacts of past and present military activities in the PEIS.
- Attaching instruments and devices to monk seals poses unacceptable risks to seals. The presence of the device on an animal's back no doubt alters its behavior and poses risks such as snagging on fish nets and rock outcroppings. A study should be done to assess what happens to the instruments.

- The goal of the proposed action should be to stop, not just slow, the decline of seals. Other recovery actions than those proposed should be considered and should parallel the critical habitat designation process.
- The PEIS should evaluate critical habitat designation, seal feeding programs, and other Marine Mammal Commission recommendations as tools for slowing the decline of monk seals. Critical habitat designation will not only ensure there are adequate beach and reef areas, but also help with public engagement. Likewise, feeding young monk seals (done in the 1990s) will have immediate, short-term benefits to prevent decline.
- Consider and communicate the part that monk seals play in overall marine health and balancing the ecosystem.
- NMFS should investigate the effects of all the sunscreen and lotion that tourists leave in the water.
- The impacts of dogs and other animals on seals (including associated canine or feral diseases) should be a top priority for NMFS.
- What happens to other species if we erect huge barricades for the seals?
- There need to be other alternatives and contingency plans that respond to changes in the environment. The government is failing at this. Even after designating the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument, the monk seals are still failing and starving.
- Statements asserting that the NWHI is sovereign state land and has been taken away from its citizens to be “managed” by NOAA. Concerns that NMFS is failing to save monk seals despite millions of tax dollars being spent for nothing in return.
- Federal and State support, including law enforcement, is paramount for any of this recovery to be fully successful.
- A Hawaiian practitioner should be present while research activities are being done.
- Model research on lessons learned from other warm water seal extinctions.
- NMFS should build a nursery or aquarium where juveniles can mature. A sanctuary in the NWHI should be developed where monk seals can learn to forage for themselves and not have human distractions.
- NMFS should deal with the monk seal crisis within the NWHI only.

- NMFS should consider hunting sharks in the NWHI.
- Data collection should be as non-intrusive as possible. Techniques such as bleach marks and instruments are unnecessary and causing harm.
- Reactivate the Midway facilities, or some place that is already there, as research facilities for breeding, rearing, and feeding monk seals to improve their survival.
- Biannual counts of seals are not necessary because a spot check does not really provide useful information.
- Data that NOAA should consider/incorporate into the research and enhancement programs for monk seals includes information on:
 - diseases, infections and infection rates;
 - genetic diversity;
 - male mobbing;
 - anthropogenic disturbances;
 - monk seal biology and behavior; and
 - literature and data sources.

2.2.3.2 *Translocations*

- Statements that do not support translocating monk seals to the MHI.
- Statements in support of translocating monk seals to improve survival against predation and starvation in the NWHI. NMFS should include in their translocation plans, steps to discourage human interaction with seals moved from the wild. Comments stating that translocation should start immediately.
- Statements in support of moving injured or malnourished seals to the health care facility being built in Keahole, Kona.
- Statements asserting that translocation helps manage aggressive seals.
- Statements asserting translocation to the MHI and back to the NWHI may increase the potential for disease introduction.
- Stress of travel on weaning pups and the seal family should be evaluated.

- The translocation process must thoroughly be described and evaluated in the PEIS including but not limited to:
 - sex and age of animals to be moved;
 - description of capture and transport;
 - possible release sites; adequacy of health care facilities for seals that may need medical attention;
 - the need for a testing phase to evaluate a larger-scale program;
 - potential value of simultaneous translocation to and from the NWHI;
 - monitoring sites to compare reproductive rates;
 - evaluation of human-seal interactions;
 - steps to prevent illegal shooting of seals;
 - risks of altering sex ratios; and
 - public outreach efforts to develop public cooperation.

- If NMFS proceeds with translocation, local volunteers must be prepared with timely information, professional training about interacting with potentially angry residents, and signage that works.

- Translocating monk seals to the MHI (where populations could reach 400 to 500 seals) is dangerous to our fisheries, visitors, residents, and monk seals because there will increase human-seal interactions. Moving monk seals to areas where there is less chance of interactions makes better sense.

- Moving aggressive male seals to the MHI will be dangerous.

- Comments expressing concerns that translocating seals may be harmful or may alter their natural behavior including foraging habits and interactions with other seals. Translocating seals may break up cohesive family units of seals.

- NMFS needs to address other issues such as ocean debris and starvation rather than relocating monk seal mother and pups to the MHI. This will only cause more problems and increase human-seal interactions.

- Comments stating that NMFS should first test whether translocation works and/or that translocations should be limited to other parts of Hawai'i and not the MHI. NMFS should first test translocating animals from the MHI to the NWHI or trading adult seals from the MHI for juvenile seals in the NWHI.
- Suggestions that each island should have a quota of seals that could be translocated.
- Only aggressive males should be translocated, not pups.
- Monk seals located in Maui should stay on Maui.
- Comments asserting that monk seals should not be translocated to Kaua'i.
- More detail is needed about the translocation plan including locations where NMFS would like to translocate seals and the carrying capacity of these locations.
- Statements expressing concerns about the potential risks to monk seals of the translocation process, especially for pups, and questions about what NMFS will do if seals die during translocation.

2.2.3.3

Behavior Modification

- Behavior modification should be removed from the plan. Wild seals should be kept wild.
- Statements asserting that monk seals have not displayed a tendency to avoid humans.
- Comments in support of behavior modification to help monk seals and humans safe by keeping them separate from each other.
- Behavior modification should not focus on seal behavior but human behavior.
- NMFS should consider human behavior modification around monk seals as well as seal behavior modification.
- More information on behavior modification is needed before making a decision as to whether it is a good idea or not.

- Behavior modification may result in monk seals becoming too dependent on humans. Seals are not meant to be trained and then released back into the wild.
- The PEIS should evaluate the full range of aversive conditioning techniques that could be used without posing undue risk or harm to seals including:
 - the range of situations where aversive conditioning might be needed;
 - steps to ensure the methods will be used consistently;
 - steps to ensure aversive conditioning will only be done by authorized individuals;
 - steps to ensure significant injury or harm to seals does not occur; and
 - public outreach efforts to explain policies related to the use of aversive conditioning.

2.2.3.4

Vaccines

- Statements generally supportive of the vaccination program, specifically citing that vaccination helps prevent diseases and epidemics.
- Statements generally opposed to the vaccination program.
- Statements expressing concern about the safety of the vaccination program, including potential side effects, for example cancer.
- Statements that Hawaiian medicine (*la'au lapa'au*) and practitioners be used instead of modern medicine.
- Statements asking for more details about how the vaccination program will be administered.
- Statements concerning implementation and administration of a monitoring program to assess the effects of the vaccination on both the seals and the environment.
- Statements regarding the costs of the vaccination program to the taxpayer.

2.2.3.5

Deworming

- Statements generally supportive of the deworming program.
- Statements generally opposed to the deworming program.
- Statements requesting that a Hawaiian practitioner be present when the procedure is administered.
- Deworming techniques are intrusive and should be evaluated. Results of ongoing or completed research should be made available to the public.
- Statements expressing concern about the safety of the deworming program, including toxicity of the drugs and potential side effects.
- Statements asking for more details about how the deworming program will be administered, including: application methods, frequency of treatment, relative numbers of animals to receive treatment by age, sex and location, assessment of risk from handling and treatment, potential side effects.
- Statements requesting details of the steps to be taken to ensure that monitoring and treatment methods used on the animals are well designed.
- Deworming treats parasites that could be harmful.
- Statements regarding the costs of the deworming program to the taxpayer.

2.2.4

Inadequate Information

- NMFS should provide more information on the studies to show that the actions NMFS is proposing will best help the seal population.
- More research is necessary before any proposal can be taken seriously.
- The public does not know what NMFS would like to do. The public is not presented with management practices supported by scientific research.
- The public presentation of the PEIS lacks material facts and/or data necessary to properly determine the impact, adverse or otherwise, these actions will have on the environmental and terrestrial life.

2.2.5

Education/Outreach

- Formal outreach should have occurred prior to the official PEIS comment period. Before the next series of public meetings, NMFS should have an

education outreach meeting to provide information on recent scientific findings and allow questions to be answered.

- Additional information should be provided before the next phase in the process and extensive discussions should occur before the Draft PEIS is published.
- There is a need for providing education and information to the public and the varied communities throughout the islands about the monk seal and NOAA's conservation efforts.
- NMFS should develop a "culture of co-existence" as part of their outreach program.
- There need to be public service announcements, brochures, public information meetings, and other media outlets addressing the nature and recovery of monk seals.

2.2.6

NEPA

- There needs to be transparency by the agencies involved and responsiveness to the public.
- When conducting future scoping meetings consider having a minimum number of attendees from each community.
- NMFS needs to be able to answer the question "why is it essential to save the monk seal?" and effectively communicate the information to the public.
- A complete Environmental Impact Survey is lacking and must be conducted.
- The PEIS needs to be modified to make it easier for the general public to visualize the proposed plan's critical habitat areas within the MHI.
- A meeting should have been held on Lāna'i.
- Allow our island representative an opportunity to present along with NMFS at a Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council meeting.
- Allow the public to be part of the solution.
- NMFS should rely on Hawai'i-grown expertise, knowledge, and community connections to ensure that the people of Hawai'i are engaged at every level of decision-making.

2.2.7 *ESA*

- The ESA regulations direct and require recovery activities, for successful programs the people of Hawai'i must support them.
- Under the ESA, you have to demonstrate that the activity truly benefits the animals or the population as a whole.
- The target population goals necessary for de-listing of this critically endangered species may no longer be attainable due to change in ocean production, global sea rise, and change in atoll/near shore carrying capacity. Individual atolls may not have suitable habitat for 100 seals at the NWHI six main breeding sub-populations.
- Any human neglectful actions should be dealt with swiftly, publicly, and heavily – enforce penalty.

2.2.8 *Permits*

- Take permits allow invasive research techniques.
- The permit process is too long and should be streamlined and expedited.

2.2.9 *Data*

- NMFS already has existing data that need to be analyzed. NMFS research data should be made available to the public.

2.2.10 *Socioeconomics*

- The cost of recovery (as outlined in the 2007 Recovery Plan) is unjustifiable and unaffordable (in today's economy).
- Statements expressing concern over possible future restrictions to ocean areas and resources as a result of relocation to MHI.
- Statements regarding economic opportunities created by monk seals, for example seal-based tourism.
- Statements expressing concern about possible economic impacts to retail fish businesses that sell reef fish.

2.2.11 *Human-Seal Interactions*

- Statements that monk seals are not dangerous to humans.
- Statements regarding threats to humans from monk seals, including accounts of humans being attacked by monk seals.
- Statements regarding the number of human-seal interactions due to interactions with fisheries, marine debris, boats, and divers, etc.
- Statements regarding increasing resource conflicts between humans and monk seals, specifically as a result of relocation to MHI.
- Bringing the monk seals to the MHI will also bring the sharks closer to the shore and this will endanger our children when they are swimming thus posing a public safety risk.
- Statements regarding human intrusion/interference with monk seal habitat, for example resting places.
- Statements expressing concern over possible new and stricter rules and regulations to both the general public and subsistence users resulting from human-seal interactions.
- Statements regarding public access to beaches, including calls to shut down public access to monk seal beaches.
- NMFS' directive to not touch, interact, or feed a seal is contrary to the aspect of *'aumakua*.

2.2.12 *Hawaiian Monk Seal Biology*

- Statements regarding the impacts of NMFS research and enhancement programs on the monk seal population.
- Statements regarding the foraging and feeding behaviors of monk seals.
- Statements concerning the reproduction of monk seals.

2.2.13 *Regulatory*

- Requests that NMFS identify the state and federal laws that require compliance resulting from this proposed recovery program.
- Comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

- The federal directive of Environmental Justice must be met.
- Requests to share new information and insights regarding mitigation for monk seals so these measures can be incorporated into any authorizations necessary to be issued. Share directly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office or through the Section 7 consultation process.
- Statements expressing concern that additional regulations and prohibitions will result from the proposed action, especially the alternative addressing translocations to the MHI.
- An increased monk seal population will result in more roped off areas, more restrictions, and closures.
- Local leaders need a thorough education of the NEPA process, ESA, and MMPA.

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Unclassified

- Anecdotal comments proving generalized background information about the history, environment and local customs of Hawai'i and its residents but that do not directly address the proposed action.
- Non-informational statements that do not directly address aspects of the proposed action.
- Given the statistics of growth, and the split between the MHI and NWHI, it is clear these animals are not extinct. None of NMFS' proactive programs are needed and monk seals have nothing to gain from humans.
- References provided for NMFS to consider in preparation of the PEIS.
- *Pono* is a spiritual food source.
- Consider asking NPS to be a cooperating agency.
- NMFS' handouts are contradictory regarding human interactions.
- Ocean dead zones may be causing decline.
- False killer whales and shark culling must be considered in cumulative effects analysis.
- Volunteers should be given a badge of authority; a way to show they are NMFS volunteers.

- A short film should be made about the monk seals and should be shown on all incoming flights to the Hawaiian Islands.
- Concerns that this action is linked to the proposed expansion of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.
- NMFS is causing a serious social conflict on this island [Kaua'i].

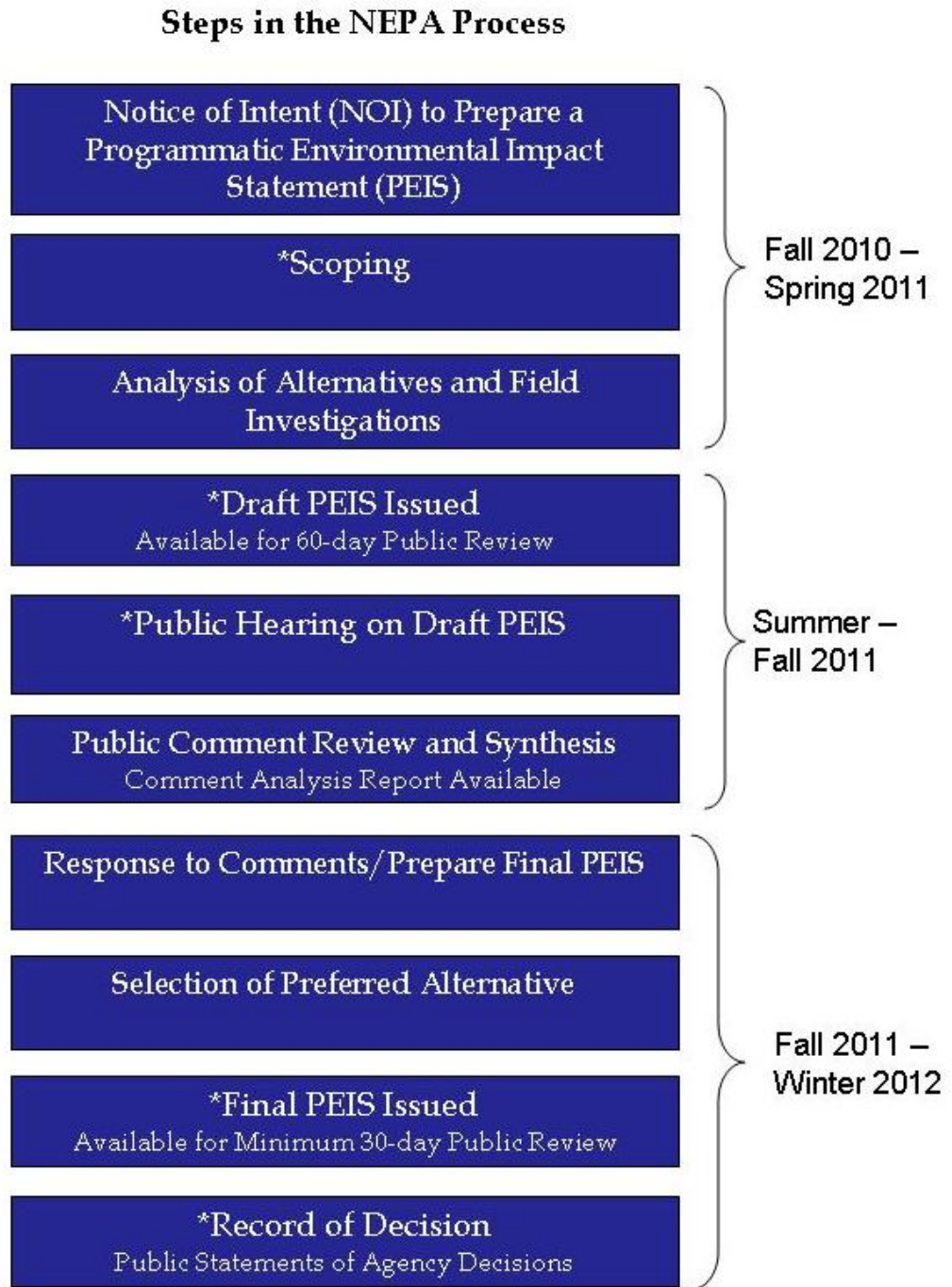
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SUMMARY OF FUTURE STEPS IN THE PEIS PROCESS

As stated previously, scoping is the first step in the NEPA process in preparation of the PEIS. Figure 3-1 illustrates the remaining steps to complete the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS.

A PEIS is a broad environmental evaluation that examines a program, such as Hawaiian monk seal research and enhancement (recovery) actions, on a large scale. This approach will allow NMFS to be adaptable to changing environmental conditions that may further threaten monk seal survival. The PEIS will analyze the overall program to implement research and enhancement activities over the next 5 to 10 years. The PEIS will evaluate the potential impacts of monk seal research and enhancement activities on the environment including physical, biological, and socioeconomic resources.

Figure 3-1. Steps in the NEPA Process



* indicates steps where there is an opportunity to provide public input

3.1 DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

NEPA requires an explanation for the purpose and need to which NMFS is responding in proposing the research alternatives. The purpose and need was presented during the scoping period and presented at the scoping meetings.

The purpose of the proposed action follows the goal of the Hawaiian Monk Seal 2007 Recovery Plan to assure the long-term viability of monk seals in the wild, allowing initially for reclassification to threatened status and, ultimately, removal from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

The need for the monk seal research and enhancement program is rooted in fundamental biological and ecological factors that are now limiting the population. The monk seal population has experienced a prolonged decline, and currently only about 1,200 monk seals remain. Numerous threats to the survival of monk seals are identified in the Recovery Plan.

3.2 ***DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT***

A description of the affected environment is necessary in order to establish a baseline in which to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and a reasonable range of alternatives. The description of the affected environment will be included in the PEIS and include a summary of existing scientific data available on all potentially effected resources. This step is in progress.

3.3 ***FORMULATION OF ALTERNATIVES***

Preliminary alternatives were developed for presentation to agencies and the public during scoping. These alternatives include distinct choices of various research and enhancement activities that meet the purpose and need. With pertinent input solicited during scoping, the project team will further develop a reasonable range of alternatives to bring forward for analysis in the Draft PEIS. Alternatives eliminated from further consideration and not brought forward for formal analysis in the Draft PEIS will be identified, along with justification for elimination. This step began in December 2010 and will continue through January 2011.

3.4 ***ANALYZING THE EFFECTS OF THE ALTERNATIVES***

After the alternatives have been developed and finalized, the potential effects of each alternative will be analyzed. This process is anticipated to begin in January 2011 and results will be presented in the Draft PEIS.

3.5 ***WRITE AND PUBLISH THE DRAFT PEIS***

The results of the previous steps will be assembled in a Draft PEIS that will be published for a 60-day public review period. NMFS will publish a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*, which will identify the timing of the review period, time and location of public hearings on the Draft PEIS, and the deadlines

for submitting comments on the Draft PEIS. The project website will be updated and a project newsletter will be developed and distributed that also includes this information. Those who are on the mailing list will receive email notification of the availability of the Draft PEIS and newsletter. NMFS anticipates publishing the Draft PEIS and holding public meetings during the summer/fall of 2011.

3.6 *ISSUING THE PROPOSED FINAL PEIS*

NMFS will analyze and respond to substantive comments received in response to the Draft PEIS. These comments and responses will be assimilated and published in a Comment Analysis Report. NMFS may make changes to the PEIS reflecting comments received. NMFS will select a preferred alternative and present this to the public in the Final PEIS. The document will be published and public notices of the document's availability will be made. This step in the process also includes a 30-day protest period. NMFS anticipates the Final PEIS will be published in winter 2011/2012.

4.0 *CONTACTS*

For further information regarding this Scoping Report, or other aspects of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS, please use the following contact information:

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NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
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<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/Hawaiianmonkseal.htm>

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Scoping Comment Period
Extension*

Dated: September 24, 2010.

Susan H. Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Antidumping and Countervailing Duty
Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China; Recruitment Reopened for Additional Applications

AGENCY: International Trade
Administration, Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The recruitment has reopened and the deadline for additional applications is extended to September 29, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all additional applications after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Companies who have already applied do not need to reapply.

Contacts

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Implementing Recovery Actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement; announcement of public
scoping period; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces its
intent to prepare a Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)
to analyze the environmental impacts of
implementing specific management
actions and administering the associated
research and enhancement program for
Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus
schauinslandi*) in the Northwestern and
Main Hawaiian Islands. Publication of
this notice begins the official public
scoping process that will help identify
alternatives and determine the scope of
environmental issues to be considered
in the PEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written statements and
questions regarding the public scoping
process must be postmarked by
November 15, 2010. To be included on
a mailing list and receive newsletters
and copies of the Draft and Final PEIS,
please send mailing address and/or
email address to Jeff Walters, Hawaiian
Monk Seal Recovery Coordinator,
Protected Resources Division, NOAA
NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office,
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110,
Honolulu, HI 96814. Comments on this
notice and the scoping process for this
action may be submitted by:

- Mail: 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.
- Scoping Meetings: Oral and written
comments will be accepted during the
upcoming scoping meetings. See
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, SCOPING
MEETINGS** (below) for dates and
locations of public scoping meetings for
this issue.
- Email: monkseal@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff
Walters, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional
Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, or via the
following email address:
monkseal@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is
the Federal agency responsible for

management of Hawaiian monk seals,
under the Endangered Species Act
(ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the
Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA;
16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). NMFS funds and
conducts research and enhancement
activities on Hawaiian monk seals in the
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)
and Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). In
1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals
as “endangered” under the ESA and
“depleted” under the MMPA. As
required under section 4 of the ESA,
NMFS published a Recovery Plan for
the species in 1983, which was revised
in 2007. The funds administered by
NMFS to implement recovery actions,
including research and enhancement,
have been designated by Congress and
allocated within NMFS’ annual budgets
for the purpose of promoting Hawaiian
monk seal recovery. The intent of this
PEIS is to evaluate, in compliance with
the National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the
potential direct, indirect, and
cumulative impacts on the human
environment of the alternative
approaches to implementing recovery
actions, including research and
enhancement activities, under the
Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.

Background

The Hawaiian monk seals’ population
has experienced a prolonged decline
and currently only approximately 1,200
monk seals remain. Numerous threats to
the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are
identified in the Hawaiian monk seal
Recovery Plan. In the NWHI, young
seals are starving, pups are being killed
by sharks, seals are getting entangled in
marine debris, and sea level rise
threatens terrestrial habitats. Low
juvenile survival over the past two
decades is the primary cause of the
population’s decline. There is
insufficient recruitment into the
breeding population, and the population
decline will likely continue without
intervention. Enhancement activities,
including but not limited to
translocating seals from areas of lower
to higher survival probability, are being
considered to improve juvenile survival
and the overall health of the population.

The purpose of implementing
recovery activities for Hawaiian monk
seals is to promote the recovery of the
species population to levels at which
ESA protection is no longer needed.
Research, enhancement, and
management activities on Hawaiian
monk seals considered in this PEIS are
funded, undertaken, and permitted by
NMFS, which are federal actions
requiring NEPA compliance. The need
for this action is rooted in fundamental

biological and ecological factors that are now limiting the population. As part of this action, NMFS is developing measures that will help identify factors limiting the population, minimize human-induced impacts and other factors affecting survival, promote recovery, prevent harm, and avoid jeopardy or continued disadvantage to the species. Research and monitoring will continue to play a key role in determining whether enhancement activities achieve their desired outcomes.

NMFS administers funds that have been designated by Congress and allocated within NMFS' annual budget for the purpose of implementing recovery actions on Hawaiian monk seals. Using these funds, NMFS implements various management, research, and enhancement activities for recovery of the species. This PEIS would satisfy the NEPA compliance requirements for funding and undertaking recovery actions for Hawaiian monk seals, including the subset of actions requiring MMPA and ESA permits.

The purposes of the ESA, as described in section 2, are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which threatened and endangered species may depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such threatened and endangered species, and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of the treaties and conventions set forth in section 2(a) of the ESA.

Proposed Action and Possible Alternatives

This notice initiates a public scoping period that will help determine the structure of each alternative considered in the PEIS. NMFS has identified the proposed action and several other alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. The final scope and structure of the alternatives will reflect the combined input from the public, research institutions, affected State and Federal agencies, and NMFS administrative and research offices. The number and structure of the alternatives that are analyzed in the PEIS will be determined at a later date. Themes to include in the range of potential alternatives are presented here to provide a framework for public comments:

- **No Action Alternative:** Under this alternative, currently permitted research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals would continue until expiration of the permit in 2014 (NMFS ESA-MMPA Permit No. 10137-04 issued to the NMFS Pacific Islands

Fisheries Science Center). Recovery Plan actions authorized by this permit would not be implemented beyond 2014. Currently, the existing research and enhancement activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Population assessment (e.g., counting, resighting, marking for identification, flipper tags);
2. Health and disease studies (e.g., tissue sampling, morphometric measurements);
3. Foraging studies (e.g., telemetry, scat collection);
4. De-worming research (e.g., fecal samples, testing anti-parasite treatments);
5. Translocation of weaned pups within the NWHI to improve juvenile survival;
6. Mitigation of fishery interactions (e.g., disentanglement, removal of fishing hooks); and
7. Mitigation of adult male aggression (e.g., removal and relocation of aggressive males).

- **Status Quo Alternative:** The Status Quo Alternative would consist of the existing types and scope of management, research and enhancement activities (including those identified in the No Action Alternative). New permits would be issued to maintain the current levels of research and enhancement activities. Existing management activities include but are not limited to protecting seals that haul out on recreational beaches and creating effective outreach messages, brochures, signs and volunteer programs to minimize human disturbance and other adverse impacts.

- **Enhanced Implementation Alternative (Proposed Action):** The Proposed Action would result in implementation and continuation of activities identified in the Status Quo, as well as additional activities to achieve more comprehensive Recovery Plan implementation. These additional activities would include, but are not limited to:

1. Vaccination studies (including potential vaccination);
2. Aversive conditioning (e.g., the development of tools to modify undesirable seal behavior including interactions with humans or domestic animals);
3. Archipelago-wide translocation to improve juvenile survival; and
4. De-worming.

The PEIS will assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the alternative approaches for funding, undertaking, and permitting the management, research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals as well as other

components of the marine ecosystem and human environment. Anyone having relevant information they believe NMFS should consider in its analysis should provide a description of that information along with complete citations for supporting documents.

Public Involvement

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in a PEIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. A principal objective of the scoping and public involvement process is to identify a range of reasonable management alternatives that will delineate critical issues and provide a clear basis for distinguishing among those alternatives and selecting a preferred alternative. Through this notice, we are notifying the public that a NEPA analysis and decision-making process for this proposed action has been initiated so that interested or affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision. NMFS will ask for additional public comments once the Draft PEIS is prepared and available. For additional information about Hawaiian monk seals and the PEIS process, please visit our website at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>. NMFS estimates the Draft PEIS will be available in late spring 2011.

Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

1. Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 5:30 — 8:30 p.m., Central Union Church, 1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, O'ahu;
2. Thursday, October 21, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Mokuapapa Discovery Center, 308 Kamehameha Avenue, Suite 109, Hilo, Hawai'i;
3. Monday, October 25, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., NOAA Sanctuaries New Community Learning Center, 726 South Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui;
4. Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Hale Mahaolu Home Pumehana, 290 Kolapa Place, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i; and
5. Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Wilcox Elementary School, 4319 Hardy Street, Lihue, Kaua'i.

Comments will be accepted at these meetings as well as during the scoping period, and can be submitted to NMFS by November 15, 2010 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). We request that you include in your comments: (1) Your name, address, and affiliation (if any); and (2) Any background documents to

support your comments as you think necessary.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rachel Sprague, (808) 944-2200 (phone) or (808) 973-2941 (fax), at least 5 days before the scheduled meeting date.

Dated: September 22, 2010.

Eric C. Schwaab,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-838]

Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce ("the Department") has determined that imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube ("copper pipe and tube") from Mexico are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are listed in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang or George McMahon, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1168 or (202) 482-1167, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 12, 2010, the Department published in the *Federal Register* its preliminary determination on copper pipe and tube from Mexico. See *Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 75 FR 26726 (May 12,

2010) ("*Preliminary Determination*").¹

We selected the following companies for individual examination: IUSA S.A. de C.V. ("IUSA") and Nacional de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. ("Nacobre").

See *Preliminary Determination*, 75 FR at 26726.

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we conducted sales and cost verifications of the questionnaire responses submitted by IUSA and Nacobre. We used standard verification procedures, including examination of relevant accounting and production records, as well as original source documents provided by IUSA and Nacobre.² All verification reports are on file and available in the Central Records Unit ("CRU"), Room 7046, of the main Department of Commerce building.

On July 23, 2010 and July 26, 2010, respectively, IUSA and Nacobre, submitted sales and cost databases with revisions that reflect the minor corrections presented during their respective verifications.³ IUSA, Nacobre, and the petitioners⁴ filed their case briefs with the Department on August 4, 2010, and rebuttal briefs on August 10, 2010. At the petitioners' request, we held a hearing on August 12, 2010.

We used IUSA's July 23, 2010, and Nacobre's July 26, 2010, sales and cost databases to calculate IUSA's and Nacobre's antidumping duty margin. No parties have objected to the use of these databases.

On September 13, 2010, the Department placed a memorandum on the record of this case regarding a recent

¹ On May 28, 2010, the Department also published in the *Federal Register*, *Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Correction to Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value 75 FR 29990 (May 28, 2010) and Postponement of Final Determination* to correct the Scope section of the *Preliminary Determination*.

² See Memorandum to the File titled "Verification of the Sales Response of IUSA S.A. de C.V. ("IUSA") and its affiliates ("IUSA") in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico, dated July 21, 2010" "Verification of the Cost Response of IUSA, S.A. de C.V. in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico, dated July 19, 2010" "Verification of the Sales Response of Nacobre, S.A. de C.V. and its affiliates ("Nacobre") in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico," dated July 21, 2010, and "Verification of the Cost Response of Nacobre, S.A. de C.V. and its affiliates ("Nacobre") in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico," dated July 22, 2010.

³ See IUSA's July 23, 2010, and Nacobre's July 26, 2010, submission of the sales and cost databases.

⁴ The petitioners in this investigation are Cerro Flow Products, Inc., KobeWieland Copper Products, LLC, Mueller Copper Tube Products, Inc., and Mueller Copper Tube Company, Inc. (collectively, "petitioners").

ex parte meeting in which Francisco J. Sánchez, Under Secretary for International Trade Administration met with Mr. Carlos Peralta, President and Director General of IUSA. The Department invited interested parties to comment on this memorandum by September 17, 2010; however, no comments were received.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation ("POI") is July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. This period corresponds to the four most recent fiscal quarters prior to the month of the filing of the petition. See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1).

Scope of Investigation

For the purpose of this investigation, the products covered are all seamless circular refined copper pipes and tubes, including redraw hollows, greater than or equal to 6 inches (152.4 mm) in length and measuring less than 12.130 inches (308.102 mm) (actual) in outside diameter ("OD"), regardless of wall thickness, bore (*e.g.*, smooth, enhanced with inner grooves or ridges), manufacturing process (*e.g.*, hot finished, cold-drawn, annealed), outer surface (*e.g.*, plain or enhanced with grooves, ridges, fins, or gills), end finish (*e.g.*, plain end, swaged end, flared end, expanded end, crimped end, threaded), coating (*e.g.*, plastic, paint), insulation, attachments (*e.g.*, plain, capped, plugged, with compression or other fitting), or physical configuration (*e.g.*, straight, coiled, bent, wound on spools).

The scope of this investigation covers, but is not limited to, seamless refined copper pipe and tube produced or comparable to the American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") ASTM-B42, ASTM-B68, ASTM-B75, ASTM-B88, ASTM-B88M, ASTM-B188, ASTM-B251, ASTM-B251M, ASTM-B280, ASTM-B302, ASTM-B306, ASTM-359, ASTM-B743, ASTM-B819, and ASTM-B903 specifications and meeting the physical parameters described therein. Also included within the scope of this investigation are all sets of covered products, including "line sets" of seamless refined copper tubes (with or without fittings or insulation) suitable for connecting an outdoor air conditioner or heat pump to an indoor evaporator unit. The phrase "all sets of covered products" denotes any combination of items put up for sale that is comprised of merchandise subject to the scope.

"Refined copper" is defined as: (1) Metal containing at least 99.85 percent by weight of copper; or (2) metal containing at least 97.5 percent by weight of copper, provided that the

due to space limitations via webcast only—and will be streamed live on the BBG's public Web site at <http://www.bbg.gov>. The meeting will also be made available on the BBG's public Web site for on-demand viewing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Paul Kollmer-Dorsey at (202) 203-4545.

Paul Kollmer-Dorsey,
Deputy General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 64-2010]

Foreign-Trade Zone 78—Nashville, TN; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, grantee of FTZ 78, requesting authority to expand FTZ 78 to include sites in La Vergne, Clarksville and Gallatin, Tennessee. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on November 5, 2010.

FTZ 78 was approved by the Board on April 2, 1982 (Board Order 190, 47 FR 16191, 4/15/82) and expanded on February 18, 1999 (Board Order 1024, 64 FR 9472, 2/26/1999), October 24, 2000 (Board Order 1124, 65 FR 66231, 11/03/2000), and September 30, 2002 (Board Order 1249, 67 FR 62697, 10/08/2002). The current zone project includes the following sites: *Site 1* (1.2 acres)—General-Warehousing Space, 750 Cowan Street, Nashville; *Site 2* (57.0 acres)—Cockrill Bend Industrial Park, 7355 Cockrill Bend Boulevard, Nashville; *Site 3* (9.2 acres)—Irish Express Way Logistics, 323 Mason Road, La Vergne; *Site 4* (39 acres)—Space Park North Industrial Park, 1000 Cartwright Street, Goodlettsville; *Site 5* (19 acres)—Old Stone Bridge Industrial Park, Old Stone Bridge, Goodlettsville; *Site 6* (806 acres)—Nashville International Airport, One Terminal Drive, Nashville; and *Site 7* (80 acres)—Eastgate Business Park, 3850 Eastgate Boulevard, Lebanon.

The applicant is requesting authority to expand the zone to include sites in La Vergne, Clarksville and Gallatin, Tennessee: *Proposed Site 8* (55.0 acres)—Ozburn-Hessey Logistics, 300

New Sanford Road, La Vergne; *Proposed Site 9* (1,546.0 acres)—Clarksville Commerce Park, between Highway 79 and Rossview Road on International Boulevard, Clarksville; *Proposed Site 10* (139.0 acres)—River Chase Barge Port, 41A Bypass and Beacon Road, Clarksville; *Proposed Site 11* (500.0 acres)—Nyrstar Company, 1800 Zinc Plant Road, Clarksville; and *Proposed Site 12* (451.0 acres)—Gallatin Industrial Center, Airport Road and Gateway Drive, Gallatin. The sites will provide warehousing and distribution services to area businesses. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Maureen Hinman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 11, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 26, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

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Dated: November 5, 2010.

Andrew McGilvray,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Implementing Recovery Actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; extension of public scoping period; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On October 1, 2010, NMFS published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on Recovery Actions for Hawaiian monk seals (75 FR 60721). Public comments were due by November 15, 2010. NMFS has decided to allow additional time for submission of public comments on this action.

DATES: The public comment period for this action has been extended 15 days. Written comments must be received or postmarked by November 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Notice of Intent and the scoping process for this action may be submitted by:

- *Mail:* National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Office, Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814; or

- *E-mail:* monkseal@noaa.gov.

To be included on a mailing list and receive newsletters and copies of the Draft and Final PEIS, please send your mailing address and/or e-mail address to Jeff Walters, Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Coordinator, Protected Resources Division, NOAA NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, or via the following e-mail address: monkseal@noaa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Intent, published on October 1, 2010, is available upon request and can be found on the following Web site: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>.

The PEIS will assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the alternative approaches for funding, undertaking,

and permitting the management, research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals as well as other components of the marine ecosystem and human environment. Anyone having relevant information they believe NMFS should consider in its analysis should provide a description of that information along with complete citations for supporting documents.

NMFS has provided a potential proposed action and several other alternative actions in the October 1, 2010 Notice of Intent. The final scope and structure of the alternatives, to be determined at a later date, will reflect the combined input from the public, research institutions, affected State and Federal agencies, and NMFS administrative and research offices. A principal objective of the scoping and public involvement process is to determine a range of reasonable management alternatives that will identify critical issues, and provide a clear basis for distinguishing among those alternatives and selecting a preferred alternative.

Comments will be accepted during the scoping period through November 30, 2010. We request that you include in your comments: (1) Your name, address, and affiliation (if any); and (2) Any relevant background documents to support your comments.

Dated: November 5, 2010.

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Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate and notice of availability of final findings.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Management Program and the Jobos Bay (Puerto Rico), Rookery Bay (Florida), and Chesapeake

Bay (Maryland) National Estuarine Research Reserves.

The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L. The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of a Coastal Management Program requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Coastal Management Program document approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart E and part 923, subpart L. Evaluation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visits.

Dates and Times: The Louisiana Coastal Resources Management Program evaluation site visit will be held January 3–7, 2011. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Griffon Room, LaSalle Building, Capitol Complex, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Jobos Bay (Puerto Rico) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held January 24–28, 2011. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 5 p.m. at the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitors' Center, Road 705, Kilometer 2.3, Main Street, Aguirre, Puerto Rico.

The Rookery Bay (Florida) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held January 24–28, 2011. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road, Naples, Florida.

The Chesapeake Bay (Maryland) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held January 24–28, 2011. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the McCann Center, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, 1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian Maryland.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the state, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting held for a Program. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Kate.Barba@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Rhode Island Coastal Management Program (CMP) and the Tijuana River (California), Padilla Bay (Washington), and North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The State of Rhode Island was found to be implementing and enforcing its federally approved coastal management program, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of its financial assistance awards. The Tijuana River, Padilla Bay, and North Carolina NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal

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Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

This newsletter is the first in a series of four newsletters regarding the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). It is being mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; elected and appointed officials; Native Hawaiian groups; other interested organizations; and individual citizens within or adjacent to the project area to inform people about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and to request scoping comments. This and subsequent newsletters can be found on the project website: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>. The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to participate in the public scoping comment process and provide some background information on the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS.

Scoping Meetings Announced

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Office is preparing a PEIS to assess the impacts of implementing specific management actions and administering a research and enhancement program to improve survival of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) in the Northwestern and Main Hawaiian Islands.

Publication of the Notice of Intent was published in the *Federal Register* on October 1, 2010, which began the official 45-day scoping period for this PEIS. Scoping is a part of the NEPA process that invites affected and interested people, agencies, and groups to help:

- identify concerns about the proposed action;
- define a range of alternatives;
- determine and define the scope of issues to be examined;
- identify other environmental and consultation requirements;
- identify related environmental documents being prepared; and
- identify potentially interested parties.

The scoping comment deadline is November 15, 2010.



In the News

What is NEPA?

NEPA requires federal agencies (such as NMFS) to consider and disclose the potential consequences of its decisions on the human environment before deciding to proceed with a proposed action.

A range of reasonable alternatives, including an alternative considering no action as required by NEPA, will be developed and analyzed in the PEIS. The alternatives must address the requirements of NEPA as well as the legal, regulatory, and budgetary parameters that govern the research and enhancement (for example, the Endangered Species Act [ESA]). Through scoping and subsequent discussions, the public will assist in developing the alternatives to be addressed in the PEIS process.

The potential impacts of the alternatives will be assessed and the results of the analyses will be documented in the Draft PEIS, which the public will have an opportunity to review. Comments on the Draft PEIS received from agencies and the public will be considered and incorporated, as applicable, into the Final PEIS.

During preparation of this PEIS, the public and interested groups and agencies will have an opportunity to:

- understand the requirements for NEPA compliance;
- make recommendations on how recovery activities should be conducted; and
- review decision-making options for management, research and enhancement by NMFS.

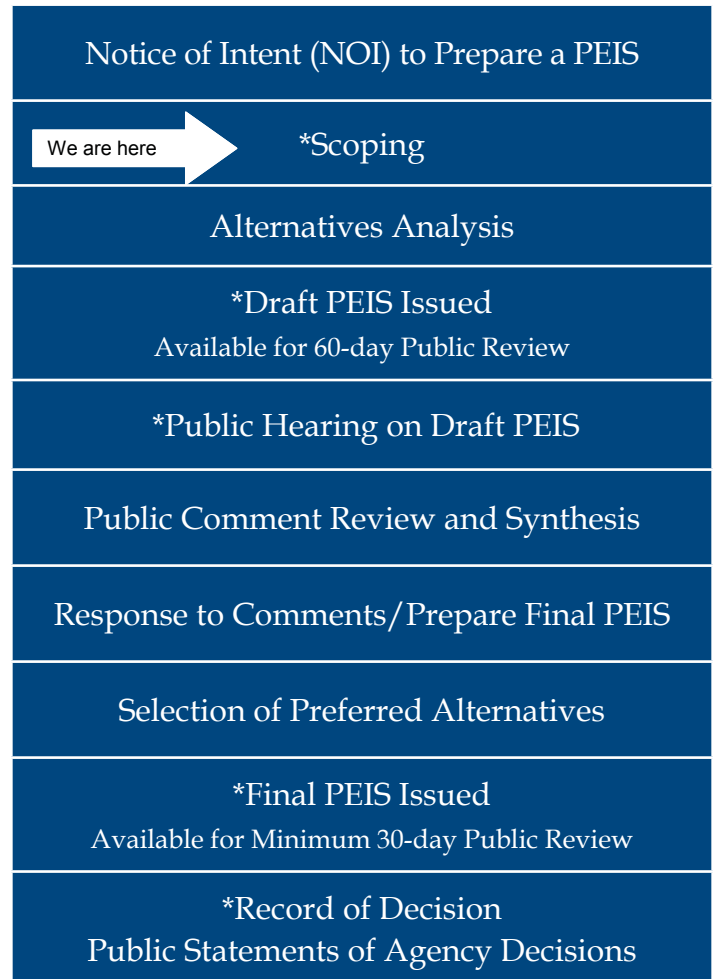
The PEIS process is scheduled for completion in late 2011.

Why is a PEIS needed?

The intent of this PEIS is to evaluate, in compliance with NEPA, the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment of the proposed activities under the Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.



Steps in the NEPA Process



*indicates steps where there is an opportunity to provide public input

Project Description

NMFS is the federal agency responsible for management of Hawaiian monk seals under the ESA and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). NMFS currently funds, authorizes, and conducts research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and Main Hawaiian Islands. In 1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals as “endangered” under the ESA and “depleted” under the MMPA. A Recovery Plan was developed by NMFS for the species in 1983 and revised in 2007. Under this plan, there are funds designated and allocated to NMFS for the purpose of promoting Hawaiian monk seal recovery. NMFS administers these funds, issues permits, and implements recovery actions that include research and enhancement activities (for example, population counts, tagging, and tissue sampling).



Public Scoping Meeting Schedule

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are starving, pups are being killed by sharks, seals are getting entangled in marine debris, and sea level rise threatens terrestrial habitats. Low juvenile survival over the past two decades is the primary cause of the population's decline, and the population decline will likely continue without intervention. Enhancement activities, including but not limited to translocating seals from areas of lower to higher survival, are being considered to improve juvenile survival and the overall health of the population.

A comprehensive research program enables NMFS to recognize, and possibly quantify, factors limiting the population in order to designate appropriate actions to minimize impacts of human-induced activities and other factors affecting Hawaiian monk seal survival. Data and analyses derived from research lead to improved decision-making, and strategic management and enhancement activities that promote population recovery, prevent harm and avoid jeopardy or continued disadvantage to the species. Research and monitoring will continue to play a key role in determining whether enhancement activities achieve their desired outcomes.



Purpose and Need for Management Actions and Research and Enhancement Activities

The purpose of this proposed action is to assure the long-term viability of the Hawaiian monk seals in the wild, allowing initially for reclassification to threatened status and, ultimately, removal from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the ESA. The Hawaiian monk seal population has experienced a prolonged decline and currently only approximately 1,200 monk seals remain.

Numerous threats to the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are identified in the 2007 Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Plan. In the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, young seals

How can I participate in the process?

Public Scoping Meetings

There are several opportunities to participate in the PEIS process. Five public scoping meetings will be held to present information to the public and obtain input. Dates for the public scoping meetings are provided in this newsletter and will be announced in newspapers and the project website at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>.

There will be an open house for the first 30 minutes of each meeting followed with a presentation to describe the project and process. An opportunity for questions, answers, and oral comments will be given after the presentation.

The public scoping comment period will be open until November 15, 2010. Comments may be submitted at the public scoping meetings verbally and/or in writing, or outside of the public scoping meetings by e-mail, fax, or by letter to the address provided at the end of this newsletter.

Your comments are important to us; particularly at this early stage of the process.

Other Ways to Participate

The pre-addressed comment form accompanying this newsletter can be used to submit written comments at any time during the scoping period. Comments received from the public during scoping will be reviewed and incorporated, as applicable, in the PEIS.

Once the Draft PEIS is complete, the document will be released to the public to review for a period of 60 days. During the review period, NMFS will conduct public hearings to accept comments on the Draft PEIS document. Public testimony and written or e-mailed comments will be accepted during this period.

NMFS will maintain a mailing list throughout the process. Newsletters will be distributed to those on the mailing list. If you need additional information about the project, have any questions, or are interested in being added to or removed from the project mailing list please contact Jeff Walters, the NMFS Project Manager for the PEIS by mail or e-mail listed below. Please submit your written comments regarding the PEIS to:

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Pacific Islands Regional Office
Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PEIS
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In 2009, 113 seals were individually identified in the main Hawaiian Islands, based on flipper tag ID numbers or unique natural markings. Including seals that have not been individually identified, NMFS researchers estimate the total number of monk seals in the main Hawaiian Islands is at least 150.

Where do monk seals go to find food?

Monk seals hunt for food outside the immediate shoreline areas, primarily in the region that is 60-300 feet deep. If fishermen are throw-netting or shore-casting, they will likely not be fishing in the area where the monk seals feed. However, monk seals and fishermen do, on rare occasion, use the same areas. This usually happens along the shoreline as seals leave to or return from feeding. Seals have also been known to eat catch from nets, and bait from fishing hooks. When this happens the seals can become a nuisance. Seals may eat fish and bait because they are "opportunistic feeder." This means that they will feed on a food source if it is "easy" for them to get. They learn these habits quickly. Ultimately this behavior is bad for both seals and fishermen.

For more information on Hawaiian monk seals, including recommendations to reduce monk seal interactions with fishing gear, please view the FAQ sheet titled "FAQ: How to prevent seals from getting your fish and bait," available for download at the following website: http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/PRD/prd_hawaiian_monk_seal.html.



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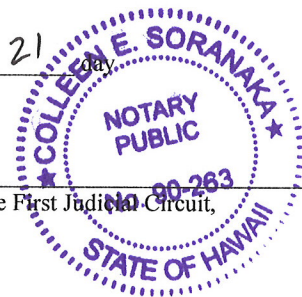
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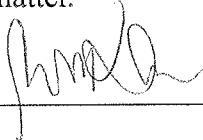
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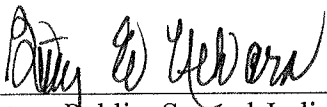
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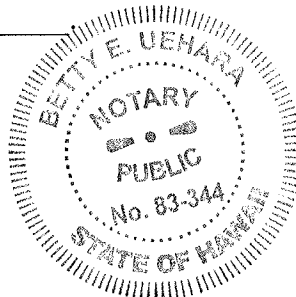
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Thursday, October 21, 2010; 6 pm - 9 pm

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Kaunakakai, Molokai
Hale Mahaolu Home Pumehana
290 Kolapa Place
Tuesday, October 26, 2010; 6 pm - 9 pm

Lihue, Kauai
Wilcox Elementary School
4319 Hardy Street
Wednesday, October 27, 2010; 6 pm - 9 pm

The Notice of Intent was published in the project website at: <http://www.nmfs.gov/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>. Scoping comments should be written and mailed to NMFS Pacific Islands Region, Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions PE Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96819. Email: monkseal@noaa.gov.

THE DEADLINE FOR PROVIDING COMMENTS IS:
NOVEMBER 15, 2010.
(MN: Oct. 11, 18, 2010)



Hiki No. After a half-hour or so of trolling, I look back to see a good sized Mahi doing its dance, and Kamauliola is cheering as he watches it go airborne. The fish turned out to be a stubborn one and did all its tricks, including jumping over ten times and also going down deep. I just took my time and tired it out so it wouldn't go ballistic when it got in the boat. After getting the fish all iced down in the fishbag, he said "we got fish, let's go already." This Bull Mahimahi weighed in at 31.5 lbs!

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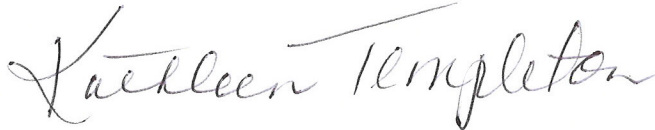
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If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Sales Manager at 808.450.6218.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Templeton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

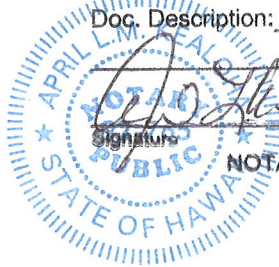
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Kaylen Manoi

Subscribed and sworn to me this 3 day of Nov., 2010.

[Signature]

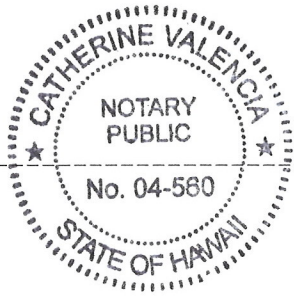
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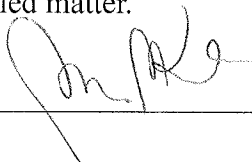
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Extension of Scoping Comment Period

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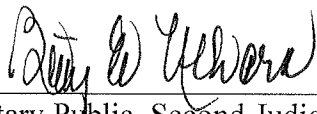
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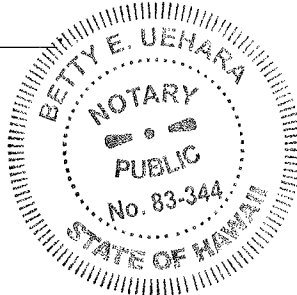
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was subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of
November, 2010, in the Second Circuit of the State of Hawaii,

by Rhonda M. Kurohara



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Circuit, State of Hawaii



BETTY E. UEHARA
My commission expires 09-26-11

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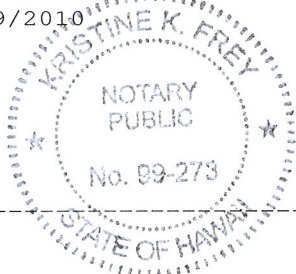
Subscribed and sworn to me this 2 day of Dec., 2010.

Kristine K. Frey

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State of Hawaii)
) SS:
County of Hawaii)

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1. That she is the BUSINESS MANAGER of
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State of Hawaii.

2. That the "National Marine Fisheries Service...for Hawaiian
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_____".

of which a clipping from the newspaper as published is attached hereto, was pub-
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Leilani K.R. Higaki

Subscribed and sworn to before me
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Sharon H. P. Ogata
SHARON H. P. OGATA
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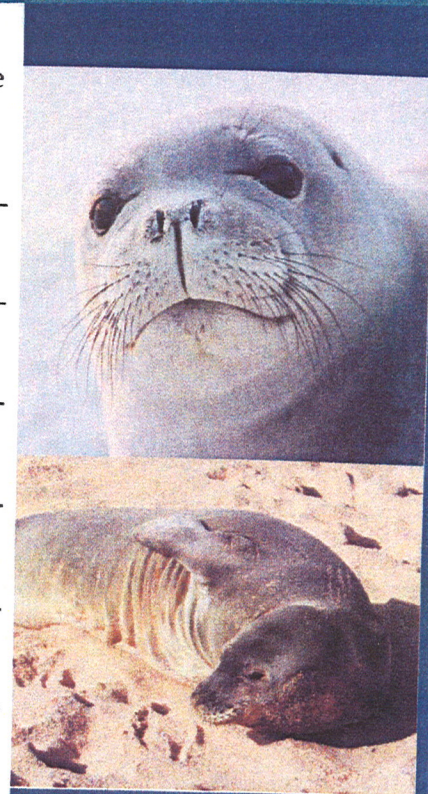
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Sign-In Sheet – Honolulu, O'ahu

October 20, 2010
Central Union Church

Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?

Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Kelly Jean Evans		kellyinparadise@hotmail.com	
Tracy Wurth		tracy twurth@gmail.com	
Jean Higgins		jeanhiggins@noaa.gov	
Barbara + Robert Billand		whalewatcher03@hotmail.com	
Dana Jones		woahwah/NE@gmail.com	
Diane Gabriel		gabriedm@yahoo.com	
JOHN HENDERSON		JRHENDERSON@HAWAIIARR.COM	
Jerry Martin		JERRY@OHA.ORG	NO
Angie Kreutman		angie.kreutman@noaa.gov	NO
Krista Graham		krista-graham@noaa.gov	NO



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Hololulu
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October 20, 2010

Would you
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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Frank Parrish		FRANK.PARRISH@noaa.gov	
Pat Gray		Patrick.Gray@noaa.gov	
Lesley Macpherson		lesleym@hotmail.fr	
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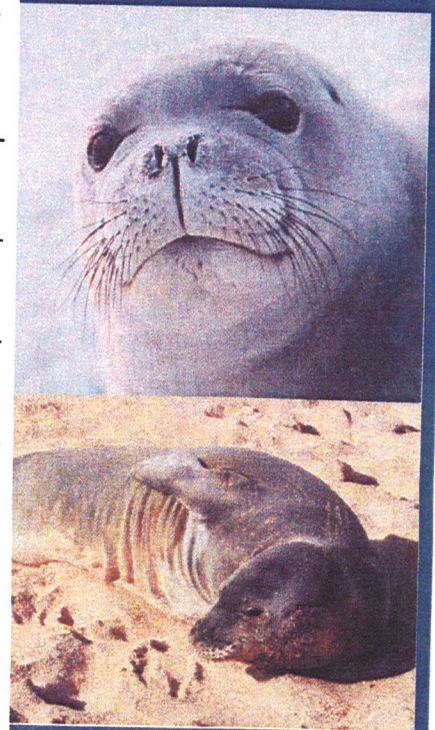
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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Jessica Lopez		Jessica.Lopez@noaa.gov	
Thoa Johannes		tjohannes@hotmail.com	
Colleen Sudzinski		colleenju@gmail.com	
Kathleen Gobush		kathleen.gobush@noa.gov	—
Mark Sullivan		markssulli@gmail.com	
Wendy Maus		wbmaus@gmail.com	—
POOJA VILLARINO (VILLARINO)			—
JEFF PAWLOSKI		jpawloski@sealifeport.hawaii.com	—
Heide Weber		heide.weber@yahoo.com	
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October 20, 2010

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Central Union Church
October 20, 2010

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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Jennifer Schultz		jschultz@hawaii.edu	No
Naomi Yamamoto		naomi.yamamoto@noaa.gov	No
Caitlin Snyder		caitlin_snyder@fws.gov	No
Leona Laniawe		leona - laniawe fws.gov	No
Justin Rivera		justin.rivera@noaa.gov	No
Hoku Johnson		hoku.johnson@noaa.gov	No
Heather Tipton			No
Susan McMahon			No
GEORGE MATSUDA		TRAPDIVER55@yahoo.com	No
Kekoa Park		kbork@hawaii-rr.com	Yes



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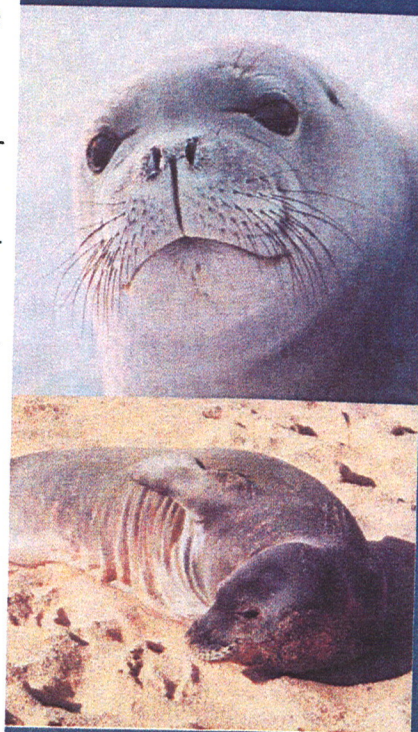
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October 20, 2010

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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
RANDALL PEREZ		randall.perez@hawaii.edu	maybe
Laura McCue		McCue.laura@gmail.com	no
Brenda Becker		brendaleebecker@gmail.com	no
Mark Matsunaga		mark.matsunaga@gmail.com	no
Stacey Stella		joelandstacey3@gmail.com	no
Carl Telling			maybe
Beth Doescher		bdoescher@sealife park hawaii.com	No
Kiana Kauwe		KianaKauwe@gmail.com	no
Colleen Colleen Heyer		colleen808@mac.com	NO
Lisa White		lisa.white@hawaiiantel.net	N



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Honolulu
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October 20, 2010

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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Malia Chm		malia Chm@hawaii.gov	NO.
Paula Hartzell	FWS/PMNM		
DEAN K. OBOSKI		N/A	
James Haas		123456.James@live.com	



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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
Marti Townsend		marti@lealea.org	X
Jean Harris		jean@lealea.org	
Paul Wong		paul.b.wong@noaa.gov	



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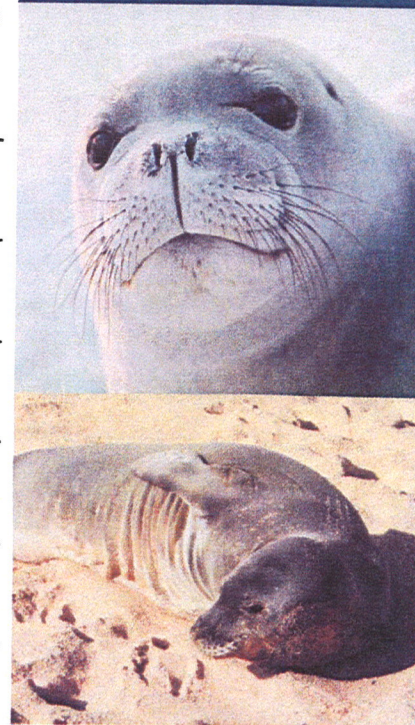
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Sign-In Sheet – Hilo, Hawai'i

October 21, 2010
Mokupapapa Discovery Center

Would you
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Name	Address	Email	Would you like to make verbal comments tonight?
MARY MUSACCHIO		PLUNATIC43@HAWAIIANTL.NET	
CAMILLA DULAC		CAMILLADULAC@GMAIL.COM	?
Manu Aluli Meyer		MANUALULI@HAWAII.EDU	
Luana A. G. Hoff		_____	
JASON TURNER		JPTURNER@HAWAII.EDU	
John Kahiapo		John.N.Kahiapo@hawaii.gov	
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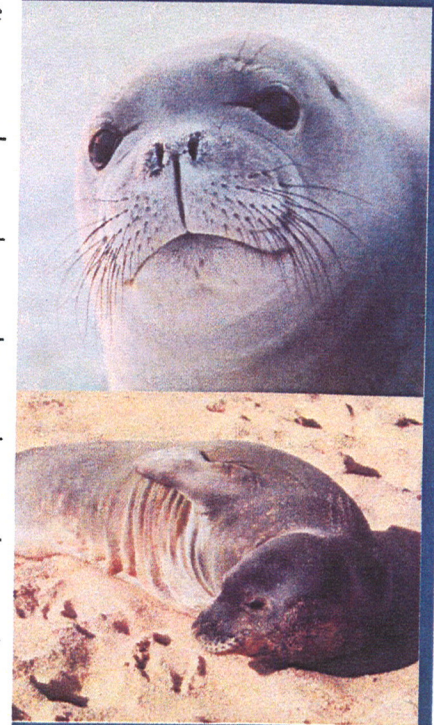
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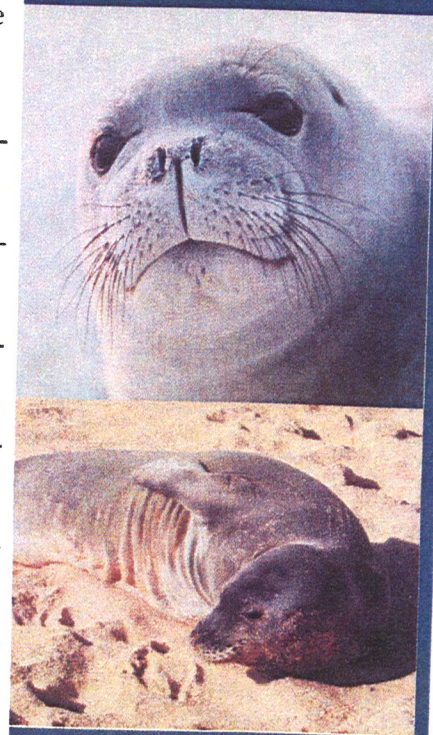
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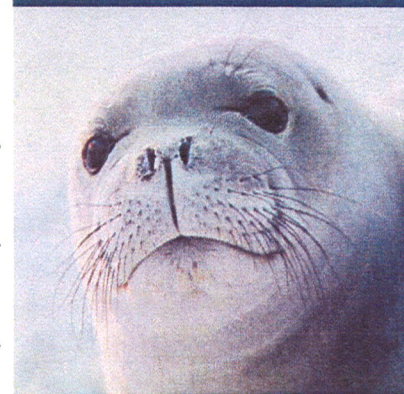
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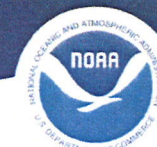
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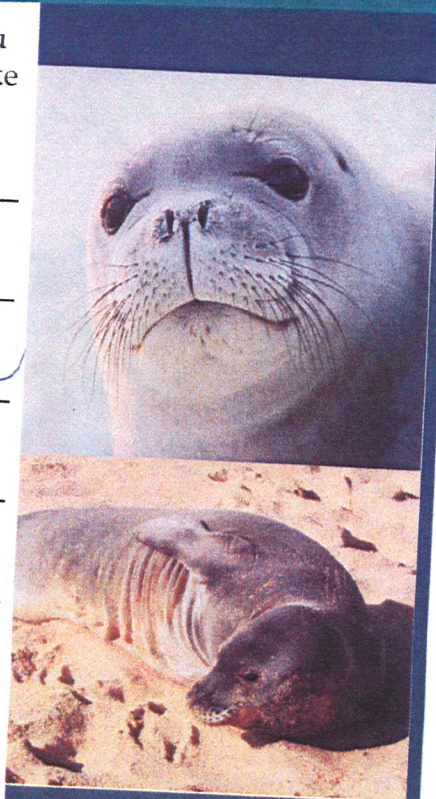


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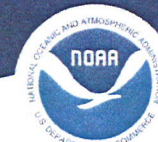
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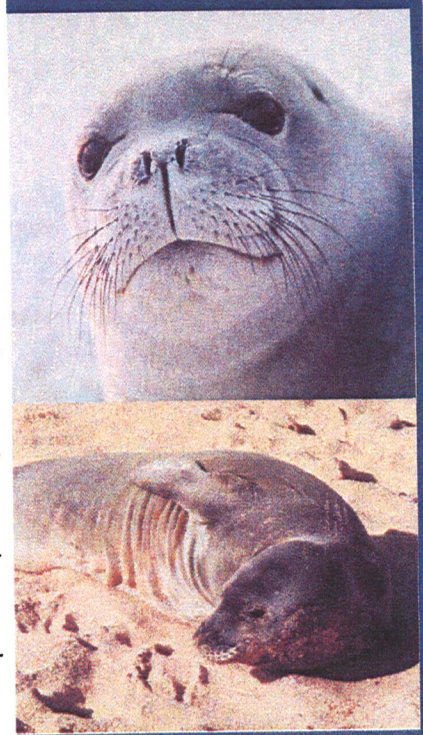
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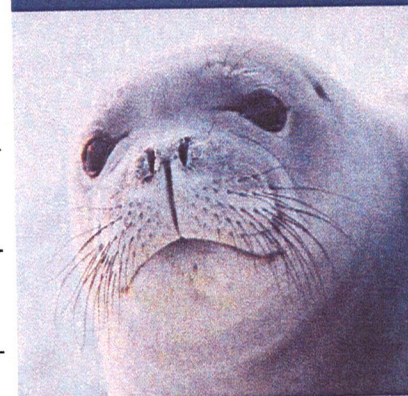
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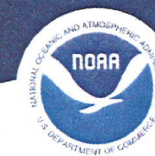
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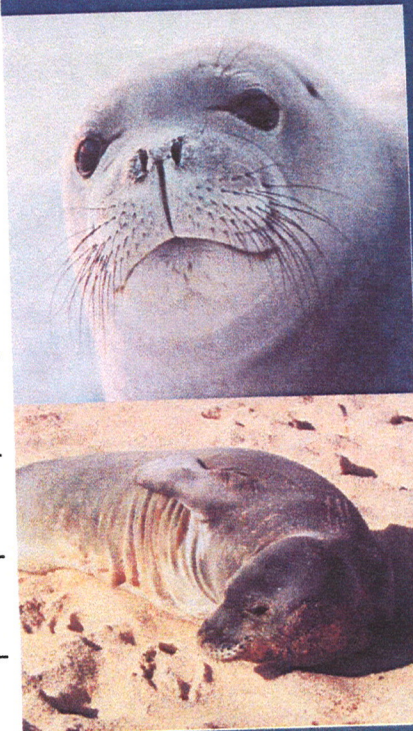


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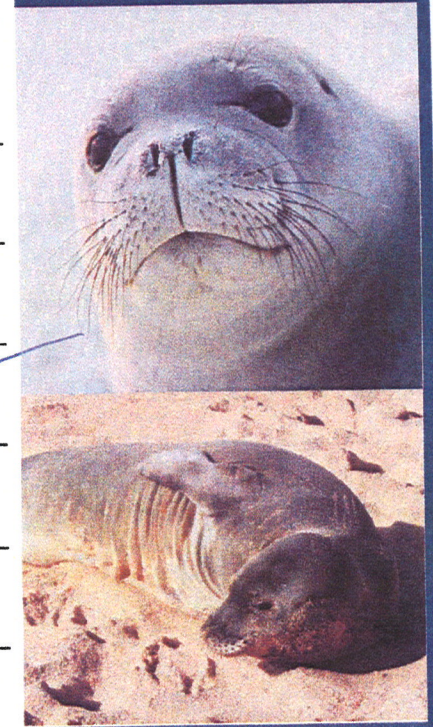
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Joan Kealalo			
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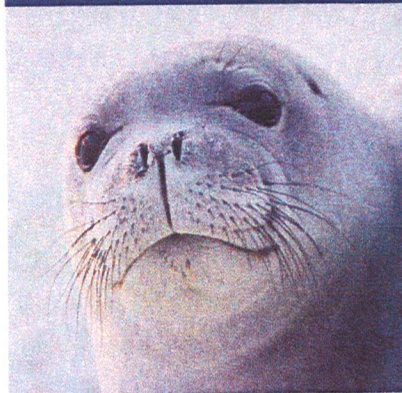
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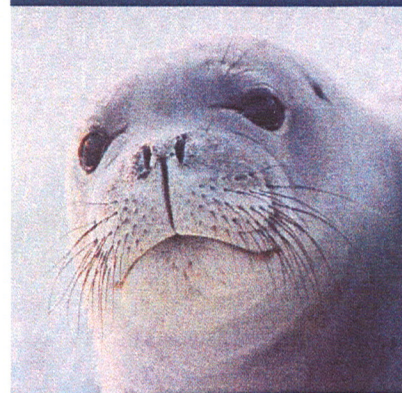
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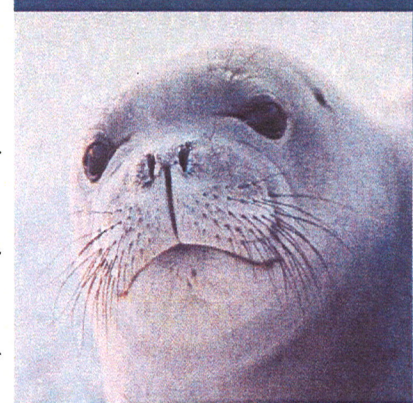
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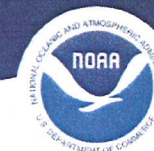
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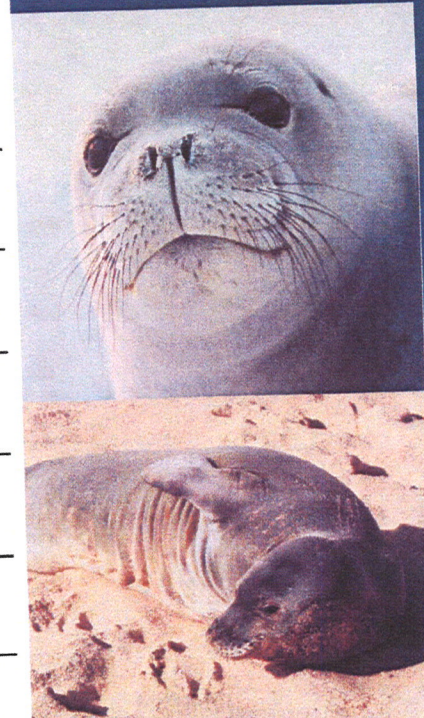


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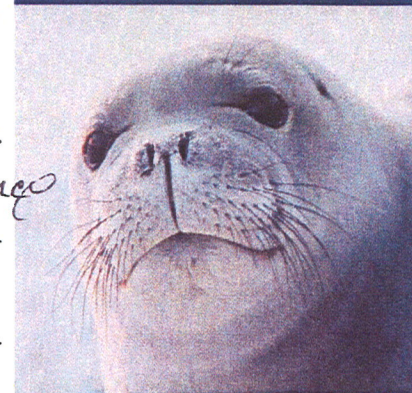
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Scoping Meeting for the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Actions Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Who is NMFS?

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a federal agency that is responsible for protecting and improving survival of Hawaiian monk seals as required by two laws – the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

What is a Hawaiian monk seal?

A Hawaiian monk seal is an endangered species that lives only throughout the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) and the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). Hawaiian monk seals existed for about 10 million years and they are the only warm water tropical seals.

How many Hawaiian monk seals are there and why is the population declining?

Only about 1,100 - 1,200 Hawaiian monk seals remain and the population is declining by 4 percent each year. The population is declining because there is:

- Low juvenile (less than 3 years old) survival due to starvation, shark predation, and entanglement
- Few maturing females, so fewer pups are born
- Low birth rate

What is “Scoping” and what is the purpose of this “Scoping” Meeting?

“Scoping” is the part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process that gives you a chance to share your thoughts, concerns, and comments with NMFS. By sharing this with NMFS, they can know what is specifically important to address when they move onto the next step in the NEPA process.

Objectives of this meeting are:

- Provide information on why Hawaiian monk seals are declining and what NMFS is considering to do about it
- Review the purpose and need for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)
- Identify issues and potential alternatives that should be considered in the PEIS
- Provide an opportunity for public comments on this process

This PEIS...

- WILL NOT result in any new regulations (for example, on fishing or public access)
- WILL NOT result in new closure areas or restrictions
- WILL evaluate the potential effects of proposed activities (such as translocation and vaccinations) on Hawaiian monk seals, other marine mammals, fish, and wildlife, cultural resources, and socioeconomics.



Hawaiian Monk Seal PEIS

What is NMFS proposing to do?

NMFS is proposing research and enhancement activities to help improve Hawaiian monk seal survival so they will no longer be considered endangered. This action requires NMFS to prepare a PEIS.

Why does this need to be done?

Purpose:

- Promote the long-term viability of the Hawaiian monk seals in the wild
- Allow for reclassification to threatened status and, ultimately, removal from listing under the Endangered Species Act

Need:

- To help slow the decline in Hawaiian monk seal populations and supplement the population in the NWHI

Why is NMFS preparing a PEIS?

NMFS is preparing a PEIS to meet the requirements of NEPA. This law requires that when there is a major federal action, the agency making the action must consider and disclose the impacts to the human environment. Issuing funds and/or a permit to do research or enhancement activities on an endangered species is considered a “major federal action.” NMFS is preparing this document to look at a range of activities that could be done to help Hawaiian monk seals increase their total population to a point where they are no longer considered an “endangered species.”

Alternatives

Possible themes that have been identified for alternatives are presented in the table below. The scoping process will help finalize the scope and structure of the alternatives.

	Alternative 1 (No Action; Current Permit Expires in 2014)	Alternative 2 (Status Quo)	Alternative 3 (Enhanced Implementation / Proposed Action)
Research and Enhancement Activities	<p>No new activities authorized after permit expires in 2014.</p> <p><i>(NMFS ESA-MMPA Permit No. 10137-04 issued to NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population assessment (e.g., counting, resighting, marking for identification, flipper tags); • Health and disease studies (e.g., tissue sampling, morphometric measurements); • Foraging studies (e.g., telemetry, scat collection); • De-worming research (e.g., fecal samples, testing anti-parasite treatments); • Translocation of weaned pups within the NWHI to improve juvenile survival; • Mitigation of fishery interactions (e.g., disentanglement, removal of fishing hooks); and • Mitigation of adult male aggression (e.g., removal and relocation of aggressive males). 	<p>Existing and additional activities would include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination studies (including potential vaccination); • De-worming; • Archipelago-wide translocations to improve juvenile survival; and • Behavioral modification (developing aversive conditioning tools to discourage undesirable seal behavior in the MHI, such as interactions with humans or domestic animals).



Behavioral Modification

Why?

- Keep wild seals wild
- Prevent undesirable interactions between seals and people
- Foster a more natural seal/human co-existence

NMFS is considering...

- Strategically moving some recently weaned pups to prevent them from becoming socialized to humans
- Research on how to modify seal behavior
- Developing tools to manage seal behavior

Seal Translocation

Why?

- Improve female survival and bolster NWHI populations
- Maintain natural trend in MHI

Steps in the process (NWHI -> MHI -> NWHI given current trends)

1. Identify female weaned seal pups in NWHI to be moved

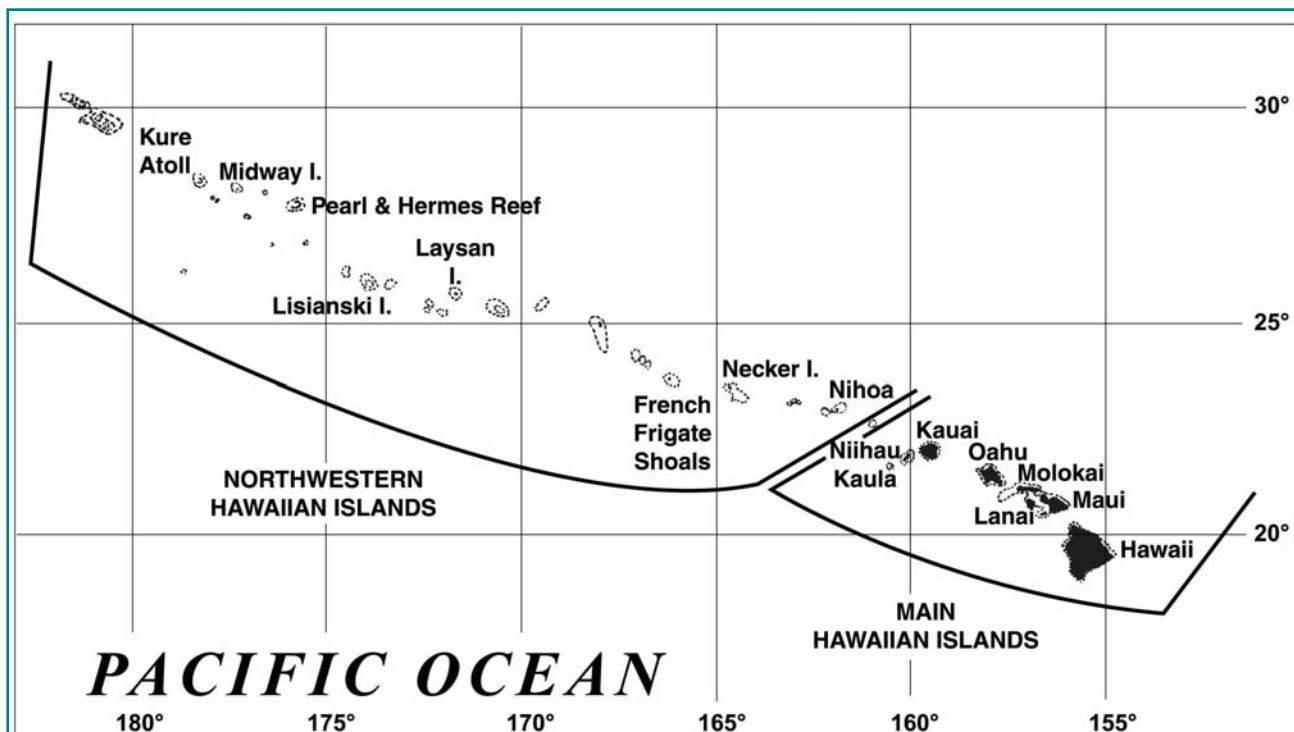
2. Take them to MHI and release amongst wild population
3. Manage and monitor seals while in MHI
4. Return seals to NWHI when 3+ years old
5. Monitor returned seals in NWHI to evaluate program success

Key Points

- Phased-in process – start with small numbers, continue only if successful
- Starting in 2012 – at the earliest

Project Schedule

- Notice of Intent – published October 1, 2010
- Scoping Period – October 1 – November 15, 2010
- Scoping Meetings – October 20 – 29, 2010
- Draft PEIS published – Spring 2011
- Public Comment Period on Draft PEIS (minimum 45-days) – Spring/Summer 2011
- Public Hearings – Summer 2011
- Final PEIS published – Fall 2011
- Record of Decision – Early 2012



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How can I make my comments count?

When making comments, it is helpful to consider some of the following questions and points:

- How do you think research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals would impact you and what you do?
- What do you like, and what do you not like about NMFS conducting research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals?
- Give ideas about how to address the Hawaiian monk seal's population decline.
- Give ideas about how to mitigate (lessen or avoid) impacts to you that might be caused by research and enhancement activities.
- Give reference to, or attach any supporting data, reports, studies, etc.

We welcome any other thoughts, concerns, or insights you might have regarding permitting recovery actions for Hawaiian monk seals.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

Please sign up to speak at the registration desk if you have not already done so. After a brief presentation public comments will begin. Speakers will be called in the order they signed in and unregistered speakers will follow.

When providing verbal comment:

- State your name and affiliation (if any)
- Stay within the time limit, additional time as schedule allows

Please leave written comments or additional materials with project team staff.

**Comments are being recorded by project team staff*

General Ground Rules of the Meeting

- Please make sure pagers and cell phones are off or on vibrate
- Please have mutual respect—please allow others their turn to speak without interruptions
- Please stay within designated time limits
- Please take private conversations outside this meeting room.

For More Information

If you need more information after tonight please feel free to:

Visit the project website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm> or contact project team staff:

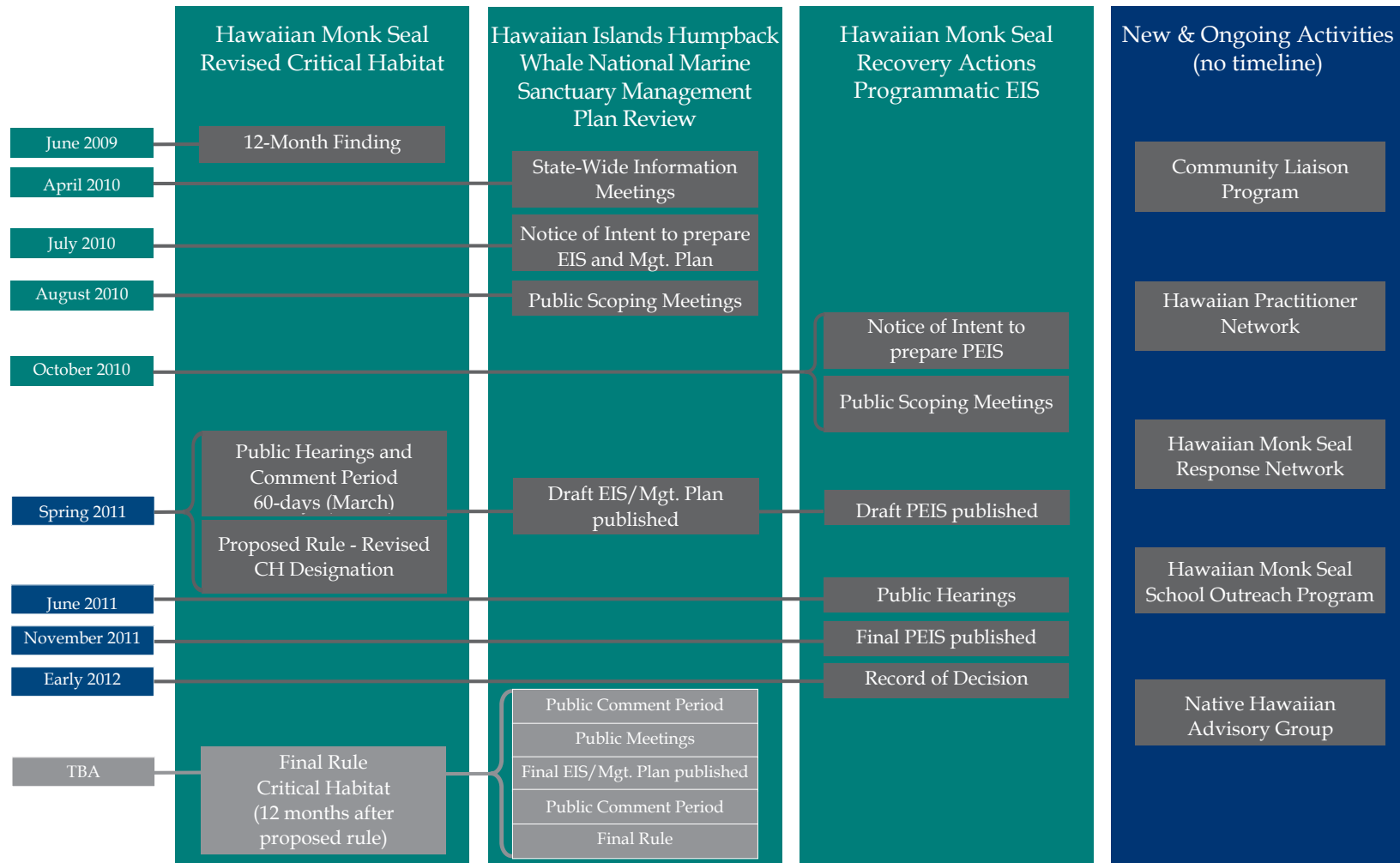
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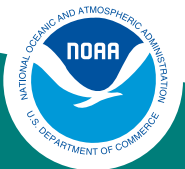
If you do not feel comfortable giving your comments verbally tonight or if you want to take some more time to put your comments together, you may submit written comments, and mail to the project address, submit via e-mail, or leave the comment with project staff tonight. Pre-addressed comment forms are available at the registration desk.



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Hawaiian Monk Seal

How to Prevent Seals from Getting Your Fish and Bait

What can you do to minimize the possibility of a seal eating your catch or stealing your bait?

1. Don't feed the seals or discard old bait or scraps into the water if seals are in the area.

One might assume that feeding a seal, or letting it have your old bait and scraps, would keep it satisfied and uninterested in the fish in your net or on your hook - but this is not the case. A seal that has been fed will actually seek out humans because it will learn to associate humans with food and, as a result, become conditioned to not hunt on its own. A seal known as R042 displayed this conditioning response after being fed by spear fishers as a pup. When she got older, she began biting divers, whom she saw as a source for food, and became a public safety hazard. Eventually this seal had to be relocated away from the main Hawaiian Islands.

2. If you encounter a seal while fishing take a short break or change locations.

Seals are curious creatures and investigate everything. Taking a short break from fishing while they are passing through your immediate area may allow them to move through quickly. Another option is to change your fishing location. Boat based spearfishers should keep their catch out of the water when seals are in the area and shore based spearfishers should attempt to do the same if possible. Additionally spearfishermen should not feed the seals or allow them to take their catch whenever possible. If a seal starts acting aggressively towards yourself or your catch it may be advisable to end the dive or change locations due to safety considerations.

3. Use a barbless circle hook.

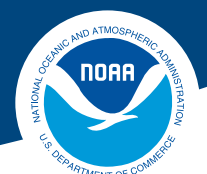
Barbless hooks help minimize post-hooking injuries to seals and can still be used with live bait. To learn how to bridle live bait to a barbless hook, visit the Barbless Hook Project website: http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/RCF/barbless_hook.html



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Relocations to the Main Hawaiian Islands

Q: Were Hawaiian monk seals ever brought to the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)?

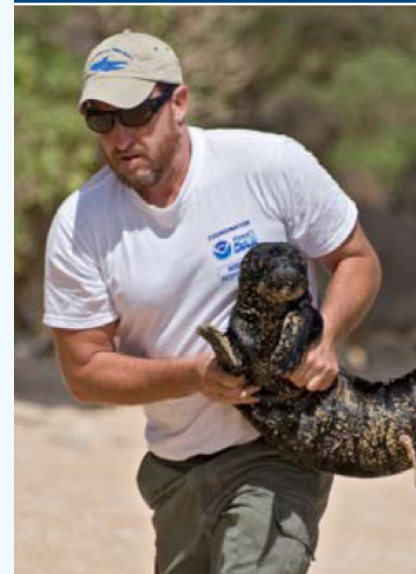
A: Yes. In July and August of 1994, 21 adult male Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) were relocated from Laysan Island in the NWHI to the MHI because males greatly outnumbered females on Laysan Island, creating an unbalanced population. Additionally, some males were injuring and killing female seals. To prevent the further loss of females, it was necessary to remove some of the male seals from the island. Males were selected if they were known aggressors or behaved like aggressors. This is the only known case where seals were taken from the NWHI and released in the MHI. All other seals in the MHI arrived here naturally or were born here.

Q: Were any female seals ever relocated from the NWHI to the MHI?

A: No. All female Hawaiian monk seals in the MHI occur here naturally – only males were relocated from the NWHI in 1994.

Q: Is the relocation of males in 1994 the reason why the monk seal population has been growing in the MHI?

A: No. Before 1994, there was a small naturally-occurring population of male and female monk seals in the MHI. This population appeared to be growing, and at least six pups had been born by 1994 (one in 1962, and five between 1988 and 1993). The relocation is not the source of the MHI seal population and does not represent a contribution to the long term growth of the population because there were already males present that could mate with the females.



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Q: Why is the monk seal population in the MHI growing?

A: The population is growing naturally. The number of monk seals that are born in the MHI has increased since the mid-1990s. In 2008 and 2009 there were 18 and 15 pups born, respectively, within the MHI. These pups “wean” (become independent from their mother’s milk) at larger and healthier sizes in the MHI than in the NWHI, allowing them a greater chance for survival. Also, certain threats to monk seals in the NWHI, such as shark predation of pups and entanglement in marine debris, are not as severe in the MHI. It appears that Hawaiian monk seals are beginning to settle back in the MHI, where it is thought they once lived long ago.

Q: Are the seals that were relocated in the MHI still around today?

A: The number of relocated males is decreasing with time as they age and ultimately die of natural causes. In 2008, only five of the 21 relocated seals were still remaining, representing about 6% of the 88 known individual seals in the MHI.

Q: Are there plans for relocating any other monk seals from the NWHI to the MHI?

A: There are currently no plans to relocate seals from the NWHI to the MHI, but if necessary, relocation could be considered in the future to avoid extinction of the species.

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Population and Location

Q: How many monk seals are alive today?

A: The current estimated total is 1,100-1,200 seals.

Q: Where do Hawaiian monk seals live?

A: Most Hawaiian monk seals live in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI), with a small population in the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI).

Q: How many monk seals live in the MHI?

A: In 2009, 113 seals were individually identified in the MHI, based on flipper tag ID numbers or unique natural markings. Including seals that have not been individually identified, NMFS researchers estimate the total number of monk seals in the MHI is at least 150.

Q: Are there more Hawaiian monk seals in the MHI today than there were in the past?

A: Reliable information about the monk seal population in the MHI prior to the 1980's is very limited. Data starting in the 1980's indicate the MHI seal population is growing naturally. Annual monk seal births in the MHI have increased significantly, especially since the mid-1990s. Excluding Niihau, there were 18 and 15 pups born within the MHI in 2008 and 2009, respectively. It is possible that Hawaiian monk seals are beginning to settle back in the MHI, where they once lived long ago. Monk seals seem to be doing well in the MHI despite the relatively high human population. This may be because female seals usually choose remote shoreline areas to give birth. Only a few females have given birth on popular public beaches. There is a misconception that monk seals have been increasing in the MHI because they have been transported by humans or traveled on their own from the NWHI. No one has transferred monk seals to the MHI from the NWHI since 1994. During that year, 21 male monk seals, and no females, were relocated from the NWHI to the MHI. Over time, the number of these relocated seals has naturally decreased as they age, and only four of these seals have been recently observed and reported. Research has also shown that the monk seals rarely migrate from the NWHI to the MHI.



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Q: On what island do most of the Hawaiian monk seals live?

A: Monk seals have been seen on all the MHI. The largest number is likely on Niihau since it is more remote and has less human impact. However, there has not been an official count done on that island. Generally, the number of monk seal sightings tends to increase moving northwest along the island chain and closer to the larger population in the NWHI.

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The Hawaiian Monk Seal's Diet

Q: What do Hawaiian monk seals eat?

A: Hawaiian monk seals generally do not eat just one kind of prey. They eat a variety of fish species ranging from the reef to the depths of over 1,500 feet. They also eat squid, octopus, eels, and several types of crustaceans (crabs, shrimp, and lobster).

Q: Where do monk seals go to find food?

A: Monk seals hunt for food outside the immediate shoreline areas, primarily in the region that is 60-300 feet deep. If fishermen are throw-netting or shore-casting, they will likely not be fishing in the area where the monk seals feed. However, monk seals and fishermen do, on rare occasion, use the same areas. This usually happens along the shoreline as seals leave to or return from feeding. Seals have also been known to eat catch from nets, and bait from fishing hooks. When this happens the seals can become a nuisance. Seals may eat fish and bait because they are "opportunistic feeders." This means that they will feed on a food source if it is "easy" for them to get. They learn these habits quickly. Ultimately this behavior is bad for both seals and fishermen.

Q: Are ulua and papio a main food source of the Hawaiian monk seal?

A: No. Diet studies indicate that they prefer prey that is easier to catch.

Q: Are monk seals eating our fish and decreasing fish stocks?

A: It is unlikely that the small number of seals that live in the main Hawaiian Islands would have a great impact on the local fish populations. We know that they feed over wide areas and eat a wide variety of prey including squid, octopus, eels, crustaceans, and fish. Their impact is limited.

Q: Why are monk seals so fat?

A: Monk seals in the main Hawaiian Islands are naturally fat because they are very good hunters. They typically eat about 3% to 8% of their body weight per day (depending on age/maturity) and they store the excess energy from their prey in the form of fat. This fat is important to provide nutrients when they fast during nursing or molting.

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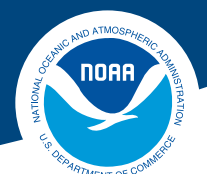
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Critical Habitat in the Main Hawaiian Islands

Q: What is critical habitat?

A: Critical habitat is a specific area, or areas, that are essential to an endangered or threatened animal or plant in order for it to survive, not go extinct and recover to a healthy population.

This area(s):

- may require special management, like protection from development;
- may include an area that the species is not currently using, but will need to use as its population grows and recovers; and
- is only officially designated after a public comment period.

Q: Is critical habitat similar to a Marine Protected Area (MPA), Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), Shoreline Fisheries Management Area (SFMA), sanctuary, reserve, refuge, park, or wilderness area?

A: No. Designation of critical habitat does NOT restrict public access.

Q: Will I still be able to recreate in beach areas that have been designated as critical habitat for the Hawaiian monk seal?

A: Yes. A critical habitat designation will not impact access to, and recreation on, the public beaches of Hawaii.

Q: Will I still be able to fish in an area that has been designated as critical habitat for the Hawaiian monk seal?

A: Yes. A critical habitat designation only affects Federal activities (those that are federally authorized, carried out or funded). This means that any fishing within State waters (3 miles or less from shore) will not be affected by critical habitat designation.

Q: Can private developments still occur in an area that has been designated as critical habitat?

A: Yes. The only developments that may be affected are those activities requiring Federal funding or authorization, such as filling of a wetland or repair of a seawall. This precaution is in place to insure that Federal agencies do not destroy or adversely modify critical habitat through development or other activities.

Q: If Hawaiian monk seal critical habitat is designated, when would that happen?

A: Currently NOAA Fisheries is working towards a proposed rule for the revision to critical habitat for the Hawaiian monk seal. Through this process NOAA will be reviewing all current information available and analyzing any impacts that may result from a critical habitat designation. All of this information will be available to the public for comment when the proposed rule is announced. Critical habitat is not in effect until the final rule. The final rule is usually determined a year after the proposed rule when all comments have been received and evaluated.

Q: What is the next step in the process of revising monk seal critical habitat?

A: The next step in the process is the publication of a proposed rule describing the revision of monk seal critical habitat, which will be followed by a public comment period and public meetings.

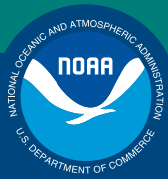


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Activities NOT affected by critical habitat:

Non-Federal activities on private land, such as:

- Construction
- Farming
- Logging
- ATV use
- Hunting

Non-Federal activities on non-Federal public land or water, such as:

- Beach recreation
- Walking the dog
- Hunting
- Ocean recreation in State waters
- Shoreline and lay gillnet fishing in State waters
- Boating & jet-skis in State waters
- Operation of tour vessels in State waters

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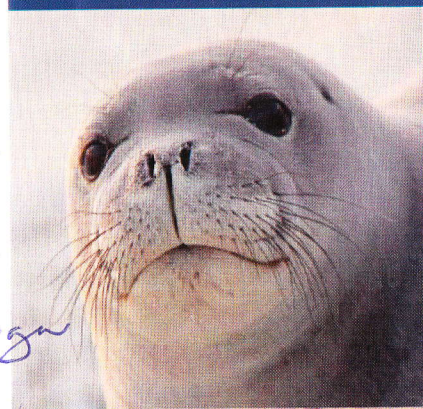
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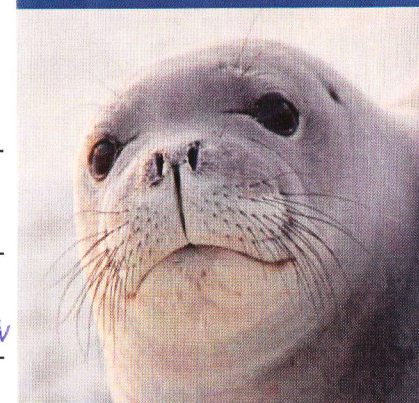


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Dear Sir/Madam:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Regional Office is beginning to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on a proposed research and enhancement program to improve juvenile survival of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*). NMFS will be the lead agency in preparing the PEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this letter is to invite you and your agency to participate in the PEIS process and to provide some background information on Hawaiian monk seal research and enhancement. Please see the enclosed document for additional background information. NMFS recognizes the knowledge and expertise within your agency and welcomes your participation in this effort.

The process of preparing the PEIS formally began with publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare the PEIS in the Federal Register on October 1, 2010. The process is tentatively scheduled to be completed by December 2011. Public scoping meetings will be held October 20-27, 2010, in Honolulu, Hilo, Kihei, Kaunakakai, and Lihue. We also will be holding an additional scoping meeting specifically for government agencies and we would like to invite you and/or your representative to attend this meeting. The purpose of the agency scoping meeting is to brief you on preparation of the PEIS and to solicit your agency's comments and suggestions. The meeting will be held on October 20, 2010, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., at our offices at 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110. In accordance with NEPA, NMFS requests any comments you may have about potential management actions and associated research and enhancement program activities that may be performed on Hawaiian monk seals in an effort to recover the species.

If you would like to participate in the PEIS agency scoping meeting, please notify Jeff Walters, our Hawaiian monk seal recovery coordinator, by phone (808-944-2235) or by e-mail (jeff.walters@noaa.gov). We would appreciate being notified by October 15, 2010. Whether or not you are able to participate in this meeting, your written comments and/or recommendations are welcome and can be sent to monkseal@noaa.gov or 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814. Please send your scoping comments and/or recommendations no later than November 15, 2010. Please note that this invitation to the PEIS scoping meeting is in addition to our September 14, 2010 letter to you inviting your agency to participate in the PEIS process as a cooperating agency. We look forward to seeing you at the agency scoping meeting and/or to receiving your comments regarding the PEIS.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Tosatto
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure
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Hawaiian Monk Seal Research and Enhancement Activities Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

National Marine Fisheries Service
Pacific Islands Regional Office
October 1, 2010

Background Information

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) is preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of the PEIS preparation process, NMFS is soliciting scoping comments on a proposed research and enhancement program for Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*).

NMFS is the federal agency responsible for management of Hawaiian monk seals under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). In 1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals as “endangered” under the ESA and “depleted” under the MMPA. As required under Section 4 of the ESA, NMFS published a Recovery Plan for the species in 1983, which was revised in 2007.

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires NMFS to ensure that any action it authorizes, funds or carries out (such as research or enhancement), is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species, or result in destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. Permits for research and enhancement activities are issued by NMFS pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, Sections 104 (c)(3)(A) and 104 (c)(4)(A) of the MMPA, and NMFS regulations implementing these statutes.

The proposed research and enhancement program is being specifically designed to improve the survival of juvenile Hawaiian monk seals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). To achieve improved juvenile seal survival in the NWHI, the proposed program is expected to entail an integrated suite of research and enhancement activities for implementation in the NWHI and Main Hawaiian Islands. The intent of the PEIS discussed here is to evaluate, in compliance with the NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment of the proposed research and enhancement activities under the Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.

Purpose and Need

NMFS is responsible for management, conservation, and protection of Hawaiian monk seal, under the ESA and the MMPA. The NMFS PIRO and NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) are responsible for implementation of the Hawaiian monk seal Recovery Plan (NMFS 2007) and the proposed action, which includes implementation of specific management actions and administering the associated research and enhancement program. The purpose of the proposed action is commensurate with the goal of the Recovery Plan to assure the long-term viability of the HMS in the wild, initially supporting a reverse in overall population decline, eventually allowing for reclassification of Hawaiian monk seals to threatened status, and ultimately, allowing for removal of the species from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

The need for the proposed Hawaiian monk seal research and enhancement program is rooted in fundamental biological and ecological factors that are now limiting the population. The Hawaiian monk seal population has experienced a prolonged decline and currently, only around 1,200 monk seals remain. Numerous threats to the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are identified in the Recovery Plan. In the NWHI, young seals are starving, pups are being killed by sharks, seals are getting entangled in marine debris, and sea level rise threatens terrestrial habitats. Low juvenile survival is the primary cause of the population's decline over the past two decades. There is insufficient recruitment of healthy female seals into the breeding population, and the population decline will almost certainly continue without enhanced intervention. Research and enhancement activities, including but not limited to translocating seals from areas of lower to higher survival probability within the NWHI, have been tested and show promise for improving juvenile survival. Additional translocation activities are being considered, along with a suite of other research and enhancement activities, to improve juvenile survival in the NWHI and the overall health of the population.

In the Main Hawaiian Islands, incidents such as disturbance of seals on beaches, hooking and entanglement in fishing gear, and intentional killings (e.g., shootings) counteract recovery efforts. Improved public outreach and education, enforcement of federal statutes, and other actions to protect seals from harmful situations and reduce negative human/seal interactions are essential to minimize impacts in the Main Hawaiian Islands.

A comprehensive research program enables NMFS to recognize, and possibly quantify, factors limiting the population in order to designate appropriate actions to minimize impacts of human-induced activities and other factors affecting Hawaiian monk seal survival. Data and analyses derived from research lead to improved decision-making and strategic management and enhancement activities that promote population recovery, prevent harm, and avoid jeopardy or continued disadvantage to the species. Research and monitoring will continue to play a key role in determining whether enhancement activities achieve their desired outcomes.

Proposed Action and Possible Alternatives

The final scope and structure of the alternatives presented in the PEIS will reflect the combined input from the public, research institutions, affected State and Federal agencies, and NMFS administrative and research offices. The number and structure of the alternatives that are analyzed in the PEIS will be determined after scoping. Themes to include in the range of potential alternatives are presented here to provide a framework for your comments:

- No Action Alternative: Existing permitted research and enhancement activities would continue until expiration of the permit in 2014. Recovery Plan actions beyond 2014 would not be implemented. Currently, the existing research and enhancement activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Population assessment (e.g., counting, resighting, marking for identification, flipper tags, etc.);
 - Health and disease studies (e.g., tissue sampling, morphometric measurements, etc.);
 - Foraging studies (e.g., telemetry, scat collection, etc.);
 - De-worming research (e.g., fecal samples, testing anti-parasite treatments, etc.);

- Translocation of weaned pups within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands to improve juvenile survival;
- Mitigation of fishery interactions (e.g., disentanglement, removal of fishing hooks, etc.); and
- Mitigation of adult male aggression (e.g., removal of aggressive males).
- Status Quo Alternative: The existing types and scope of research and enhancement activities would continue beyond 2014 under a new permit.
- Enhanced Implementation Alternative (Proposed Action): This alternative considers implementation of activities under the Status Quo, as well as additional activities to achieve more comprehensive Recovery Plan implementation and improved survival of juvenile seals in the NWHI. These additional activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Vaccination research studies (including potential vaccination of Hawaiian monk seals);
 - Aversive conditioning (e.g., develop tools to modify undesirable behavior including interaction with humans or domestic animals);
 - Archipelago-wide translocation of Hawaiian monk seals to improve juvenile survival; and
 - De-worming.

The PEIS under NMFS preparation will assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the alternative approaches for research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals, as well as other components of the marine ecosystem and human environment. Anyone seeking to provide information for NMFS to consider in its analysis is requested to provide a description of that information along with complete citations for any supporting documents.



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Dear Dr. Mehroff:

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Given the jurisdiction of USFWS within the proposed project area (the NWHI) and your agency's technical expertise regarding much of the subject matter to be covered in the PEIS, we are inviting your agency to participate as a cooperating agency on the proposed action pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1501.6).

Should USFWS decide to work with NMFS as a cooperating agency, we suggest that we meet to discuss developing an MOU to delineate our respective roles and responsibilities. Should you decide not to serve as a cooperating agency, please know that we will include USFWS in all of the public information gathering processes undertaken during the PEIS preparation. Regardless of your decision regarding this invitation, we look forward to continuing our coordination with USFWS on HMS recovery and research activities in the NWHI as co-trustees of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.



We would appreciate being notified of your decision regarding this invitation on or before October 8, 2010. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss this request, please contact Jeff Walters, our Hawaiian monk seal recovery coordinator, at (808) 944-2235, or via email at jeff.walters@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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We would appreciate being notified of your decision regarding this invitation on or before October 8, 2010. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss this request, please contact Jeff Walters, our Hawaiian monk seal recovery coordinator, at (808) 944-2235, or via email at jeff.walters@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Tosatto
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Loyal Mehrhoff, USFWS, Pacific Islands Ecological Services



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Ms. Laura H. Thielen
Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Thielen:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is planning to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) regarding implementation of various research and enhancement activities designed to improve survival of Hawaiian monk seals (HMS) in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). As you are aware, the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) and NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) are responsible for HMS recovery and research under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 United States Code [U.S.C.] 1531 et seq.) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.).

The PEIS, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), will evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of implementing a range of research and enhancement activities stipulated in the HMS Recovery Plan (2007) to address low juvenile seal survival in the NWHI. As you know, low survival to reproductive age in the NWHI has been identified as a main factor driving the current steep HMS population decline.

Given the jurisdiction of DLNR within the proposed project area (the NWHI) and your agency's technical expertise regarding much of the subject matter to be covered in the PEIS, we are inviting your agency to participate as a cooperating agency on the proposed action pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1501.6).

Should DLNR decide to work with NMFS as a cooperating agency, we suggest that we meet to discuss developing an MOU to delineate our respective roles and responsibilities. Should you decide not to serve as a cooperating agency, please know that we will include DLNR in all of the public information gathering processes undertaken during the PEIS preparation. Regardless of your decision regarding this invitation, we look forward to continuing our coordination with DLNR on HMS recovery and research activities in the NWHI as co-trustees of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

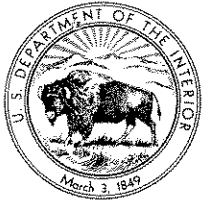


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Michael D. Tosatto
Acting Regional Administrator



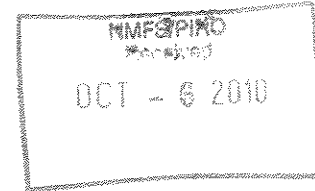
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October 5, 2010



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Acting Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Tosatto:

Thank you for your letter dated September 14, 2010, regarding an invitation to participate as a cooperating agency on the preparation of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to improve the survivability of the Hawaiian monk seal (HMS). The Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex recognizes the importance of this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action to evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of implementing a range of research and enhancement activities identified in the HMS Recovery Plan (2007) to address low juvenile seal survival in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. On behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), we accept your invitation to participate in the preparation of this PEIS as a cooperating agency in accordance with NEPA regulations and procedures.

Based on FWS legally mandated management responsibilities and technical expertise associated with protecting, conserving, and, where appropriate, restoring fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats within the Hawaiian Islands and Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuges, we look forward to working together with you on this PEIS. We also support your suggestion to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to delineate our respective roles and responsibilities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Mr. Thomas R. Edgerton, who will be arriving in Honolulu on November 8, 2010, to fill the currently vacant FWS Superintendent position for the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Tom will be your point of contact for this cooperative effort and will also be replacing Ms. Susan White as the Fish and Wildlife Service member of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Team.

If you have additional questions or need assistance prior to Tom's arrival, please contact Ray Born, our Acting Superintendent, at 808.742.9488 or via email at Ray_Born@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Stieglitz

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Project Leader

Cc: Loyal Mehrhoff, USFWS, Pacific Islands Ecological Services