

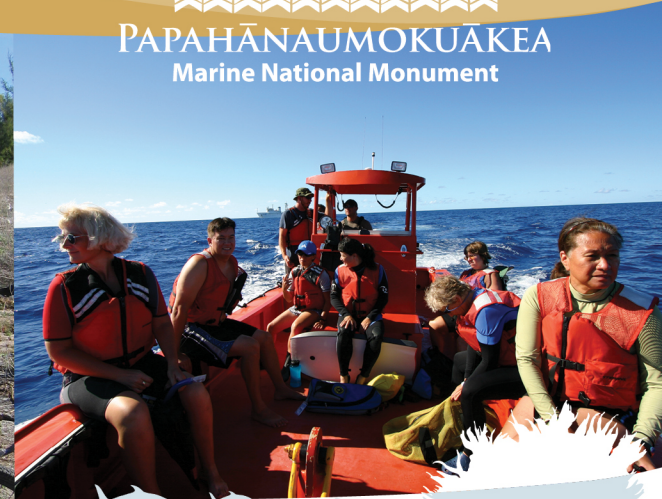
PERMIT



REQUIREMENTS



PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA Marine National Monument



VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

All applicants planning to access Papahānaumokuākea via vessel must complete the following Monument vessel requirements prior to permit issuance: hull inspection, rat inspection and installation of a Monument-approved Vessel Monitoring System. For more information, please contact a Monument permit coordinator (contact information provided below).



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All permittees are required to complete a standard report within thirty (30) days of their permit expiration date. Report includes information such as list of personnel, dates activity occurred, site location, collection data (if applicable), and project abstract.



PERMITS

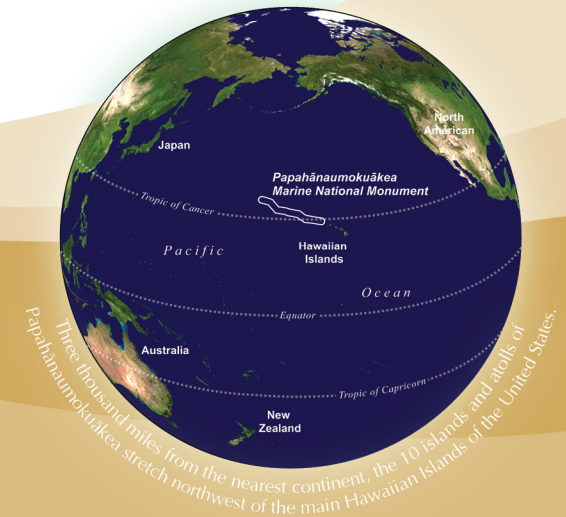
Presidential Proclamation 8031, which established the Monument in June 2006, states that all activities in Papahānaumokuākea, with limited exceptions (law enforcement, emergency response, military, and passage without interruption), require a permit. Prohibited activities include: oil, gas or mineral exploration; resource collections using poisons, electrical charges, or explosives; the introduction or release of an introduced species; and anchoring on coral.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Permit Coordinator
Papahānaumokuākea Marine
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PERMIT TYPES

RESEARCH: Required for activities designed to enhance understanding of Papahānaumokuākea resources and improve resource management decision-making, such as biological inventories, ecosystem-based research and cultural studies.

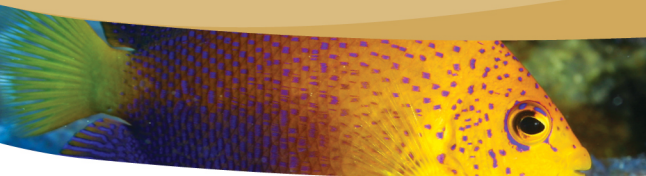
SPECIAL OCEAN USE: Required for activities or use of Papahānaumokuākea that result in the generation of revenue or profits for one or more of the persons associated with the activity or use, such as ecotourism and documentary film-making.

RECREATION: Required for all recreational activities, such as snorkeling, SCUBA diving, wildlife viewing and kayaking, and limited to the Midway Atoll Special Management Area.

EDUCATION: Required for activities that promote understanding of the island ecosystems that make up Papahānaumokuākea, improve resource management decision making, promote Native Hawaiian knowledge and values, or aid in enforcement and compliance efforts, such as teacher-at-sea programs, distance learning projects, and university classes.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN PRACTICES: Required for Native Hawaiian cultural practices that are noncommercial, deemed appropriate and necessary by traditional standards, benefit Papahānaumokuākea and the Native Hawaiian community, perpetuate traditional knowledge, and restrict the consumption of harvested resources from Papahānaumokuākea.

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT: Required for the general management of Papahānaumokuākea, such as marine debris removal, species and habitat restoration and long-term resource monitoring programs.



APPLYING

Applications and instructions can be downloaded from the Monument website at www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/permit. Processing permit applications typically takes four months to complete, as all applications are subject to an extensive multi-agency review, public comment and approval process. Based on satisfactory responses to reviewer comments and meeting all application criteria, the managers will render a decision on each application. If the activity is to be conducted in State waters (extending 3 nautical miles from land - except at Midway Atoll Special Management Area) approval from the State Land Board is also required. All applications are posted on the Monument website for public comment. For hard copies of applications and instructions please contact a Monument permit coordinator (contact information provided on back).

ALL OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BY THE APPLICANT. AS SUCH, SOME ACTIVITIES MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERMITS OR CONSULTATIONS.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- February 1:** For activities commencing from June 1 – August 31
- May 1:** For activities commencing from September 1 – December 31
- September 1:** For activities commencing from January 1 – May 31

Permit applications received after the deadline dates are not guaranteed to be processed before the proposed associated activity period would commence.

PROCLAMATION 8031 REQUIREMENTS

All applications must meet the following criteria for a permit to be issued:

1. The activity can be conducted with adequate safeguards for the resources and ecological integrity of the Monument.
2. The activity will be conducted in a manner compatible with the purposes of the Proclamation, considering the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance Monument resources, qualities, and ecological integrity; any indirect, secondary or cumulative effects of the activity; and the duration of such effects.

3. There is no practicable alternative to conducting the activity within the Monument.
4. The end value of the activity outweighs its adverse impacts on Monument resources, qualities, and ecological integrity.
5. The duration of the activity is no longer than necessary to achieve its stated purpose.
6. The applicant is qualified to conduct and complete the activity and mitigate any potential impacts resulting from its conduct.
7. The applicant has adequate financial resources available to conduct and complete the activity and mitigate any potential impacts resulting from its conduct.
8. The methods and procedures proposed by the applicant are appropriate to achieve the proposed activity's goals in relation to their impacts to Monument resources, qualities, and ecological integrity.
9. The applicant's vessel has been outfitted with a mobile transceiver unit approved by NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and complies with the requirements of Proclamation 8031.
10. There are no other factors that would make the issuance of a permit for the activity inappropriate.