

## **Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Application Cover Sheet**

This Permit Application Cover Sheet is intended to provide summary information and status to the public on permit applications for activities proposed to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. While a permit application has been received, it has not been fully reviewed nor approved by the Monument Management Board to date. The Monument permit process also ensures that all environmental reviews are conducted prior to the issuance of a Monument permit.

### **Summary Information**

**Applicant Name:** Avery Loy, Board President

**Affiliation:** Friends of Midway Atoll NWR

**Permit Category:** Special Ocean Use

**Proposed Activity Dates:** 6/1/2012-12/31/2017

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Plane, as invited

**Proposed Locations:** Midway Atoll NWR (MANWR)

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 10

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** estimated 90 person days per year

**Description of proposed activities:** (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

Operating store with sales of Midway logoed items and possibly Monument logoed items with appropriate permission from the Co-trustees or the Monument Communication Team, support for habitat restoration, environmental education and interpretive activities and marine debris studies. Other activities to support Midway Atoll NWR (MANWR) as requested by Refuge staff.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would ....

We would obtain grants for control of invasive species, on-island workshops that support engaging youth in the great outdoors and to study marine debris. We would continue to provide funds for bicycles for visitor use, funding for displays and furniture for the Midway Visitor's Center, support for special events on Midway to include the Battle of Midway Anniversary celebrations and helping with facility set up and guest services. Board members will also participate in invasive species control and marine debris monitoring. FOMA sells teeshirts, hats, books, etc. through the Midway store and 100% of all profits from these sales are returned to Midway support activities. FOMA publishes a quarterly newsletter and maintains a website and Facebook presence for Midway Atoll NWR while noting its significance within the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...

Providing visibility, awareness and education opportunities for the PMNM Monument as well as Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge through providing funds for projects and grant monies for areas of interest.

**Other information or background:** FOMA is one of about 320 National Wildlife Refuge Friends groups created to support wildlife refuges around the USA and possessions. FOMA was organized a little over 10 years ago and in that time has obtained several grants for control of invasive species, administered a \$250,000 grant to study marine debris on Midway Atoll, provided funds for bicycles for use by visitors to Midway, provided funding for interpretive displays and furniture for the Midway Visitor's Center, provided support for special events on Midway, and provided staff support by working the Battle of Midway Anniversary celebrations and helping with facility set up and guest services. Board members have also participated actively in renovation of the visitor center displays that highlight the greater Monument including its cultural significance, invasive species control and marine debris monitoring. FOMA sells teeshirts, hats, books, etc. through the Midway store and 100% of all profits from these sales are returned to Midway support activities. FOMA publishes a quarterly newsletter and maintains a website and Facebook presence for Midway Atoll NWR. This is FOMA's Mission Statement-"To support the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge in its efforts to preserve, protect and restore the biological diversity and historical resources of Midway Atoll while providing opportunity for wildlife-dependent recreation, education and scientific research."