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Army Marine Resources Comment Period Remains Open

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii— The Department of the Army released a draft marine resources study in January, titled “*Marine Resources Study Field Sampling Results and Risk Assessment, Mākua Military Reservation (MMR) O`ahu, Hawai`i.*” The study was conducted for the Army by Tetra Tech with support from Hawaii Pacific University.

The purpose of the study was to determine if marine resources near Makua Beach and in the Makua muliwai are contaminated from training activities at MMR, whether proposed future military operations are expected to contribute to contamination detected in the marine resources, and whether there was any health risk to area residents who rely on marine resources for subsistence.

The Army would like to remind the public that the comment period remains open, and will be accepting public input until Mar. 14.

Comments may be submitted online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/shellfishstudy; by fax to (808) 656-3162; by e-mail to USAGHIPAOShellfishStudy@hawaii.army.mil; or by mail to:

USAG-HI Public Affairs Office
Attn: Shellfish Study – Public Comments
742 Santos Dumont Avenue, WAAF
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The study is available in printed form at the Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Hwy., Waianae, and may be downloaded from the Internet at:

<http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/shellfishstudy>

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A final “*Marine Resources Study Field Sampling Results and Risk Assessment for the Mākua Military Reservation, Oahu, Hawaii,*” including changes as a result of public input, will be published and incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Military Training Activities at Mākua Military Reservation, Hawaii, which the Army anticipates issuing in the summer of 2009. For questions about submitting public comments, please call (808) 656-3157.

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