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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees for the SPM Hose Tesoro Spill in Hawaii

FROM: Chris Jansen
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SUBJECT: *Kilauea Point Oiled Bird Capture Plan*

We have reviewed the *Kilauea Point Oiled Bird Capture Plan* (Plan) dated October 5, 1998, and believe that it addresses most of the concerns raised regarding the trade-offs of capturing and handling oiled seabirds, while minimizing disturbance to roosting seabirds and wedge-tailed shearwater chicks, adults and their burrows. There are, however, a few additions that we recommend in order to insure the safety of the rescue team. These safety measures should be expanded to include the seabird surveys scheduled for Oahu.

Other recommended additions to the Plan should include the establishment of the Hawaii Bird Rehabilitation Facility at Kauai Lagoons to facilitate the rehabilitation of oiled birds captured at Kilauea Point. In the event that oiled birds are captured at any of the colonies on Oahu, these birds should be sent to the Hawaii Bird Rehabilitation Facility. Provisions should also be made to collect and analyze oiled feathers from all live oiled birds that are captured.

In the spirit of cooperation, we submit the following additions to the Plan for your review and consideration:

Additional Criteria for Minimizing Disturbance in Seabird Colonies

- The rescue team will be limited to two teams consisting of two people per team.
- The capture teams will have at a minimum one person trained and experienced in the capture and recovery of oiled birds. The recommended rescue teams should be lead by Linda Elliot and Wendy Sangiacomo, with support from Kathleen Viernes and Stan Souza.
- Capture activities will be limited to early morning hours and will not exceed a total time of two hours in the colony, regardless of the number of oiled birds observed in the colony.

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- Capture activities will include establishing a strategic observation point to identify oiled birds. Movement through the colony will be limited to accessing strategic points and actually capturing oiled birds.
- If more than three wedge-tail shearwater burrows are crushed by a rescue team during a morning rescue operation, all rescue activities will be aborted for that day.
- If no birds have been rescued for one week, recovery activities in that colony will cease.

Collection Procedures for Feather Samples

- For oiled live birds, collect two feather samples by plucking, taking care to change gloves for each bird to avoid cross contamination. Wrap feather samples in aluminum foil so feathers are completely covered (dull side facing oil). Put in plastic whirlpak, Ziploc™ bag, or glass jar.
- Label container with sample ID, date, type, location, and sampler's initials.
- Immediately place samples in chilled cooler or keep cool.
- Transfer feather samples to Tesoro (contact Rich Rosen at 808-547-3795 or paged at 808-598-6089). Tesoro will retain one feather sample and give the remaining sample to USFWS in Honolulu for inspection and logging.

Safety Measures

- Personnel will not go near steep cliffs that are considered too dangerous to adequately conduct rescue activities.
- No entry to island colonies will be undertaken from a boat unless the undertaking can be made safely in a smaller craft.
- Any capture activity will be aborted should there be any risk to the staff on the team.
- Any team member has the right to veto an activity due to safety considerations.

Personnel

- Staffing of State and Federal personnel will be employees of that agency.

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- Staffing from Tesoro will include direct employees or staff.
- Tesoro representatives, not employees of Tesoro, will be subcontracted through ENTRIX, IBRRC or PENCO.
- One external contractor will accompany the survey team during the Oahu colony searches for the purpose of removing any oil found in the colonies. To the maximum extent possible, this activity will be used to conduct cleanup activities, if required. If oil is found, all samples will be taken in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *NRDA Sample Collection and Management Plan, Kauai Response, SPM Hose Spill*. A recommended person for this task is Rusty Nail from PENCO. PENCO and Rusty Nail are used extensively for State cleanups.