

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resource Trustees (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the State of Hawaii) announce the release for public review of a Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment ("Plan") for the restoration of natural resources injured as a result of the August 21, 1998 Tesoro Hawaii oil spill. The Natural Resource Trustees and Tesoro Hawaii conducted a cooperative damage assessment under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Act), 33 USC Sec. 2701 et seq., 15 CFR Part 900. The draft Plan describes the affected environment, the injury assessment process, and the preferred alternatives to restore, replace, rehabilitate, or acquire the equivalent natural resources and/or services injured or potentially injured as a result of the oil spill. The natural resources potentially affected by the oiling include several species of seabirds, Hawaiian monk seals, biota (e.g., opihia) in the intertidal and subtidal habitats, and human use services (beaches and recreational and subsistence activities). The preferred restoration alternatives in the draft Plan include net removal activities, predator control activities in Newell's shearwater colonies and in the Hawaii Seabird Sanctuary, extension of the predator fence at the Kilavea Point National Wildlife Refuge on Kauai, and contributing to a beach debris fund to clean recreational beaches in the areas impacted by the spill. Final selection of the restoration projects will occur after review of the public comments and a final evaluation by the Trustees.

**MEETINGS:** The Trustees have scheduled a public meeting on the Draft RP/EA on June 21, 2000, 6:00pm-8:00pm, at the Kapaa Public Library, 1464 Kuhio Highway, Kapaa, Kauai, HI.

**COMMENT DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 2000.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft Plan. Written comments will be considered and addressed in the final Restoration Plan at the conclusion of the restoration planning process.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Written comments and requests for copies of the Draft Plan may be made to: NOAA, GCNR/NW, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 Attn: Gail Siani. The Plan is also available for download at <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/tesoro.htm>. For further information contact Gail Siani at the address above, call at 206.526.4566, or EMAIL: [Gail.E.Siani@noaa.gov](mailto:Gail.E.Siani@noaa.gov). (Hon. Adv.: June 7, 2000) (A-55608)

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