

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: Swenson, Anne W.

Affiliation: Military Historical Tours, Inc.

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use

Proposed Activity Dates: June 3, 2009

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): aircraft

Proposed Locations: Midway Atoll, National Wildlife Refuge & Battle of Midway Memorial; Sand Island and Eastern Island.

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 145 maximum

Estimated number of days in the Monument: less than 1 day.

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

We will commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway and honor the heroic servicemen who fought in this battle. In addition, we will be able to experience and appreciate the uniqueness and importance of a remote island national wildlife refuge.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would

In cooperation with the Pacific Aviation Museum (PAM), located in Pearl Harbor, HI, we begin prior to our arrival with the 2009 Midway Educational Symposium, at the Pacific Aviation Museum. On June 3, we arrive via chartered aircraft. The 67th Anniversary Commemoration is a joint sponsorship between US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), PAM, and Military Historical Tours (MHT). After the official memorial ceremonies, which includes delegates from the US Navy, we will tour the island to view both the historic and natural resources. Some participants may snorkel at designated beaches. One small group may boat to Easter Island, boat provided by USFWS. At the end of the afternoon/early evening we depart in the charter aircraft.

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

This visit provides an opportunity for our participants to honor and interpret the historical resources of Midway Atoll, especially those associated with the Battle of Midway National Memorial. In addition, they will be able to appreciate the unique ecosystem of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Other information or background: This will be the third year that Military Historical Tours, in joint sponsorship with USFWS and PAM, has visited the atoll. This year, our Tour Hosts will include: Admiral Ron Hays, USN, Chairman, Pacific Aviation Museum; LtGen "Hank" Stackpole, USMC. For the first time, we will be joined by veteran Japanese WWII aviators, members of the Unabara-kai (Japanese Imperial Navy Surviving Aviator's Association).