

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: Charles N. Thompson

Affiliation: President/Chairman of the Board, Polynesian Voyaging Society

Permit Category: Native Hawaiian Practices

Proposed Activity Dates: April – December 2009

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Vessel

Proposed Locations: Shallow water areas around Nihoa Island

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 20

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 3 days at a time, no more than 4 trips a year

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

The proposed activity would...

The primary objective of this particular activity is to allow apprentice navigators to practice the traditional Hawaiian/Polynesian skills of wayfinding (non-instrumental navigation), in preparation for an upcoming voyage around the world. The voyage is planned for 2011, and the apprentices need on-the-water training to prepare them for such an arduous endeavor. The Main Hawaiian Islands are relatively too close to practice long-range navigational skills, thus we wish to conduct such training within the NWHI, specifically to Nihoa Island.

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To accomplish this activity we would sail to Nihoa Island via the 18 meter double-hulled voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a. We would not anchor or access land. Hōkūle‘a will be accompanied by the escort vessel KAMA HELE that will follow closely behind the canoe at all times for safety and communication purposes.

This activity would help the Monument by ...

The Monument Management Plan prioritizes supporting regular access for Polynesian voyaging canoes for wayfinding, navigational, and cultural protocol training. Our proposed activities will highlight Papahānaumokuākea as an important place for the

perpetuation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices and a place that is essential in training apprentice navigators studying modern Hawaiian wayfinding aboard traditional double-hulled Hawaiian voyaging canoes.

Other information or background: