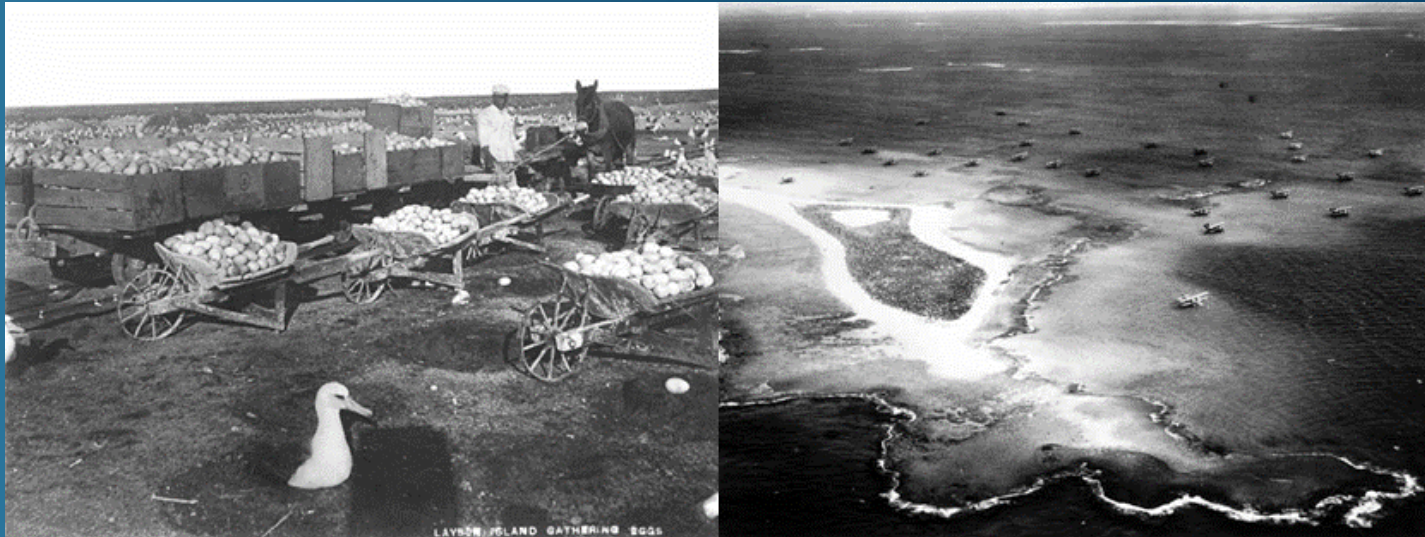




PAPA HĀNAUMOKUĀKEA
Marine National Monument

A World Heritage Site

PMNM Permit Overview



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Permit Overview

50 CFR Part 404 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8031

Majority of activities that occur in the Monument require a permit

- **Exceptions:** Activities of the U. S. Armed Services, Emergency Response, Law Enforcement, innocent passage.
- **Prohibited activities:** resource collections using poisons, electrical charges, or explosives; introduction or release of an introduced species; exploring for or producing oil, gas or minerals, anchoring on coral.
- **Six permit categories:** Research; Conservation and Management; Education; Special Ocean Use; Native Hawaiian Practices; and Recreation (not in effect).



Simplified Permit Process

Step 1: Application Intake; PC Initial Review; Identify Compliance Needs

Step 2: MMB Agency Review; Conduct Applicable Compliance

Step 3: MMB Endorsement; BLNR review (if applicable)

Step 4: Permit Issuance; Complete Compliance

Step 5: Permit Validation; Pre-Access Requirements

Step 6: Permit Reporting

Permit Issuance (50 CFR Part 404)

Proposed activities must be consistent with Proclamation 8031 and the goals of the Monument:

- 10 general findings criteria questions across all permit types
 - 5 additional for Native Hawaiian Practice Permits
 - 3 additional for Special Ocean Use Permits (Outside Midway)
 - 2 additional for Special Ocean Use Permits (Within Midway)
 - 1 additional for Recreation Permits (when in effect)



Major elements of a permit

- Authorized activities and locations
- General terms and conditions (25 currently)
- Special terms and conditions (determined during review)
 - Includes Monument Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BMP Number	Title
001	Marine Alien Species Inspection Standards for Maritime Vessels
002	Protocol for Acquiring Avian Blood Samples
003	Human Hazards to Seabirds Briefing
004	Best Management Practices for Boat Operations and Diving Activities
005	Protocols to Reduce Impact to the Laysan Finch
006	General Storage and Transport Protocols for Collected Samples
007	Best Management Practices for Terrestrial Biosecurity
008	Seabird Protocols Necessary for Conducting Trolling Research and Monitoring in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
009	Best Practices for Minimizing the Impact of Artificial Light on Sea Turtles
010	Marine Wildlife Viewing Guidelines
011	Disease and Introduced Species Prevention Protocol for Permitted Activities in the Marine Environment, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument)
012	Precautions for Minimizing Human Impacts on Endangered Land Birds
015	Nonnative Species Inspection Requirements at Midway Atoll
016	Best Management Practices for Activities on Nihoa
017	Best Management Practices for Maritime Heritage Sites
018	Rodent Prevention and Inspection Standards for Permitted Vessels
019	Best Management Practices for Activities on Mokumanamana (Necker Island)

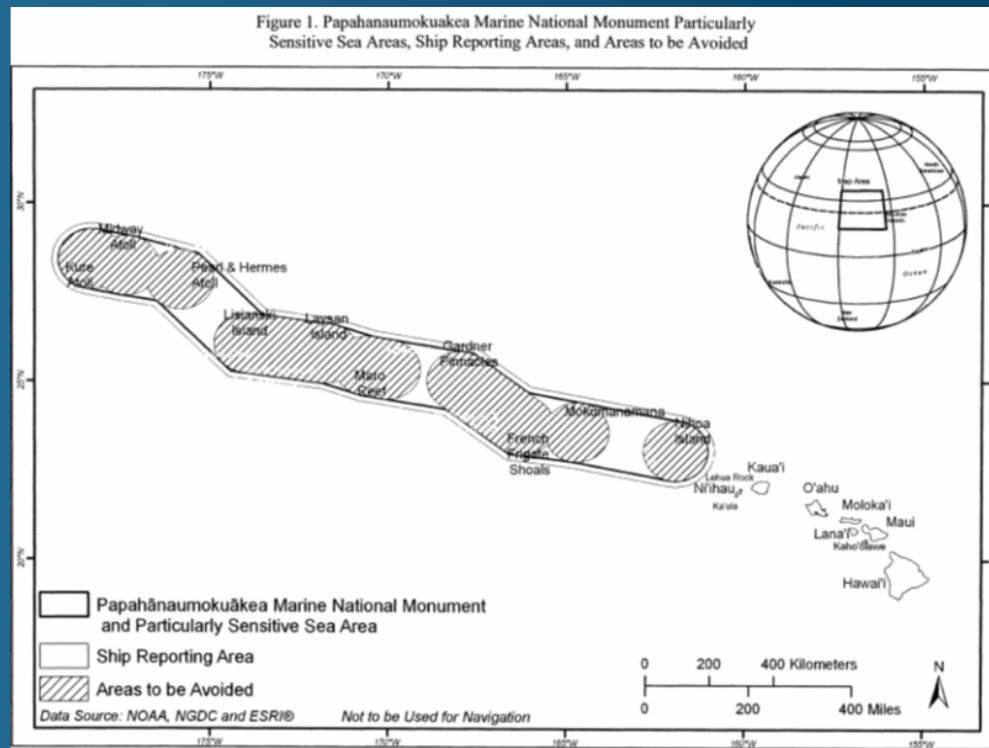
Pre-access permit requirements

- Pre-access VMS check with OLE (VMS to remain on during entire voyage)
- Rodent inspection no more than 48 hours prior to each entrance
- Vessel and hull inspection/cleaning per PMNM resource specialist recommendations
- Compliance Information Sheet (CIS) sheet prior to each entrance



Pre-access permit requirements

- Vessel entrance/exit reporting into PSSA
 - PSSA is area extending 10 miles out and entirely around the PMNM boundary
 - Notification of entry and exit of the Monument via e-mail or telephone by contacting: nwhi.notifications@noaa.gov; Telephone: 1-866-478-6944; or 1-808-395-6944.
 - Provided at least 72 hours, but no longer than one month, prior to the entry date.



How to apply for a permit

- Processing takes an estimated four months for interagency review, public comment, MMB endorsement and issuance.
- Deadline for permit submittals
 - **Feb. 1:** June 1 – August 31
 - **May 1:** September 1 – December 31
 - **Sept. 1:** January 1 – May 31
- More details on our website
 - <https://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/permit>



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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: [REDACTED]

Affiliation: [REDACTED]

Permit Category: Research

Proposed Activity Dates: [REDACTED]

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): [REDACTED]

Proposed Locations: [REDACTED]

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: [REDACTED]

Estimated number of days in the Monument: [REDACTED]

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

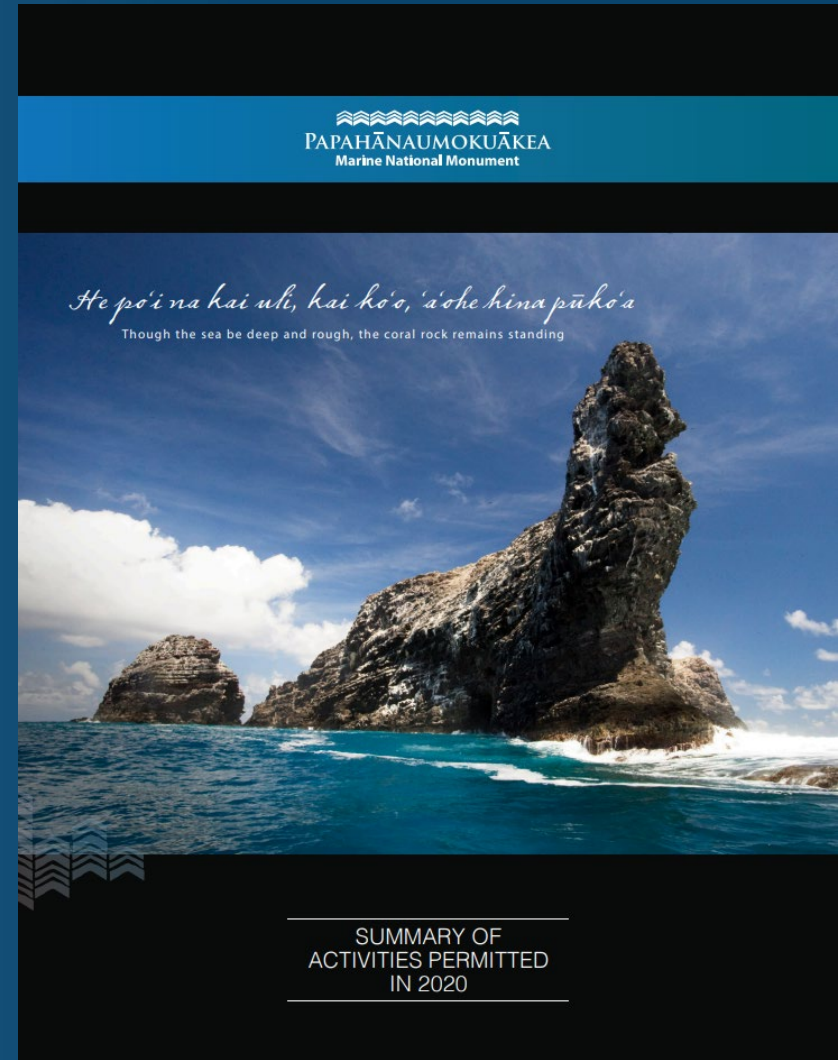
b.) To accomplish this activity we would ...

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

Other information or background:

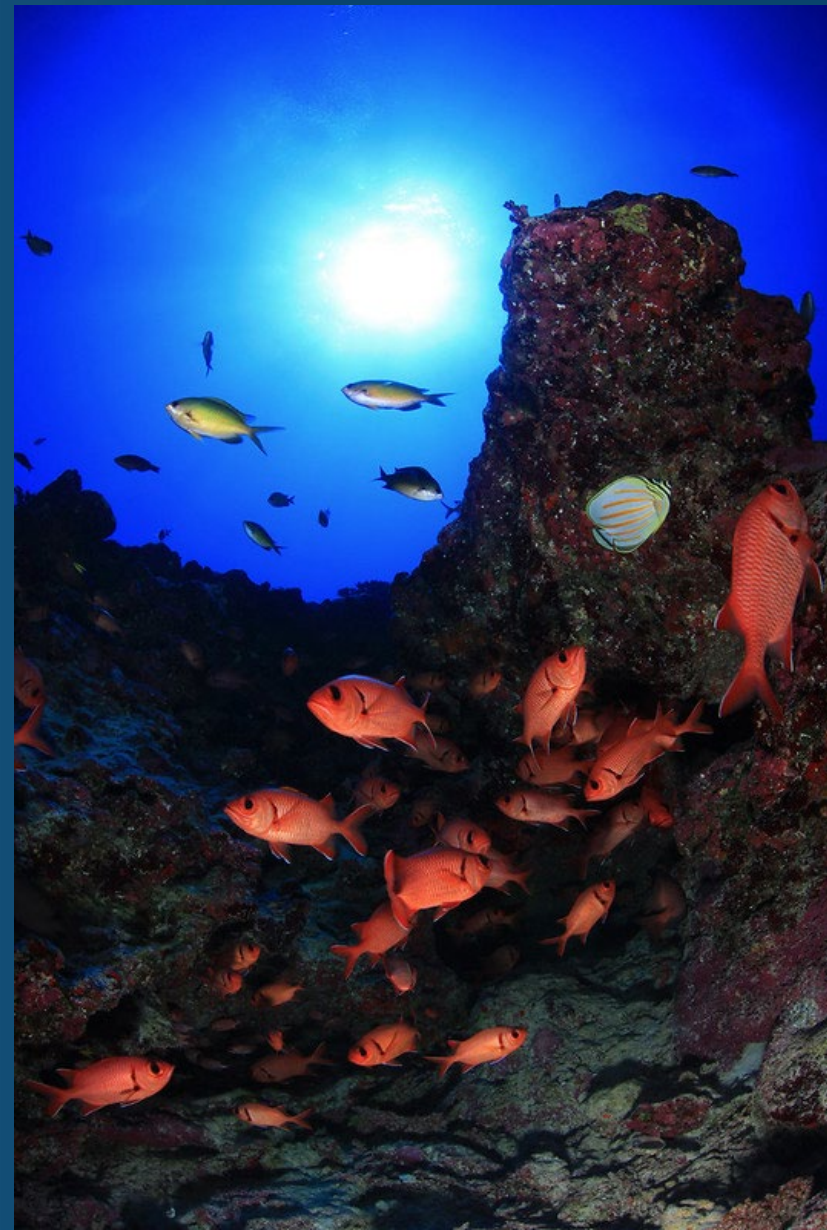
2020 Summary of activities permitted

- Annual permit report
- In calendar year 2020:
 - 19 permit applications were received
 - 8 permits were issued
 - 5 conservation and management
 - 2 special ocean use
 - 1 research



Permit Status 2021

- 21 permits received
 - 1 permit withdrawn
 - 2 permits under review
 - 18 permits issued
 - 2 conservation and management
 - 1 education
 - 4 native Hawaiian practices
 - 8 research
 - 3 special ocean use



Permit Status 2021

- Expected Permit Activities (3 month look ahead)
 - ~Biweekly flights to Midway
 - **September**
 - **Sette**: NMFS field camp pick up, 9/3 to 9/30
 - **Searcher**: FWS Nihoa trip, 9/19 to 9/27
 - **Imua**: FWS midway and Kure field camps swap, 9/30 to 10/12
 - **October**
 - **E/V Nautilus**: Ocean Exploration Trust, 10/19 to 12/19
 - **USGC Juniper and C-130**: Midway buoy maintenance, TBD late October
 - **November**
 - No expected vessel departures



Questions?

