

## **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:** Stephani Gordon

**Affiliation:**

Open Boat Films, LLC



**Permit Category:** Special Ocean Use

**Proposed Activity Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 07/31/2012

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Vessel (NOAA Ship Hi'ialakai)

**Proposed Locations:** Nihoa, Mokumanamana, French Frigate Shoals, Gardner Pinnacles, Maro Reef, Lisianski, Laysan, Pearl and Hermes Atoll, Midway Atoll, Kure Atoll

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 1

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** 20

**Description of proposed activities:** (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

Participation of filmmaker Stephani Gordon in the 2012 Maritime Heritage Resource Management cruise to PMNM will make it possible for her to record high definition video footage for a documentary film that will become a PMNM education and outreach product.

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

Stephani Gordon will conduct filming activities alongside the maritime archaeology team and other research teams, traveling with them to their field sites and filming their work and the habitat around them. Her method of filming involves being self contained, using portable professional camera equipment, and generates little to no impact on the researchers' activities or the natural environment. The filmmaker has twelve years of experience as a field biologist in remote ecosystems including PMNM, plus six years of experience with filming in sensitive habitats, so she has the skills and knowledge necessary to avoid disturbing the natural ecosystem.

Stephani has completed two films for the Monument and abided by permit requirements during those productions, receiving a good report from PMNM staff monitoring her actions in the field.

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

Having a dedicated, professional filmmaker onboard during the maritime heritage research expedition will provide valuable footage of shipwrecks in the Monument for PMNM's education and outreach, including imagery of the recently identified Two Brothers whaler from Nantucket, which is of great historic significance.

**Other information or background:** The primary mission of collecting this footage is for the documentary film on the Two Brother's shipwreck site which will be created specifically for PMNM's education and outreach. Other commercial uses for the footage may arise after that project has been completed, including additional short science 'mini-docs' produced by Open Boat Films, footage licensed for use in programs produced by other companies or broadcasters, and/or use in other nonfiction documentaries, web pieces, or even art pieces. Most of the imagery collected will be video, though some still images will also be taken, using the same camera equipment. PMNM will be provided with a copy of all footage and stills collected during the expedition for non-commercial use.