

## **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:** LCDR Stephanie A. Koes, NOAA- Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship Oscar Elton Sette

**Affiliation:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**Permit Category:** Conservation and Management

**Proposed Activity Dates:** TBD pending FY13 schedule. Request Permit from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Vessel

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

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 24

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** TBD (FY12 schedule still pending)

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

a.) The proposed activity would...

Operate the Oscar Elton Sette, a 224' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research vessel within the boundaries of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The purpose of this vessel is to provide an at sea research platform support for NOAA research activities. Research scientists aboard the vessel will work under separate permits from the ship.

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

Transport and support research scientists traveling within the Monument.

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

Providing a data collection platform for scientists to conduct research and conservation management activities in order to preserve and sustain the scientific and cultural significance of Papahānaumokuākea.

**Other information or background:**