

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: Peter C. Kirk, Captain

Affiliation: Interisland Transit Service, LLC



Permit Category: Conservation and Management

Proposed Activity Dates: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Vessel

Proposed Locations: All areas

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 5

- 7 vessel crew, 12 NOAA personnel

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 100

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
allow Interisland Transit Service to provide a vessel that can support a variety of scientific and management activities, including but not limited to, protected species field camp deployment and recovery, marine debris recovery operations, cetacean surveys, scientific research, and emergency response. Field camp support includes transporting personnel, supplies and scientific materials to remote locations and transferring them on and off the island via small boat. It may be required to transport monk seals between islands. Marine debris recovery includes locating and removing derelict fishing gear and other marine debris; requiring extensive diving, snorkeling and free-diving operations from small boats launched from a larger research vessel platform and requires storage and transport of the debris onboard the vessel until it can be transferred ashore for proper disposal. Cetacean surveys may include continuous visual surveys during daylight hours for cetaceans using mounted binoculars. Scientific activities may include support of small boat and diving operations near remote islands or the deployment and recovery of scientific instrumentation in the open ocean. Emergency response may include the evacuation

of personnel and/or animals from remote field stations in the event of a medical emergency or natural disaster.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would
operate the ship in accordance with applicable Monument, Federal, and State regulations. The ship will support approved activities while respecting the cultural significance of the area and making as minimal an impact on the environment as possible.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...
supporting permitted science and cultural activities with respect to environment stewardship. The activities support the understanding and protection of Monument resources and education and outreach to the public.

Other information or background: