

**Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument**  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT Permit Application

**NOTE:** *This Permit Application (and associated Instructions) are to propose activities to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Co-Trustees are required to determine that issuing the requested permit is compatible with the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031. Within this Application, provide all information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument).*

**ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Any or all of the information within this application may be posted to the Monument website informing the public on projects proposed to occur in the Monument.
- In addition to the permit application, the Applicant must either download the Monument Compliance Information Sheet from the Monument website OR request a hard copy from the Monument Permit Coordinator (contact information below). The Monument Compliance Information Sheet must be submitted to the Monument Permit Coordinator after initial application consultation.
- Issuance of a Monument permit is dependent upon the completion and review of the application and Compliance Information Sheet.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Send Permit Applications to:

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Coordinator

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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:** Peter C. Kirk, Captain

**Affiliation:** Interisland Transit Service, LLC



**Permit Category:** Conservation and Management

**Proposed Activity Dates:** January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

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

**Proposed Locations:** All areas

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 5  
- 10 vessel crew, crew number depending on project being supported

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** As per project being supported, up to 120.

**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. Any activity covered by Monument permits issued to organizations wishing to use MV BEAUPORT as a support vessel.

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:**