

**Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument**  
SPECIAL OCEAN USE 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:** Tatsuro Oga

**Affiliation:** TBS Vision Inc.

**Permit Category:** Special Ocean Use

**Proposed Activity Dates:** July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014(dates may vary)

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Vessel to Nihoa Island, Necker Island and French Frigate Shoals.

The vessel information is as follows;

Vessel name: MV Searcher

Vessel owner: The Medical Foundation for the Study of the Environment

Captain: Jonathan Littenberg

IMO#: 192

Vessel ID: U.S.Coast Guard 1103056

Flag: U.S.

Vesse Type: Steel Hull

Call Sign: WDA 6100

Embarkation port: Honolulu

Last port vessel will have been at prior to this embarkation: Honolulu

Length: LOA 96 Ft/Registered 78.1 Ft

Gross tonnage: 197

Total ballast water capacity volume (m3): N/A

Total number of ballast water tanks on ship: N/A

Total fuel capacity: 9600 Gallons

Total number of fuel tanks on ship: 6

Marine Sanitaiton deevice: Yes

Type: II

Aircraft: Charter to the Midway Atoll

**Proposed Locations:** Nihoa Island, Necker Island, Frence Frigate Shoals and Midway Atoll \*We would like to hire NOAA researchers to show the islands

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

20

**Estimated number of days in the Monument: 24**

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

a.) The proposed activity would...

Our show, called The World Heritage, is the series of documentary programs, aired in 30-minutes weekly slots, feature UNESCO world heritage sites celebrating natural and cultural treasures. Now in its eighteenth year, the series has introduced audiences to over 590 world heritage sites. World heritage sites are priceless assets - gems of the natural world and treasures created by humankind over the course of centuries and we would like to introduce the newly registered location, the Munument.

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

We want to capture three aspects of Monument, the Hawaiian culture, the marine life and the history and chose four locations, Nihoa Island, Necker Island, Frence Frigate Shoals and Midway Atoll.

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

Our show captures the world heritages in high definition, helping to reinforce humanity's shared legacy. The programs combine the highest levels of visual quality with compelling narration and inspiring music. We are willing to share any footage upon your request. Moreover, our show has attracted various internaitonal buyers and raised awareness of both domestic and international TV viewers and mobilize resources for the world heritage conservation.

**Other information or background:**

The followings are the proposed activities in each location.

Nihoa Island

\*Land

The monument of Hawaiian ancestries including Heiau, Seabirds(Laysan Duck, Laysan Finch, Nihoa Finch and Nihoa Millerbird)

\*Ocean

Marine Life

\*Air

Scenery

Necker Island

\*Land

The monument of Hawaiian ancestries including Heiau, Seabirds(Laysan Duck, Laysan Finch, Nihoa Finch and Nihoa Millerbird)

\*Ocean  
Marine Life  
\*Air  
Scenery

#### French Frigate Shoals

\*Land  
The NOAA research for Hawaiian Monk Seal, Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles, Laysan and Black footed albatross, Sherewaters, Petrels and Terns

\*Ocean  
The NOAA research for Hawaiian Monk Seal, Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles, coral reefs  
\*Air  
Helicopter/Charter

#### Midway

\*Land  
Phoebastria nigripes, Phoebastria immutabilis  
\*Ocean  
Sunken vessels and planes