

**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:  
NOAA/Inouye Regional Center  
NOS/ONMS/PMNM/Attn: Permit Coordinator  
1845 Wasp Blvd, Building 176  
Honolulu, HI 96818  
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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:** Marco SIMEONI

**Affiliation:** RACE FOR WATER ODYSSEY for the RACE FOR WATER FOUNDATION

**Permit Category:** Conservation and Management

**Proposed Activity Dates:** 2-4 July 2015

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

**Proposed Locations:** Midway Atoll

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 7

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** 4 days

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

a.) The proposed activity would...

The Race for Water Odyssey, is a unique sailing expedition in remote areas in the 5 plastic patches which aims to share its values and the sea's beauty with the greatest number of people, especially the future generation. By bringing back powerful testimonies to the public, industry and lawmakers, its aim is to force change to protect our oceans.

Talented photographers and filmmakers will document the adventure and in each stopover public speaking will be organized to reach out sea lovers and media worldwide and ensure that the necessity of using resources wisely is understood by more and more people. The Odyssey will work in close collaboration with Duke University and Oregon State University in the USA, as well as the International Union for the Conservation for Nature (IUCN), the UNESCO and UNEP.

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

The boat and its crew (including a media crew in charge of Filming the Expedition), would like to visit Midway in order to Film what is happening on Midway and thus bring back powerful testimonies as part of our collaboration with National Geographic. They

should be there around July 2nd 2015 and will stay there a maximum of 3 days, on their way from Hawaii towards Japan.

If possible, we would like to be allowed to set foot onshore in order to better understand how Midway is affected by this growing problem

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...  
Get a better knowledge on how those Monument are affected by Plastic Pollution and bring back powerful testimony to raise awareness

**Other information or background:**