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:
NOAA/Inouye Regional Center
NOS/ONMS/PMNM/Attn: Permit Coordinator
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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: Blane Benevedes and Koa Matsuoka
Affiliation: Self

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use
Proposed Activity Dates: June 26th to July 7th
Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Vessel (Covered under K. Kikiloi's permit application)
Proposed Locations: Nihoa and Mokumanamana

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 2
Estimated number of days in the Monument: approximately 14 days

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
capture video and digital still images to document the natural and cultural resources (animals, plants, landscapes, and cultural sites) of Nihoa, Mokumanamana, and the waters of Papahānaumokuākea leading up to Mokumanamana to raise community awareness of the place from Hawaiian perspectives. We will be utilizing traditional storytelling through metaphor to connect communities to these places in a rarely-done way.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would ....
capture video and digital still images at Nihoa, Mokumanamana, and surrounding waters to potentially develop into a documentary, photo book, and/or digital gallery. We will also need to support and observe appropriate cultural and biological protocols to enter these spaces and capture our images.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by …
promoting PMNM through the production and dissemination of products (photos, video, other educational materials, posters, cards, etc.) that will connect people to the place. We will provide high-quality media to the Monument agencies that can be utilized for their outreach and educational needs. We also plan to present our methods and stories in various education settings (galleries, conferences, classrooms, etc.).

Other information or background:
Both applicants have been employed by Monument agencies and have worked in the Monument. Both applicants will be accessing the Monument through a Native Hawaiian Practices Permit (Kikiloi). Blane Benevedes has served at the ONMS PMNM office as the Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, tasked with caring for the Monument’s cultural and natural resources. Koa Matsuoka has been a member of the NMFS monk seal program as a field team member, caring for the natural resources of Papahānaumokuākea. We are both students and practitioners of subsets of the Hawaiian culture, and will be traveling to the Monument under Kikiloi’s permit in strict observance of the cultural and biological protocols for Nihoa, Mokumanamana, and their surrounding seas.