

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
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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: Ingrid Formanek

Affiliation: CNN

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use

Proposed Activity Dates: end of June or July 2016, exact dates pending plane transport schedules.

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Plane, Cinco Air Charter, Gulfstream III

Proposed Locations: Midway Atoll

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 4

Estimated number of days in the Monument: Approximately 4 days, pending transport schedules

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

CNN will be broadcasting a series of reports investigating the impact of ocean plastics on the environment, wildlife and humans. We will film on Midway Atoll to show the effects of plastic debris and the research being done on the subject. The remoteness and isolation of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument has resulted in unique ecosystems teeming with some species only found on PMNM; but even in this far flung island chain, its' inhabitants and their environs have been unable to escape humanity's ugly footprint - plastic pollution. PMNM's geographical position in the North Pacific Gyre makes the archipelago vulnerable to marine plastics amassing in its' waters and land. Filming on PMNM will illustrate the reach and the effect of mankind's activity in a location historically familiar to Americans, sacred to Hawaiians, and globally significant as one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world rich in maritime history.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would

Document/film the effects of ocean plastics on birds, mammals and their habitat in PMNM.

The iconic albatrosses which nest on Midway, often ingesting ocean plastics and then feeding them to their chicks, resulting in a graveyard of the young threatened birds. Film the abundant fish swimming among plastic debris, as well as other marine life impacted by plastic waste and fishing debris such as green sea turtles and the endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal. Film plastics and derelict fishing gear covering reef systems, plastics washed up on shore. We would like to accompany a Marine Debris Clean-up Crew as they pull tonnes of nets and other debris from the ocean. We would also like speak with scientists and researchers, and film their activities relating to ocean plastics and wildlife research. We will film research facilities on site.

Film in the waters around Midway, and join any scientific teams - with their agreement, as they conduct field work.

We will stress the fragility and the importance of maintaining the health of each species, the reefs and ecosystems as part of a larger, inter-linked global ecosystem.

Our filming would not in any way interfere with the work and activities being carried out by researchers and the state and federal agencies operating at PMNM.

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

By showing this unique ecosystem, we aim to promote the protection of this World Heritage site, and urge continued work to safeguard the environment for future generations, We will highlight the urgency of combatting the current environmental impact of ocean plastics, pressuring the global community to act responsibly, and showing the importance of the work carried out by the various agencies working in the area.

Other information or background:

All the team members on the CNN crew have many years of field experience, and respect the ecosystems and work being done at PMNM. We have done environmental reporting and understand we will need to approach our filming in the area with great care. We will defer to guidance and advice, and we will not interfere with any work being carried out, or harm the environment and wildlife in any way.