

## **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:** Joseph Van Os

**Affiliation:** Director, Joseph Van Os Photo Safaris

**Permit Category:** Special Ocean Use

**Proposed Activity Dates:** March 1-15, 2010 and March 29-April 12, 2010

**Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane):** Charter aircraft from Honolulu

**Proposed Locations:** Midway Atoll (Sand and Eastern Islands)

**Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:** 60 (15 individuals per week of activity).

**Estimated number of days in the Monument:** 32 days total (8 days per week of activity)

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

a.) The proposed activity would...  
...bring groups of serious amateur photographers to Sand and Eastern (1/2 day boat tour, if operating) Islands with a expert photographer/naturalist leaders to document the wildlife, cultural and historic features that are accessible under the conditions of this permit.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would ....  
provide supervision, photographic instruction, natural history interpretation, especially of birdlife, to the guests in the field.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...  
...promoting public awareness of the importance of the Monument, its wildlife and history, as well as of the environmental issues confronting the atoll. Many of our proposed guests regularly provide free and informative photographic presentations to nature and civic groups and camera clubs throughout the country (and the world in some cases). On Midway, our guided tours will provide our guests interpretation of the biological importance of the atoll and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

**Other information or background:** Joe Van Os brought two groups to Midway in 2009 for two weeks of intensive photography (PMNM-2009-007). All participants in the groups called their

time in the atoll an extraordinary event. All had high praise for the FWS staff and the concessionaire.

Joe Van Os has been director of Joseph Van Os Photo Safaris for three decades. For 10 years he was an employee of the National Audubon Society working both as an intrepertive naturalist and as a researcher on a Gulf of Maine seabird recovery team. Joe has been the education director at the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences (formerly Manomet Bird Observatory) in Manomet, Massachusetts. Joe taught high school biology and natural history after graduating with a BA from Rutgers University in New Jersey. He holds a Master's degree in science teaching (emphasizing ornithology) from Antioch University (New Hampshire).

Dr. Wayne Lynch is a former emergency physician who has worked for the past 30 years as a full-time science writer and photographer. He is the author of award-winning books and television documentaries, a popular guest lecturer, and Canada's best known and most widely published professional wildlife photographer. Wayne is a veteran tour leader, having led over 150 trips worldwide. He lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Our travelers to Midway Atoll are amateur photographers -- the majority are retired and pursue wildlife photography as an avocation and have a strong interest in natural history.