

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: Michael L. Walther

Affiliation: Owner, Oahu Nature Tours

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use

Proposed Activity Dates: March - May 2012 and October 2012; dates pending due to flight schedules

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Aircraft

Proposed Locations: Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 18

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 21 days: 7-days per trip; three trips total

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
allow a small birding group to explore the birdlife on Sand and Eastern Islands of Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would
coordinate with refuge staff regarding logistics, accommodations, restoration volunteering, and birding access areas.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...
educating the public on the natural history of Midway Atoll and important actions provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the resident and migrant wildlife species (seabirds, shorebirds, monk seals and sea turtles).

Other information or background: Oahu Nature Tours (ONT) has been in operation for 14 years. We were founded in 1995 as the original nature adventure company on Oahu. We provide the finest ecotours and best prices available. ONT provide professional, knowledgeable, and friendly guides to narrate each location visited while exploring the beautiful island. We specialize in small group size to see Hawaii's unique native bird and plant species. Spectacular scenery, excellent photographic opportunities, and information about the geology,

archaeology, mythology, and history of Hawaii are available on our fun and educational tours. Whether you are interested in rainforest waterfall hike, a Diamond Head crater adventure, Green sea turtles, or colorful tropical birds and flowers; or simply would like to learn fun and interesting facts about the natural history of Hawaii, ONT has always been the adventure travelers' and travel agents' choice for quality ecotours. ONT donates to The Nature Conservancy, Audubon, Conservation Council of Hawaii, and Lyon Arboretum.

ONT adventure tours include:

DIAMOND HEAD CRATER ADVENTURE: Enjoy a guided walk to the 760-foot of the world's most famous crater where breathtaking 360 degree views await you. On this adventure you will learn interesting information about the crater's geology, history, archaeology, flora, and fauna.

TALE OF TWO PALACES ADVENTURE: Step back in time on this unforgettable and exciting adventure as you visit the historic highlights of the Kingdom of Hawaii. The lush Nu'uauu Valley, Queen Emma Summer Palace, Hawaii's sacred Royal Mausoleum, inside visit of the only Royal Palace in the United States, Iolani Palace, King Kamehameha statue, and unique Kawaihau Church.

HAWAIIAN WATERFALL HIKING ADVENTURE: Spectacular 2000-foot jagged cliffs tower above as you walk into the lush Koolau mountains that rise above Kaneohe Bay. We visit a picturesque rainforest waterfall and enjoy Hawaii's unique rainforest plants and birds.

NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF OAHU ADVENTURE: Visit Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary, world famous Hanauma Bay, "From here to eternity" beach, Halona blowhole, Makapuu Lookout, Kaupo lava flow and tide pools, Waimanalo Bay, Enchanted Lake bird refuge, ancient Hawaiian temple...

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