

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: Jessica M. Pociask

Affiliation: WANT Expeditions - Wildlife and Nature Travel

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use

Proposed Activity Dates: February 20-27, 2012

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Plane

Proposed Locations: Midway

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

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 8

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
Enable the general public to visit an important historical and ecological national monument.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would
Coordinate with FWS staff to visit all accessible locations on Midway, as well as attend lectures and video presentations on the conservation of the wildlife, and the crucial role that Midway plays for seabirds and other marine life. In addition, we will also coordinate with the staff member in charge of ecological restoration and arrange at least two opportunities for guests to donate their time and efforts for verbena removal, or some other much needed volunteer restoration project.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...
Generating public awareness and funding to keep such an important location protected for future generations, and providing labor at no charge for habitat restoration on the island.

Other information or background: