

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: Lieutenant Commander Michael F. Ellis, NOAA

Affiliation: U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations
NOAA Ship *Hi`ialakai*

Permit Category: Conservation and Management

Proposed Activity Dates: January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): NOAA Ship *Hi`ialakai*

Proposed Locations: All areas

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 27

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 100

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
allow NOAA Ship *Hi`ialakai* to safely support scientific activities approved through the permit process. *Hi`ialakai* provides the base "mother ship" for small boat, diving, mapping, cultural, and other activities approved by the Monument Co-Trustees and the NOAA fleet allocation process. Without ship support, these activities would not be possible.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would
operate the ship in accordance with applicable Monument, Federal, and State regulations. The ship will support approved activities while respecting the cultural significance of the area and making as minimal an impact on the environment as possible.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ... supporting permitted science and cultural activities with respect to environmental stewardship. The activities support the understanding and protection of Monument resources and education and outreach to the public.

Other information or background: