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NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29

On Thursday, April 29, 2004, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council will hold its next meeting. The meeting will be held on the island of O'ahu at the Honolulu Airport's Interisland Terminal 7th Floor Conference Rooms. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and is open to the public.

At the meeting, the Council will be taking action on the draft final Reserve Operations Plan and the draft non-fishing goals and objectives for the proposed sanctuary. The Council would also like to introduce the newly selected Native Hawaiian Representative, Kekuewa Kikiloi. To obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, call 397-2660 in Honolulu.

The Reserve Council is an advisory body to NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program and was established to assist in planning for a marine sanctuary and operating the recently created NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The purpose of the Reserve is to conserve one of the nation's most unique coral reef ecosystems.

For more information about the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve visit: <u>http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov</u>