PMNM Permit Overview

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50 CFR Part 404 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 8031

Majority of activities that occur in the Monument require a permit

- **Exceptions**: Activities of the U. S. Armed Services, Emergency Response, Law Enforcement, innocent passage.

- **Prohibited activities**: resource collections using poisons, electrical charges, or explosives; introduction or release of an introduced species; exploring for or producing oil, gas or minerals, anchoring on coral.

- **Six permit categories**: Research; Conservation and Management; Education; Special Ocean Use; Native Hawaiian Practices; and Recreation (not in effect).
Simplified Permit Process

Step 1: Application Intake; PC Initial Review; Identify Compliance Needs

Step 2: MMB Agency Review; Conduct Applicable Compliance

Step 3: MMB Endorsement; BLNR review (if applicable)

Step 4: Permit Issuance; Complete Compliance

Step 5: Permit Validation; Pre-Access Requirements

Step 6: Permit Reporting
Proposed activities must be consistent with Proclamation 8031 and the goals of the Monument:

- 10 general findings criteria questions across all permit types
  - 5 additional for Native Hawaiian Practice Permits
  - 3 additional for Special Ocean Use Permits (Outside Midway)
  - 2 additional for Special Ocean Use Permits (Within Midway)
  - 1 additional for Recreation Permits (when in effect)
Major elements of a permit

- Authorized activities and locations
- General terms and conditions (25 currently)
- Special terms and conditions (determined during review)
  - Includes Monument Best Management Practices (BMPs)

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Pre-access permit requirements

- Pre-access VMS check with OLE (VMS to remain on during entire voyage)
- Rodent inspection no more than 48 hours prior to each entrance
- Vessel and hull inspection/cleaning per PMNM resource specialist recommendations
- Compliance Information Sheet (CIS) sheet prior to each entrance
Pre-access permit requirements

- Vessel entrance/exit reporting into PSSA
  - PSSA is area extending 10 miles out and entirely around the PMNM boundary
  - Notification of entry and exit of the Monument via e-mail or telephone by contacting: nwhi.notifications@noaa.gov; Telephone: 1-866-478-6944; or 1-808-395-6944.
  - Provided at least 72 hours, but no longer than one month, prior to the entry date.
How to apply for a permit

• Processing takes an estimated four months for interagency review, public comment, MMB endorsement and issuance.

• **Deadline for permit submittals**
  - **Feb. 1:** June 1 – August 31
  - **May 1:** September 1 – December 31
  - **Sept. 1:** January 1 – May 31

• More details on our website
  - [https://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/permit](https://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/permit)
2020 Summary of activities permitted

- Annual permit report
- In calendar year 2020:
  - 19 permit applications were received
  - 8 permits were issued
    - 5 conservation and management
    - 2 special ocean use
    - 1 research
Permit Status 2021

- 21 permits received
  - 1 permit withdrawn
  - 2 permits under review
  - 18 permits issued
    - 2 conservation and management
    - 1 education
    - 4 native Hawaiian practices
    - 8 research
    - 3 special ocean use
Permit Status 2021

- Expected Permit Activities (3 month look ahead)
  - ~Biweekly flights to Midway
  - **September**
    - **Sette**: NMFS field camp pick up, 9/3 to 9/30
    - **Searcher**: FWS Nihoa trip, 9/19 to 9/27
    - **Imua**: FWS midway and Kure field camps swap, 9/30 to 10/12
  - **October**
    - **E/V Nautilus**: Ocean Exploration Trust, 10/19 to 12/19
    - **USGC Juniper and C-130**: Midway buoy maintenance, TBD late October
  - **November**
    - No expected vessel departures
Questions?