

# PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA



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### MONUMENT WEBSITE BRINGS THE PLACE TO THE PEOPLE

(Honolulu, HI) Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in its continuing effort to “bring the place to the people” has begun featuring informative video reports on its website: [www.papahanaumokuakea.gov](http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov)

Monument Superintendent, ‘Aulani Wilhelm of NOAA’s National Marine Sanctuary Program said the videos cover a broad range of subjects relating to the monument, as well as other NOAA programs and activities taking place in the Hawaiian archipelago. Among the features to be included on the monument website are a preview of the new maritime heritage exhibit opening at the Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in Hilo, a primer on the World Heritage designation review process for the monument, a feature on technical diving in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, a feature on ‘opihi research utilizing traditional Hawaiian knowledge, a series of reports on the monument’s Navigating Change Program, and profiles of the NOAA research vessels stationed in Hawai‘i. All videos are closed captioned for deaf and hearing impaired viewers.

Wilhelm said initially more than three dozen video reports will be posted to the website and anticipates two-four additional ones will be added on a monthly basis and others as news events and activities of interest occur in the monument.

Papahānaumokuākea is cooperatively managed to ensure ecological integrity and achieve strong, long-term protection and perpetuation of Northwestern Hawaiian Island ecosystems, Native Hawaiian culture, and heritage resources for current and future generations. Three co-trustees – the Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior, and State of Hawai‘i – joined by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, protect this special place, which is now being considered for inscription as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For more information, please visit [www.papahanaumokuakea.gov](http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov)

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