

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
SPECIAL OCEAN USE Permit Application

NOTE: *This Permit Application (and associated Instructions) are to propose activities to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Co-Trustees are required to determine that issuing the requested permit is compatible with the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031. Within this Application, provide all information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument).*

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Any or all of the information within this application may be posted to the Monument website informing the public on projects proposed to occur in the Monument.
- In addition to the permit application, the Applicant must either download the Monument Compliance Information Sheet from the Monument website OR request a hard copy from the Monument Permit Coordinator (contact information below). The Monument Compliance Information Sheet must be submitted to the Monument Permit Coordinator after initial application consultation.
- Issuance of a Monument permit is dependent upon the completion and review of the application and Compliance Information Sheet.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Send Permit Applications to:
NOAA/Inouye Regional Center
NOS/ONMS/PMNM/Attn: Permit Coordinator
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Honolulu, HI 96818
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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: Jon d'Alessio, Treasurer

Affiliation: Friends of Midway Atoll NWR (FOMA)

Permit Category: Special Ocean Use

Proposed Activity Dates: 4/30/23-4/29/28

Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Plane, as invited

Proposed Locations: Midway Atoll NWR (MANWR)

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 15

Estimated number of days in the Monument: estimated 315 days per year (~6 days/week for 30min/day)

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...

Operating store with sales of Midway logoed items and possibly Monument logoed items with appropriate permission from the Co-trustees or the Monument Communication Team, support for habitat restoration, environmental education and interpretive activities and marine debris studies. Other activities to support Midway Atoll NWR (MANWR) as requested by Refuge staff.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would

We would continue to provide funds to support the Albatross counters and KUPU volunteers, funding for educational items for the Midway Visitor's Center, support for special events on Midway to include the Battle of Midway Anniversary commemorations and helping with preparations for any VIP visitors as directed by the Refuge Manager. FOMA sells tee-shirts, hats, books, etc. through the Midway store and 100% of all profits from these sales are returned to support Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. FOMA publishes periodic newsletters and maintains a website, Facebook, and Instagram presence for Midway Atoll NWR while noting its significance within the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...

Providing visibility, awareness and educational content all of which is in full support for the value of the PMNM as well as Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. FOMA advocates to the general public about the important role the PMNM and the Refuge play in helping to conserve the valuable natural, heritage, and cultural resources found there, and preserve the Native Hawaiian connection to the islands within the monument and US military history of the Battle of Midway Memorial. Our non-profit status also allows us to pursue grants and donations that provide funds for projects that benefit the Refuge, and through that the greater PMNM.

Other information or background:

Refuge Friends groups were created to support wildlife refuges around the USA and possessions. FOMA was organized in 1999 and since then has generated over \$900,000 of support (through donations, memberships, gift store sales and grants) for historic and wildlife preservation activities. These activities include obtaining several grants for control of invasive species, administering a \$250,000 grant to study marine debris on Midway Atoll, assisting with the preservation of the Murals that were inside the station Theatre, providing funds for bicycles for use by visitors to Midway, providing funding for interpretive displays and furniture for the Midway Visitor's Center, purchasing fresh water guzzlers for the Laysan Teal reintroduction, providing support for special events on Midway, providing staff support and funding for the Battle of Midway Anniversary celebrations both on Midway and Oahu, and helping with facility set up and guest services, and providing financial support annually to the Midway Albatross counters and KUPA volunteers. Board members have also participated actively in renovation of the visitor center displays that highlight the greater Monument including its cultural significance, invasive species control and marine debris monitoring.