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: Bonnie Kahapeʻa-Tanner
Affiliation: Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy

Permit Category: Native Hawaiian Practices
Proposed Activity Dates: 6/16/2020 to 6/26/2020
Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): SSV Makani Olu
Proposed Locations: Mokumanamana and Nihoa

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit: 25
Estimated number of days in the Monument: 5

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would…

The proposed training voyage to PNMM would be part of Hālau Holomoana, a 30 day Native Hawaiian culture/waʻa based maritime vocational program. The overall purpose of the program is to expose youth to the wide variety of college and career opportunities in the maritime industry while grounding them in Native Hawaiian canoe culture and non-instrument navigation.

This will be a continuation or link to the "Ola i ke au a Kanaloa" voyages that took place in June of 2014, 2016, and 2018. The voyage gives a unique deep sea and culturally rich opportunity to 15 high school juniors and seniors and 10 professional ships crew, instructional kumu, and cultural practitioners. This voyage will focus on developing a theory of sail plan as to how the ancient mariners managed to sail back to the main Hawaiian Islands. To this date, all previous voyages on voyaging canoes were towed upwind, back to the main Hawaiian Islands.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would ….

Sail into the monument waters, conduct cultural ceremony on board the ship at Nihoa and Mokumanamana. Utilize traditional and modern wayfinding techniques to navigate to and from PNMM.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by …

Exposing a new generation of youth and potential master mariners to the monument and the unique landscape, geological features, and natural wild environment abundant in the PNMN.

Other information or background:

Vessel Name: SSV Makani Olu
Vessel Owner: Marimed Foundation
Captains Name: Harry Sprague
IMO#: DLZ065030497
Vessel ID#: 1113517
Flag: USA
Vessel Type: three-masted tall ship stay-sail schooner
Call sign: WDA6945
Embarkation port: Kāne'ohe Bay
Length: 96'
Gross Tonnage: 68
Total ballast water capacity:
Total fuel capacity: 421g
Total number of fuel tanks on ship: 2
Marine Sanitation Device: Holding Tank
Type: