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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Chairperson and Members  
Natural Area Reserves System Commission  
State of Hawai`i  
Honolulu, Hawai`i

NARS Commission Members:

SUBJECT: REQUESTING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE  
NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION FOR  
CERTAIN PRODUCTIONS TO FILM IN THE NATURAL AREA  
RESERVES SYSTEM.

BACKGROUND:

The Natural Area Reserves System Commission (NARSC) has delegated authority for certain Special Use Permits to the NARSC Executive Secretary following review and consultation with NARS staff. Authority to approve filming in the Natural Area Reserves System is not currently delegated and must still go before the full Commission.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Hawai`i Film Office is requesting delegation for certain productions to film in Natural Area Reserves. Due to the nature of film production in general, often with a very fast turnaround; there is not sufficient time to wait for a full Commission meeting. The Commission has delegated certain permitting authority to the NARSC Executive Secretary, with review and consultation with appropriate Branch staff before a permit is issued, signed, and finally approved by the Board or its authorized representative.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the NARS Commission authorize delegation of authority to the NARS Commission Executive Secretary for certain productions to film in the Natural Area Reserves System, on a case-by-case basis and with review and consultation by appropriate Branch Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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