

State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

September 15, 2008

Chairperson and Members  
Natural Area Reserves System Commission  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

NARS Commission Members:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
WILDLIFE SOCIETY AND THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KAENA POINT  
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT**

This submittal requests the Natural Area Reserves (NARS) Commission to approve and recommend to the Board for adoption the proposed cooperative agreement with The Wildlife Society and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the implementation of the Kaena Point Ecosystem Restoration Project.

**Background and Discussion:** The proposed Kaena Point Ecosystem Restoration Project is a joint project of DLNR-DOFAW, Oahu Natural Area Reserves Program, DLNR-State Parks, The Wildlife Society, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The project involves the planning and implementation of a predator-proof fence to exclude small mammals (dogs, cats, mongoose, rats, mice) from the coastal ecosystem at the tip of Kaena Point and to remove any animals remaining within the fenced area.

The project is currently in the planning phase. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in December 2007. The Final EA is in development and anticipated to be complete this fall (2008). County permits, including a Special Management Area permit, a Shoreline Setback Variance, and a grading permit, will be applied for this fall. The project is primarily funded through a Federal grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to The Wildlife Society, Hawaii Chapter.

A draft cooperative agreement has been prepared to clarify the roles of the parties to this cooperative conservation project and will be submitted to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for approval, subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General's office. A draft

of the cooperative agreement will be distributed at the NARS Commission meeting for review, with a request that the NARS Commission recommend that the Board approve entering into such a cooperative agreement, subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General's office.

**Recommendation:**

That the NARS Commission approve and recommend to the Board for adoption the proposed cooperative agreement with The Wildlife Society and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the implementation of the Kaena Point Ecosystem Restoration Project, subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General's office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments