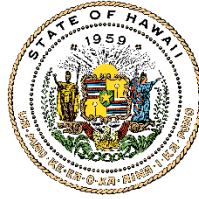


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Genevieve Hillard Sullivan, Project Manager
Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Administration Modal Unit
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03/30/2026

Dear Genevieve Hillard Sullivan:

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION
Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) OA-3994
(Board Permit)

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for the processing of, Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), CDUA for the proposed Kalaeloa Hybrid Reef project located offshore Kalaeloa Point located in 'Ewa, Honouliuli, O'ahu. The project is proposed upon submerged land that lies within the Resource subzone of the Conservation District, offshore of Tax Map Key (TMK): (1) 9-1-014:049.

The applicant is proposing to deploy an array of concrete structures and data collection devices in 7-13 ft (2-4 m) water. The proposed project area has an approximate total footprint of 8,945 ft² (831 m²). The reef design is to mimic a fringe reef with live coral. The proposed project includes the following summary of work to be performed for the project:

- Permanent anchoring.
- Up to three subsurface moorings.
- Up to three cylindrical acoustic devices that may play continuously for up to 12 hours, primarily during evening hours.
- Up to 30 cameras may be mounted in PVC housings to the concrete structures. 15 cameras may be accompanied by a light inside the housing.
- Up to nine acoustic recorders.
- Up to six sensor recorders evenly spaced along the array. An additional two recorders would be deployed for low-frequency fish sounds for two months a year during the summer.

- 56 monitoring structures consisting of up to 10 layers of plastic sheets may be attached to 28 reef crest structures to test coral growth and biodiversity.
- Up to 10 concrete structures may have nighttime feeding lights.
- Deploy up to 40 Umu Kai (fish houses) on the seafloor made of loosely stacked rocks or coral, either inside or adjacent to the concrete structures.

After reviewing the application, the Department finds that:

1. The proposed use is an identified land use in the Resource subzone of the Conservation District, pursuant to the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-5-24, R-5 MARINE CONSTRUCTION (D-1) *Dredging, filling, or construction on submerged lands, including construction of harbors, piers, marinas, and artificial reefs*; and HAR §13-5-22, P-1 DATA COLLECTION (D-1) *Data Collection, research, education, and resource evaluation that involves permanent facilities or structures larger than 500 square feet or a land use causing significant ground disturbance or impact to a natural resource*. This land use requires a permit from Board of Land and Natural Resources. The Board has the final authority to grant, modify, or deny the proposal;
2. Pursuant to HAR §13-5-40(a), a Public Hearing shall be required. Proposed use or public interest determined by the chair requires a public hearing on the application. The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands will contact you to facilitate the hearing;
3. In conformance with the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended, and HAR Chapter 11-200, the Final Environmental Assessment has been reviewed. The finding of no significant impact (FONSI) was published in the February 23, 2026, issue of The Final Environmental Notice;
4. The subject area appears to be outside of the Special Management Area.

Upon completion of the application review process, your client's CDUA will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for their consideration.

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Raymond Lei of our Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0373 or at Raymond.Lei@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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Ryan Kanaka'ole, Acting Chairperson
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