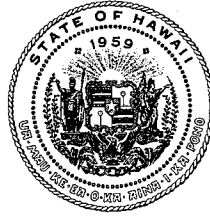
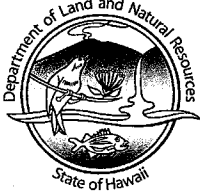


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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DRAFT
LĀLĀMILO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, SOUTH KOHALA
DISTRICT, HAWAI'I ISLAND**

SUMMARY:

Lālāmilo Wind Company LLC proposes to complete a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and obtain an associated 20-yr Incidental Take License to operate a wind energy facility (Project) in the South Kohala District on the island of Hawai'i. The Project has a net generating capacity of 3.3 megawatts and includes 5 turbines, and associated power lines, fencing, and road work.

The HCP, once approved, will result in issuance of an Incidental Take License from the Board for incidental take of endangered animals associated with the HCP activities.

BACKGROUND:

Lālāmilo Wind Company LLC has prepared the draft HCP in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife staff. The draft HCP was published in the June 8, 2016 Office of Environmental Quality and Control's Environmental Notice and is currently available for public review and comments.

Lālāmilo Wind Company LLC has determined that incidental take of two endangered species could occur as a result from operation of the project: Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*) and Hawaiian petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*). The HCP outlines provisions for net benefit to the covered species and environment, and contributes to the recovery of each of these species.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to HRS §195D-4, a public hearing on the affected island in conjunction with a public comment period is required prior to BLNR review and approval of the draft HCP.

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

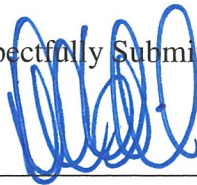
This action before the Board requests approval to conduct a public hearing and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of HRS Chapter 343 relating to environmental impact statements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Grant permission to conduct a public hearing on the island of Hawai‘i for the Lalamilo Draft Habitat Conservation Plan, South Kohala District, Hawai‘i Island
2. Authorize the Chairperson to set the dates and times for the public hearing and;
3. Authorize the Chairperson to appoint a hearing master for the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,



David G. Smith, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Suzanne Case, Chairperson