

EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200.1-15, HAR

Project Title:	Duke Kahanamoku Men's Long Distance Canoe Race Event
Project / Reference No.:	PSF 23OD-030
Project Location:	Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of: 021.
Project Description:	Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Hawaii for a Race Event
Chap. 343 Trigger(s):	Use of State Land.
Exemption Class No:	In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") Sections 11-200.1-15 and -16 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to General Exemption Type 1 for "[o]perations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing." The subject request is specifically exempt under Item 44, which applies to "[p]ermits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing." It is expected that the subject request will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment and the requirements of Section 11-200.1-17, HAR.
Cumulative Impact of Planned Successive Actions in Same Place Significant?	No. Similar events occur at the same location on occasion but not on a routine or regular basis (e.g. daily or weekly). As such, staff believes that there would be no significant cumulative impact as a result of the event.

Action May Have
Significant Impact on
Particularly Sensitive
Environment?

The requested area is a portion of State beach visited by tourists and residents, and is heavily impacted by human activity. Public access across the requested area is maintained by the Hilton Hawaiian Village staff. In addition, based on the analysis below, staff believes there would be no significant impact to sensitive environmental or ecological receptors.

Consulted Parties:

As noted in the submittal.

Analysis:

The Board has permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that periodically occur on this and other beach areas across the State. Such activities have resulted in no known significant impacts, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. Staff also believes that the request would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board find that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.