

## EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

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

Project Title:	Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaiian International Billfish Association for the Inaugural 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 61st Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament, Situated at Kailua-Kona Pier, Lanihau, North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-5-006:039 (por).
Project / Reference No.:	N/A
Project Location:	Kailua-Kona Pier, Lanihau, North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-5-006:039 (por).
Project Description:	Inaugural 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 61st Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament from August 1, 2023, to August 13, 2023.
Chap. 343 Trigger(s):	Use of State Land
Exemption Class No(s):	In accordance with Section 11-200.1-15, Hawaii Administrative Rules and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, reviewed and concurred 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, "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving minor expansion or minor change of use beyond that previously existing," Part 1, Item No. 44, which states, "Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing."
Cumulative Impact of Planned Successive Actions in Same Place Significant?	Yes, the event will be held from August 1, 2023, to August 13, 2023, at the same location, there will be successive actions in the same place. However, based on past events and the applicant's efforts to keep the premises clean, staff believes there would be no significant cumulative impact.
Action May have Significant Impact on Particularly Sensitive Environment?	The requested area is a portion of the Kailua-Kona pier that is visited by tourists and commercial operators and is impacted by human activity. Staff believes there would be no significant impact to sensitive environmental or ecological receptors.
Analysis:	The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation has previously permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope to Kailua-Kona pier events that periodically occurs. 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 believes

	that the request would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.
Consulted Parties:	None
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.