

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

November 9, 2023

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF: 1) SET ASIDE OF UNENCUMBERED LANDS TO THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE AS THE WAIMEA BASEYARD ANNEX, 2) ISSUANCE OF IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY TO DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE IN LALAMILO, SOUTH KOHALA, HAWAII, TAX MAP KEY (3) 6-6-001:073

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 107-10, 171-11 and 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Unencumbered State land situated at Lalamilo, South Kohala District, Hawaii as shown on the attached map labeled **Exhibit A**.

AREA:

Approximately 5 acres.

ZONING:

State Land Use: Agricultural
County of Hawaii: Agricultural-1a
Agricultural-5a

CURRENT USE:

Vacant and unencumbered.

BACKGROUND:

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Native Ecosystem Protection and Management program needs expanded baseyard areas in Waimea on Hawaii island to bring staff, equipment, and materials closer to their project sites in the Kohala mountains. The Division has received funding and is planning to construct new facilities and expand staff

support in the existing baseyard in the Kamuela State Tree Nursery, and this additional parcel would allow further expansion to improve operations.

DISCUSSION:

Set aside of this parcel for Forestry and Wildlife baseyard purposes would allow expanded watershed protection and native ecosystem operational capacity for the Kohala region. This parcel is near the existing Kamuela State Tree Nursery and is accessible from the highway. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife works closely with the Kohala Watershed Partnership, a project of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, and this parcel would help enhance cooperative operations between the Division of Forestry and Wildlife and Kohala Watershed Partnership.

Prior to set aside, survey maps will be required per the Department of Accounting and General Services Survey Division.

CHAPTER 343-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 11-200.1-15 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, Part 1, Item 36 that states, "Transfer of management authority over state-owned land, such as setting aside of state lands to or from other government agencies through a Governor's executive order." The proposed use and set-aside to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife are de minimis actions that will probably 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 § 11-200.1-17, HAR.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board:

1. Authorize the set aside of parcel (3) 6-6-001:073 to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife for the Waimea Baseyard Annex under the terms and conditions cited above which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions, as may be amended from time to time.
 - B. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General.
 - C. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.
2. Authorize the issuance of a management right-of-entry permit to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife covering parcel (3) 6-6-001:073 under the terms and

conditions cited above, effective immediately, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:

- A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time; and
 - B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.
3. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1, HAR, the proposed action will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment as a de minimis action.

Respectfully Submitted,



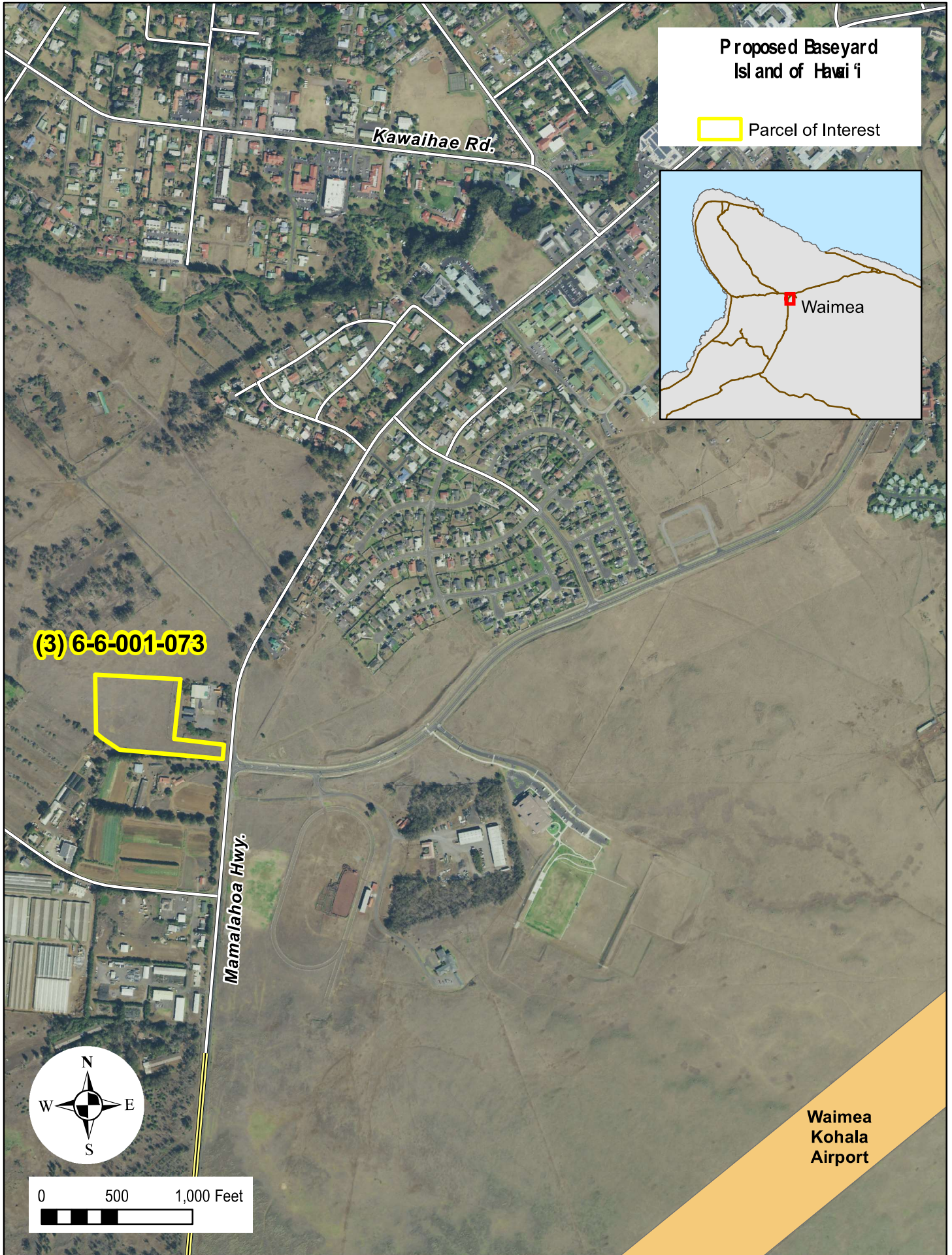
DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:




DAWN N. S. CHANG, Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Attachments



Proposed Baseyard
Island of Hawai'i

 Parcel of Interest

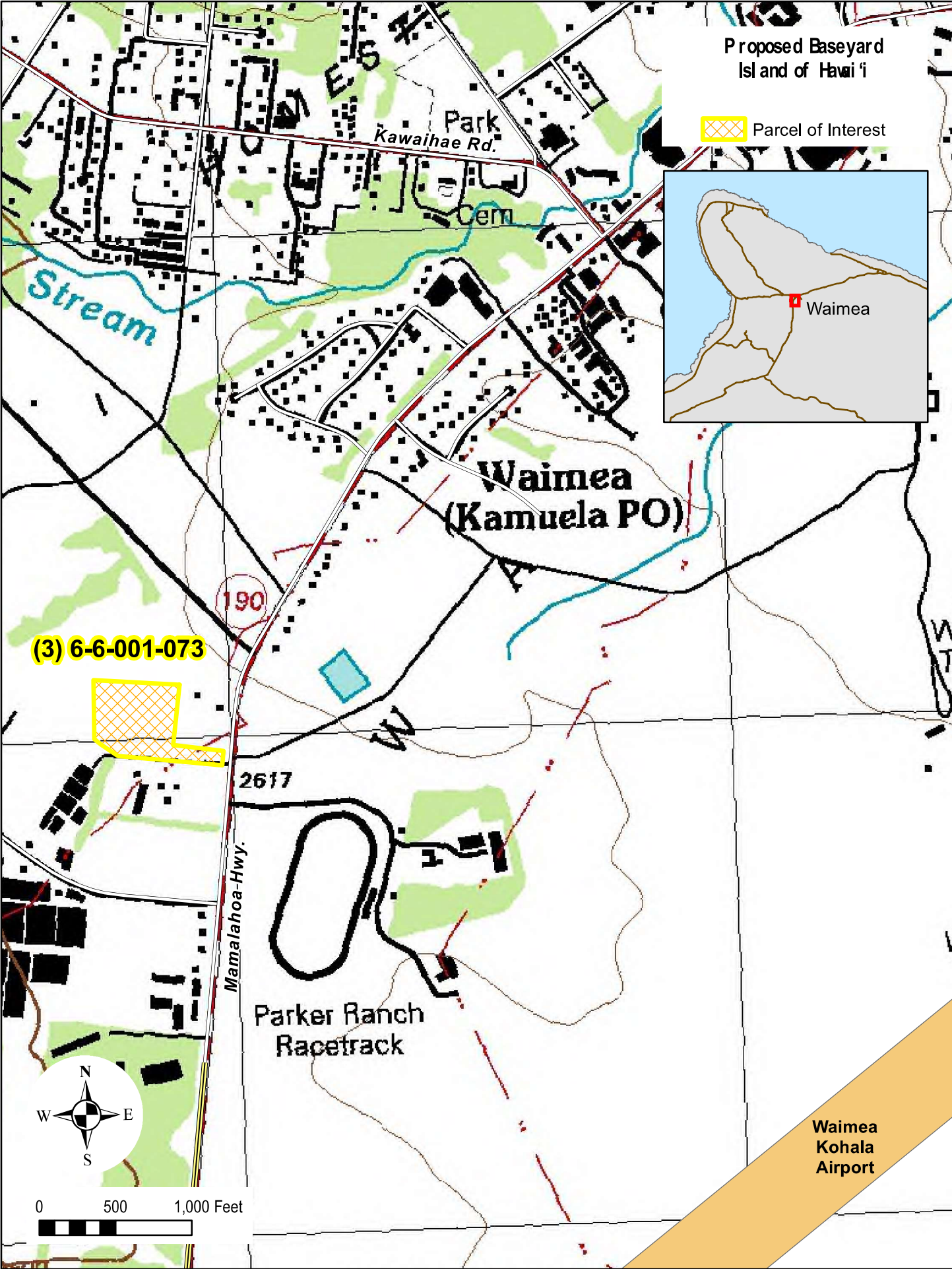
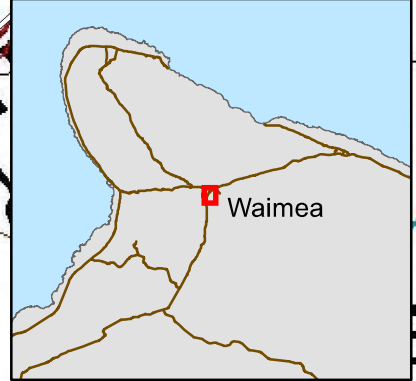


Exhibit B

