

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

March 8, 2024

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaiian International Billfish Association for the 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament, from July 23, 2024 to August 3, 2024. Situated at Kailua-Kona Pier, Lanihau, North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-5-006:039 (por).

And

Declare Project Exempt from Requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

APPLICANT:

Hawaiian International Billfish Association, a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 29638, Honolulu, HI 96820.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Kailua-Kona Pier, Lanihau, North Kona Island of Hawaii, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-5-006:039 (por.), hereinafter referred to as the "Premises" as shown on the map labeled **Exhibit A** and attached hereto.

AREA:

Approximately 4,032 square feet, more or less. The area for alcohol consumption will be limited to a 3,200 square foot tent.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban

County of Hawaii: Open

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act: YES X NO \_\_\_

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: YES \_\_\_ NO X

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Unencumbered.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Hosting the 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament.

TERM:

July 23, 2024 to August 3, 2024.

CONSIDERATION:

One-time payment of \$12,696.00 (4,232 sq ft x \$0.25 x 12 Days), which includes:

- 1 - 40'x80' tent = 3,200 sq. ft.
- 2 – 10'x10' tents = 200 sq. ft.
- 2 – Portable Toilet = 32 sq. ft.
- 3 – Bleachers (20'x10') = 600 sq. ft.
- 1 – Scoreboard (20'x10' container) = 200 sq. ft.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO
Registered business name confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Section 11-200.1-15, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 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."

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

The Hawaiian International Billfish Association is required to obtain a Marine Event Permit from the DLNR, Boating & Ocean Recreation Hawaii District Office.

REMARKS:

The Hawaiian International Billfish Association will be holding its 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament from July 24 to July 26, 2024, and their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament ("HIBT") from July 26 to August 3, 2024, at the Kailua-Kona Pier on Hawaii Island. The annual tournament is the second oldest big game sportfishing event in the world and welcomes teams from all over the world to compete.

In addition to requesting a right-of-entry ("ROE") permit, the Hawaiian International Billfish Association has also requested permission to serve food and alcohol to the HIBT participants during their daily events. The alcohol will be served to participants free of charge at designated times during the day.

Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on or within State small boat harbors and boat launching facilities, as stated in HAR 13-232-60. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in a designated roped off area on the pier in an approved area by DOBOR, and only during designated times of the event with a proper disposition. Alcohol may only be permitted during the following days and times.

Friday, July 26, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday, July 27, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sunday, July 28, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Monday, July 29, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday, July 30, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, August 1, 2024	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, August 2, 2024

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

According to the County of Hawaii, Department of Liquor Control, the Hawaiian International Billfish Association does not need a special liquor license to serve alcohol to its participants. The Hawaiian International Billfish Association has confirmed that they will be hiring 2 DOCARE officers for this event.

Staff recommends the Board approve Hawaiian International Billfish Association's request to serve alcohol in a designated area at certain times of the day. The applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement, or other disposition of State lands terminated within the last five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawaii Administrative Rules, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry to Hawaiian International Billfish Association for the 4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament 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 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.

Respectfully Submitted,



MEGHAN L. STATTS, Deputy Administrator  
Division of Boating & Ocean Recreation

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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

Attachment:

A Site Location



## EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

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

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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:	4 Flags 30 Pound Billfish Tournament and the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament from July 23, 2024 to August 3, 2024.
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 July 23, 2024 to August 3, 2024, 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.



**Exhibit A**  
**Site Location**  
**Kailua-Kona Pier, Hawaii Island**

