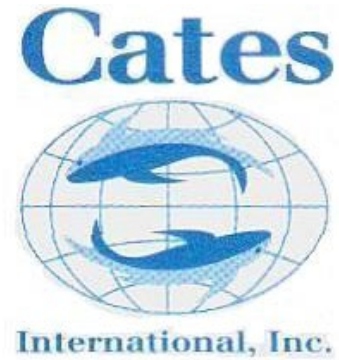


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DLNR Land Board

Subject: Issuances of a Revocable Permit to Cates Marine Services, LLC

Cates Marine Services supports the Maritime Industry as well as the State of Hawaii to solve problems that occur in our Marine waters, this includes vessel groundings, plane crashes, whale groundings as well as many Natural disaster related issues, we are an essential emergency responder. The area permitted by DLNR Boating is a staging area where we maintain all of our vessels and equipment; I would like to point out that 70-80% of our work is to support State and Federal funded projects such as artificial reefs and the fishing fad program as well as coral restoration projects. I have a concern over the rise in costs not only for rent to DLNR Boating but in all other areas of our business yet the projects listed above do not receive funding increase and it is getting harder and harder to maintain the level of service.

Regarding the write up and increase, please note that a portion of the submerged lands being charged is unusable do to the depth, I have no issue in paying for area used but please note some of it is unusable.

I do pay the City taxes on this area including an area that years ago I was asked to clear by Boating, later I started to get charged for it as well as pay City tax. Two weeks ago I had to install new fencing at a cost of \$30,000.00 due to break ins as well.

What ever the Board decides on the propose rent I will have to pay and continue to serve our Industry as well as DLNR, but please take this all into consideration as I try to keep costs down for the State of Hawaii.

If any of you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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