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## Public Comment Period Opens for Incidental Take Permit and Associated Documents for Proposed Na Pua Makani Wind Project

HONOLULU, Hawaii –The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is announcing a 60-day public comment period on a proposed incidental take permit and other associated documents by Na Pua Makani Power Partners LLC for the Na Pua Makani Wind Project near Kahuku, Hawai'i.

Interested parties or individuals may provide comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the proposed incidental take permit. The comment period closes on Aug. 11, 2015. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kahuku Community Center, 56-576 Kamehameha Hwy, Kahuku, HI 96731.

Na Pua Makani Power Partners intends to apply for an incidental take permit that would, if approved by the Service, authorize the incidental take of listed species caused by the construction and operation of the applicant's proposed Na Pua Makani Wind Project for production of wind-generated electrical energy on the island of Oahu. The 21-year permit would authorize take of the threatened Newell's shearwater, and the endangered Hawaiian stilt, Hawaiian coot, Hawaiian moorhen, Hawaiian duck, Hawaiian goose, and Hawaiian hoary bat.

"We encourage the public to take an active role in reviewing these documents and to provide comments on the proposed project" said Kristi Young, Deputy Field Supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office. "This comment period is especially relevant to those community members near Kahuku who have voiced previous concerns about this proposed project."

In accordance with the Endangered Species Act requirements for an incidental take permit, Na Pua Makani Power Partners prepared an HCP to minimize and mitigate the impacts of incidental take likely to be caused by the Na Pua Makani Project. The DEIS will address the impacts of, and alternatives to, issuance of the permit and implementation of the HCP to determine if these actions may significantly affect the human environment.

The proposed project would be on private and public lands near Kahuku on the island of O'ahu. A portion of the project would be on State of Hawai'i lands managed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The proposed project would construct up to 10 wind turbines generating up to 25 megawatts of renewable wind-generated electrical energy. The proposed project's location is adjacent to the existing Kahuku Wind Farm. Supporting infrastructure for the proposed project includes access roads, a wind turbine assembly lay down area, overhead and underground transmission and collector lines, an on-site substation, and an operations and maintenance building.

All associated documents may be viewed at [www.fws.gov/pacificislands/](http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/).

Comments concerning the issuance of the incidental take permit, the draft HCP and the DEIS may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* [NaPuaMakanihcp@fws.gov](mailto:NaPuaMakanihcp@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3-122, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850. Comments may also be sent via facsimile to (808) 792-9580, Attn: Field Supervisor.
- Written comments can be dropped off during regular business hours at the above address.

When submitting comments, please include “Na Pua Makani HCP and DEIS” in the subject line. For additional information contact: Jodi Charrier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (808) 792-9400; or by email at [NaPuaMakanihcp@fws.gov](mailto:NaPuaMakanihcp@fws.gov) .

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