

# News Release



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## Management Plan Completed for Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

*Kīlauea, HI* - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has released a comprehensive conservation plan that outlines the goals, objectives, and strategies for managing Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge for the next 15 years. The management plan was developed with input from local, state, and federal governments; local communities; and other stakeholders. The plan emphasizes enhancing coastal ecosystems, restoring seabird breeding populations, conducting monitoring and research, and improving visitor services and environmental education.

“This plan reflects the tireless work of the many people who care deeply for the refuge and Kaua'i's natural and cultural resources. We are excited to present the plan to the public and continue to work with the community in shaping the refuge's future!” said Heather Tonneson, Project Leader for the Kaua'i National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The draft plan, released in February 2015, analyzed four management alternatives. The Service evaluated written comments and public input on the draft plan and revised the plan to include the information received. Some changes in the final plan from what was proposed in the draft plan include:

- Public use and access to Kāhili Quarry will continue to be allowed 24 hours a day and the refuge will continue to work with the local community to promote stewardship in the area.
- To address transportation issues at Kīlauea Point, the Service will continue to work with the community to identify short-, medium-, and long-term strategies. These might include small-scale operational and infrastructure improvements such as a parking reservation system, or options for off-site parking and a shuttle system.

A summary of the management plan is available in the refuge's latest Planning Update which can also be found on the refuge's website (<http://www.fws.gov/kilaueapoint>).

The final plan can be downloaded from the refuge website, and CDs and limited printed copies can be requested from the refuge office at (808) 828-1413. Printed copies are also available for review at the Princeville, Līhu'e, Kapa'a, Koloa, Hanapēpē, and Waimea public libraries.

The Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge was established to preserve and enhance migratory bird nesting colonies, federally listed species, and native coastal strand, riparian, and aquatic biological diversity, as well as to support incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation. The refuge is home to some of the largest populations of nesting seabirds in the main Hawaiian Islands and the historic Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point Lighthouse. In 1988, the refuge was expanded to include Nihokū and Mōkōlea Point.

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