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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Honokohau, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The Honokohau Small Boat Harbor project was authorized under the River and Harbor Act of 27 October 1965. The project is in the operations and maintenance phase. The protective structures at the harbor were inspected in May 2004 and are in good condition. Condition surveys performed in July 2003 indicate that there is adequate depth within the main channel and turning areas of the harbor.

b. The project consists of an inshore harbor basin with an entrance channel 840 feet long, 120 feet wide, 20 feet deep at the outer end and 15 feet deep at the inner end; a main access channel 660 feet long, 120 feet wide and 15 feet deep in the outer end and 12 feet deep in the inner end; two rubble wave absorbers, one 650 feet long along the north side of the entrance channel and one 150 feet long along the south side of the channel.

c. The project was completed in March 1970 at a cost of \$2,107,000 (Federal: \$781,000; non-Federal: \$1,326,000). The State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation operates and maintain the project. The Federal government is responsible for maintaining the two wave absorber structures and the entrance and main access channels at the authorized depths.

d. The DLNR, in July 2003, announced plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a private developer to develop an adjacent site for commercial and marina purposes. The existing boat harbor will not be part of the RFP. However, if a marina is built, it will share the access channel. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging operations are not anticipated to be impacted as a result of the additional boat traffic. Proposals are under evaluation by the State. Negotiations are underway by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.