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ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BEGINS KAHULUI LIGHT DRAFT HARBOR PROJECT

By Honolulu Engineer District Public Affairs

(HONOLULU, HAWAII – May 20, 2005 - NR-12-05) - Honolulu Engineer District (HED) will participate with State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) officials in a blessing ceremony Saturday, May 21, at 8.m. at the Kahului Boat Ramp to signify the start of construction of the Kahului Light Draft Harbor project.

The DLNR-HED partnership project includes dredging of the entrance and access channels, replacement of the loading dock and installation of a 3-lane boat ramp. The dredging work is cost-shared between the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Hawaii DLNR. The project contractor is Healy Tibbitts Builders Inc. with project completion scheduled to be November 2005.

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2-2-2 KAHULUI LIGHT DRAFT

The \$3.262 million construction contract calls for widening the entrance channel width to 50 feet and deepening it to 9.5 feet, dredging a 100 foot by 120 foot and 8.5 foot deep turning basin; demolishing the existing 14-foot wide boat ramp and loading dock, constructing three, 15 foot-wide launch ramps and a loading dock located at the man-made peninsula at the northwest corner of the Kahului Harbor.

The contractor will reposition the existing small boat channel buoys as necessary to do their dredging activities; the contract does not call for installing any new buoys. The new loading dock includes a handicapped-accessible walkway.

Between May 16 and August 14, 2005 the project site will be made available to the public on Sundays, Federal and State Holidays and during the annual Hanapa Fishing Tournament held in July. During these days boaters and emergency water craft may use the existing launch ramp with the gates open to the public at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and secured at 7 a.m. on Monday morning.

Throughout the construction period the gates and ramp will be accessible to Coast Guard or Fire Department Emergency teams to launch their boats.

From August 15 to late November 2005 the existing boat ramp is to be demolished and the new boat ramp constructed. The new boat ramp will not be available for public or emergency craft use during this period.

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3-3-3 KAHULUI LIGHT DRAFT

Dredged material from the Kahului Harbor entrance channel and turning basin will be trucked to a designated dewatering area at the northeast corner of the man-made peninsula near the Kahului Harbor entrance channel breakwater. In this area the contractor will construct a 2-foot high berm area to contain the dredged material. Dried dredged material will be hauled to the Maui Landfill for use in covering trash.

At the completion of dredging, the dewatering site will be restored to its original condition.

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