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In Reply refer to: DP

Frank L. Whipple
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Marine Safety Office
433 Ala Moana Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-4909

Re: Tesoro/Hawaii SPM Hose Oil Spill - Kaula Rock Seabird Colony Response Survey

Dear Captain Whipple:


The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) understands, based on a conversation with Becky Hommon, Counsel (Environmental Law) COMNAVBASE, during a meeting scheduled between Trustees and Tesoro Hawaii Corporation on October 27, 1998, that the Navy has authorized access for Trustees to carry out oil spill response activities at Kaula Rock, Hawaii. Furthermore, that the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) will provide transportation (see attachment) for Trustees to carry out oil spill response activities at Kaula Rock. The Service requests that the USCG confirm authorization to approach and land on Kaula Rock with the Navy.

The Service also requests that the trip to Kaula Rock be scheduled for a November 10 departure and return on November 11, 1998. Wildlife Biologists will require a full 24 hour period to conduct oil spill response survey & collection work. The following is a list of State and Federal Biologists that are scheduled to conduct survey work on Kaula Rock.

Tom Telfer - District Biologist, Department of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii
Allen Silva - Biologist, Department of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii
Dave Smith - District Biologist, Department of Forestry and Wildlife, State of Hawaii
Ron Walker - Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

The Service appreciates your efforts to coordinate these oil spill response activities with the Natural Resource Trustees. If you have questions concerning this request, please contact Don Palawski, Assistant Field Supervisor at 808/541-3441.

Sincerely,


Robert P. Smith
Pacific Islands Manager

cc: C. Martin, DOH