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National Park Service Announces ‘Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan

KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII – The National Park Service has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination for the selected alternative for the ‘Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan and Environmental Assessment. ‘Aimakapā Fishpond is located within Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park and is a rare example of a naturally formed loko pu‘uone, a fishpond modified by Hawaiians for aquaculture.

The purpose of the ‘Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan is to establish an enhanced framework for wetlands restoration and management through, increased planning and monitoring, selective use of vegetation and predator control methods, management of existing hydrologic conditions, enhanced community involvement, active restoration of native plants, and aquatic invasive species control. This Management Plan tiers from the 1994 Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park General Management Plan / Final Environmental Impact Statement. Implementation of the management plan will guide the restoration and management of ‘Aimakapā Fishpond wetlands, leading to improved ecological integrity of the wetlands, protection of cultural resources, an increase in native plants and endangered waterbirds, interpretation of the fishpond’s ecology and Hawaiian cultural history and enhanced opportunities for community stewardship. This plan has a 15-year life span through 2030 during which time it will be reviewed and adapted as needed.

Between September of 2012 and April 2016 the park held public meetings, shared the draft plan, and collected and addressed public input. Copies of the ‘Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan and the FONSI can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/kaho/learn/management/index.htm>

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