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Subject: Scoping Notice for the Repair of Kalaupapa Dock Structures to Ensure Continued Barge Service to the Kalaupapa Resident Community

Dear Interested Party,

In accordance with the National Environment Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the National Park Service (NPS) is in the early stages of preparing an environmental assessment (EA) which will analyze the environmental effects of a range of project alternatives to repair the dock structures at Kalaupapa National Historical Park, Moloka'i, Hawai'i.

Nearly all supplies, ranging from food to fuel and equipment that sustain the Kalaupapa community are transported one to three times per year *via* barge. The Kalaupapa pier is a critical link in receiving the barge and goods it transports. In addition, the pier is considered by the National Park Service to be a potentially historic or culturally significant structure. The pier is approximately 50 years old and exposure to seawater and wave impact has caused extensive cracks in the concrete structure. The pier and associated structures such as the bulkhead and breakwater are failing structurally. Failure of the bulkhead wall could jeopardize the historic Community food warehouse, Building 1-271.

The proposed project would stabilize and repair the failing bulkhead wall and toe structure located adjacent to the pier, reconstruct/repair/stabilize the severely cracked and failing (in areas) concrete pier and associated corroded/failing mooring bitts and bollards. The environmental assessment would also consider options to repair or possibly expand the breakwater to ensure continued protection of the harbor. In addition, the barges currently used to transport equipment, supplies and materials to Kalaupapa will be replaced after 2008 and the NPS needs to make improvements to the dock to accommodate possible changes in barge size. Also under consideration is the construction of structures called "dolphins" to assist barge maneuverability, mooring buoys to improve barge stability, and dredging of the harbor to improve access for a range of barge sizes.

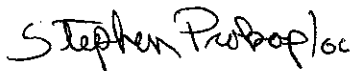
Scoping is the first step for involving individuals, organizations, agencies, and interested parties in the planning process. Public scoping is an early phase of the planning process, which is designed to obtain public input on issues and areas of concern related to the project, including a suitable range of alternatives, the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts and benefits, and appropriate mitigation strategies.

Because the environmental assessment will analyze many ecological and social issues, your participation is encouraged and needed. We look forward to your participation in this process and believe that it will help ensure that your concerns and ideas regarding repair of the pier and associated structures are adequately considered and evaluated in the environmental assessment. When the environmental assessment is complete, it will be made available for your review and comment. If you have questions about the project or would like more information, please contact Steve Luppert at 808-567-6802 x23 or by email at steve_luppert@nps.gov.

Comments may be posted on the NPS website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> or mailed to:

Stephen Prokop, Superintendent
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Sincerely,

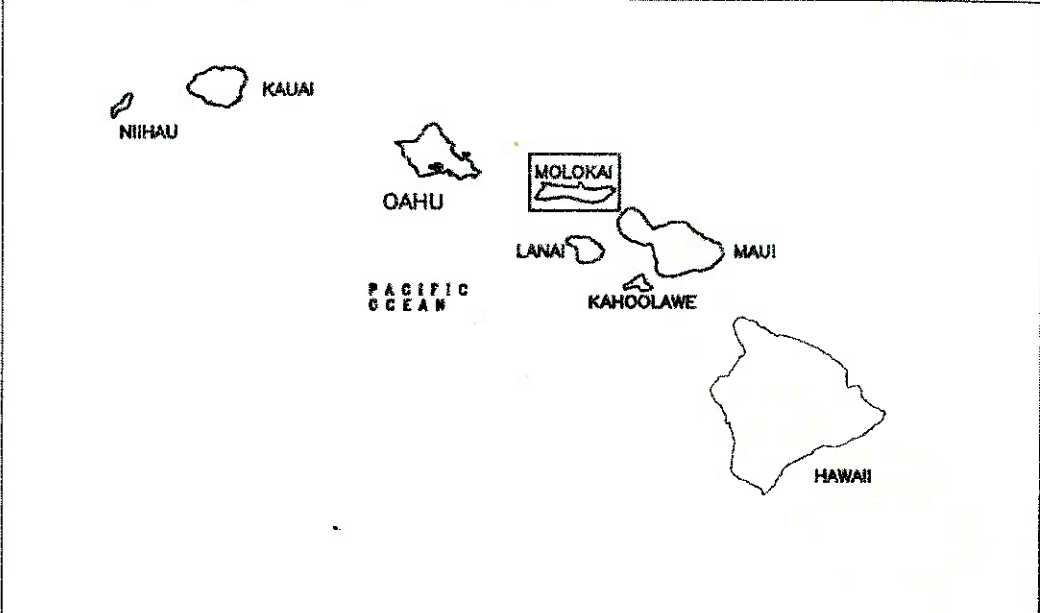
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Stephen Prokop,
Superintendent

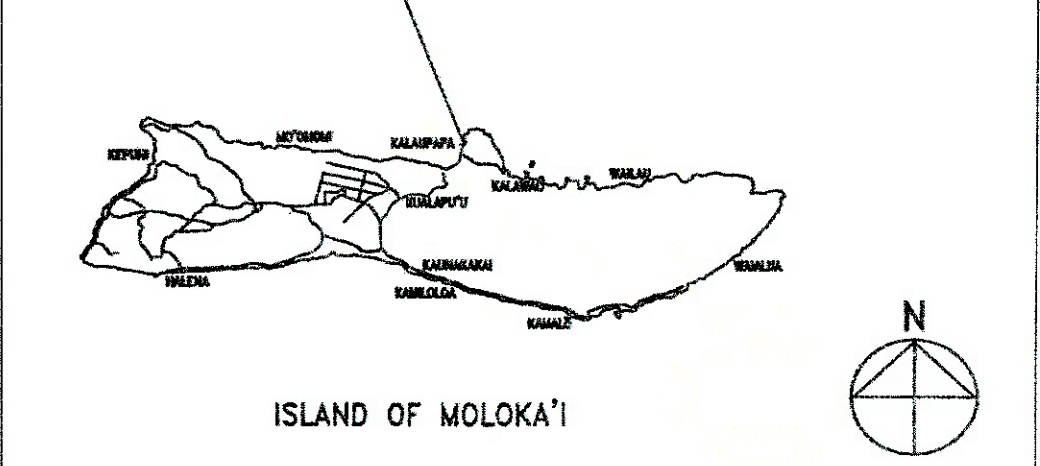
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PROJECT LOCATION



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NORTH ARROW



Kalaupapa Harbor, Molokai, Hawaii

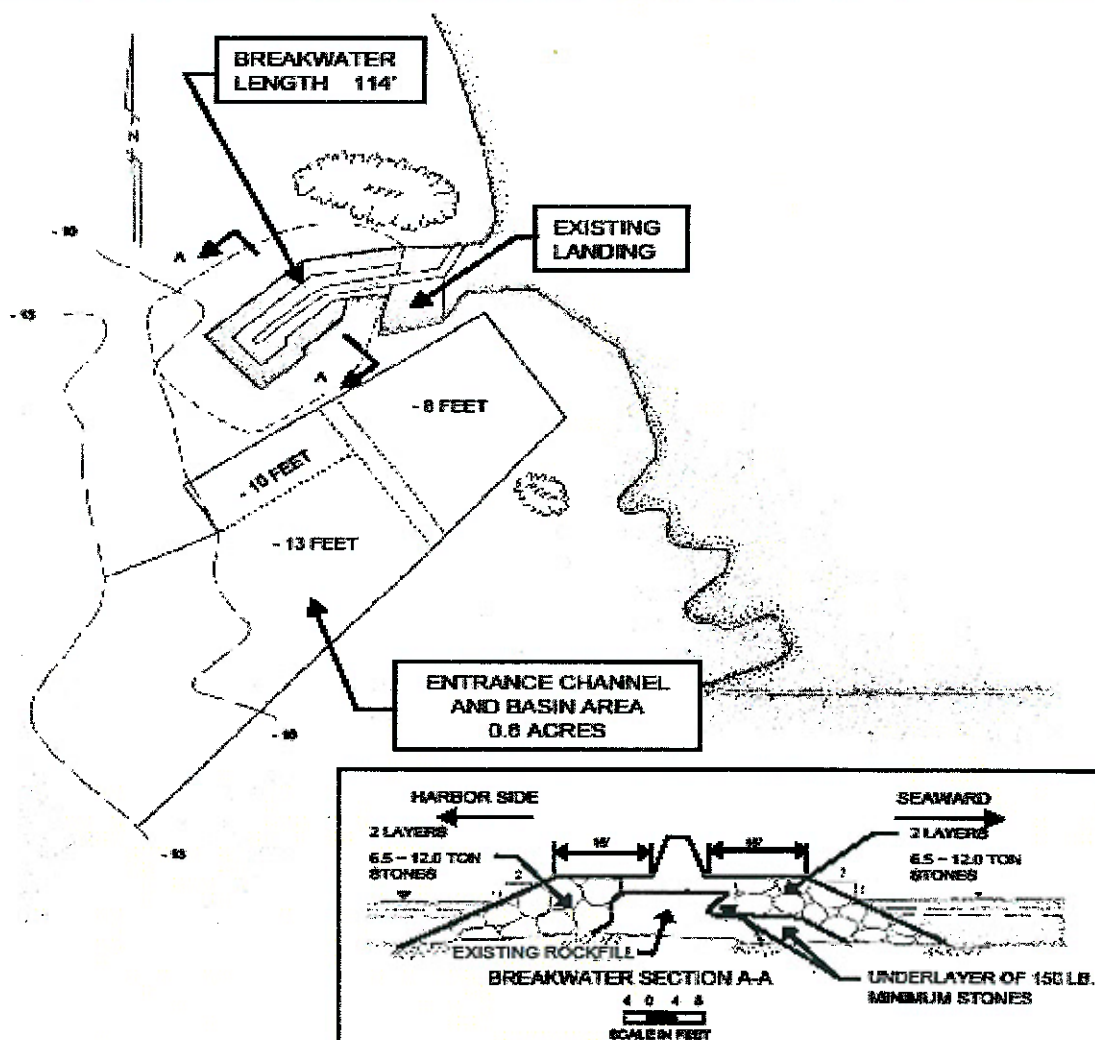
PROJECT LOCATION

U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT
HONOLULU

Kalaupapa Harbor



Location Map



Location Map - Not to Scale

KALAUPAPA HARBOR





Overview of pier structures and harbor with historic warehouse adjacent to bulkhead wall.



Barge and moor lines to breakwater. Note displaced armor stones resting in berthing basin adjacent to breakwater.



Kalaupapa Harbor and Dock



Kalaupapa Dock