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The U.S. Navy
Naval Facilities, Engineering
Command, Southwest
Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project
Manager – EV21.CS
1220 Pacific Hwy – Building 1, Floor 3
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

Re: Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (*HSTT*)
Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (*EIS/OEIS*)

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha! The U.S. Navy is *just* going through the 'process' of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

I understand that my comments in this final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (*EIS/OEIS*) will not have any affect on the purpose of the U.S. Navy to implement the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT EIS/OEIS) Project.

However, I will make an effort to endeavor:

- ✓ The environmental effects associated with the HSTT EIS/OEIS Project will be insurmountable. The use of active sonar and explosives under the Pacific Ocean will have extremely harmful effects on the wildlife.
- ✓ It is 2012, simulated military training is possible, to accomplish the U.S. Navy's mission to maintain, train and equip combat-ready U.S. naval forces capable of deterring aggression and maintain freedom of the seas without out destroying the sea life.
- ✓ The impact of MFA sonar on marine mammals is well documented countless scientifically verified deaths have been attributed to U.S. Navy sonar.

Until such time that continued research based on scientific principles is concluded to minimize continued strandings and consequent deaths the U.S. Navy – I and my 'Ohana, sincerely pray that the U.S. Navy chooses to stop using MFA sonar – please implement the *No Action Alternative* as stated in the EIS/OEIS.

Mahalo plenty for the opportunity to place the idea of consciousness' to the U.S. Navy, in its efforts to keep peace; additionally to respect the life which calls the ocean environment 'home'. It is sacrilegious to use sonar and explosives in the thousands of acres of the Pacific between California and Hawai'i Nei. *Please* reconsider!

Sincerely with ALOHA,

Bonnie P. Bator and 'Ohana