

2 MR. FERGERSTROM Aloha.

4 MR. FERGERSTROM Please excuse me. I am  
5 grossly unprepared for this. I did not even know of this  
6 meeting or that the process had gone this far until  
7 yesterday afternoon.

9 MR. FERGERSTROM One of my major concerns is,  
10 is that I've been involved with the military buildup here  
11 in the islands.

14 MR. FERGERSTROM Aloha. My name is Hanalei  
15 Fergerstrom. I am a spokesman for Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe,  
16 which encompasses all six major districts of the island of  
17 Hawaii. So for those of you who do not know, this is the  
18 council of the elders. I'm also a haumana of the Heiau O  
19 Lono. This is a religious organization (inaudible).

22 MR. FERGERSTROM No, no. It's very important.  
23 I want to get this correct, make sure that it's on the  
24 record. Anyway, I have been involved with the military  
25 buildup here for over 12 years. I was involved with the  
1 low sonar frequency testing that was done here, I believe,  
2 about 12 years ago. I actually filed suit against the  
3 Navy. During that time, my suit was denied because it was  
4 basically moot. You were just pulling out of Hawaii.

5 But I am on your mailing list, so I am very  
6 shocked that this has gone this far and I have not been  
7 provided with information. As you know, information is  
8 critical for a proper response. I have been working with  
9 different branches. I've spent the last two years working  
10 with the Army on the Pohakuloa buildup, which is actually  
11 coupled with this in some fashion or form.

12 Again I'm a little bit outraged because I do not  
13 have this information. I am grossly unprepared, but I have  
14 to try to do something. I have been successful in getting

15 myself on the mailing list. People are aware of me. I've  
16 been promised a hard copy because I need the hard copy to  
17 make a proper response by your July 10th deadline. Of  
18 course when I looked at your timeline, this has been going  
19 on for quite some time, and if I had had this information  
20 from the start, perhaps I would not feel so intimidated and  
21 overwhelmed.

22           One of the things that is extremely important to  
23 add into this fray of things is that the environment  
24 includes me. I am a part of this environment. The  
25 Hawaiian people, the Hawaiian Islands are part of this  
1 environment. It is not just the ocean. Secondly, because  
2 a lot of this testing that is going to be done on this  
3 project that is going to be deployed is going to be done in  
4 large part in international waters, and when you talk about  
5 in the EIS, it affects many countries -- and I refer to  
6 subjects such as RIMPAC -- that other countries also need  
7 to be informed of where you are and participate in the EIS  
8 process because it affects all the Pacific region.

9           Sorry. You threw me off with that one-minute  
10 thing. Please don't hold me to that. As long as we make  
11 sure, I'd like to utilize the time. Again I am grossly  
12 unprepared. I did not find out about this meeting until  
13 last evening. And interestingly enough I went to the  
14 Pacific Command to try to get some information, and Google  
15 cited it as an unsafe link. That's something that you  
16 should be aware of.

17           As I said 12 years ago, the kohola and the nai'a  
18 that are the most impacted that have been most frequently  
19 (inaudible) are not just large fish. They are my family,  
20 my blood, my blood, which can be established through the  
21 Kumulipo, the Hawaiian creation chant. I am also a Hiapo

22 Na Koa O Pu'ukohola, or the Warriors from the Mound of the  
23 Whale. So we are very familiar with this. We are very,  
24 very concerned that a whole lot of things are not being  
25 considered. You refer to the larger species of mammals  
1 like the porpoises and the whales, but we are island  
2 people, and so the effect on smaller fish and the  
3 crustaceans and how it affects --

6 MR. FERGERSTROM: Okay. So you see the problem  
7 we have here, not being able to talk about this because how  
8 can you possibly do this if you're constantly cut off after  
9 three minutes?

11 MR. FERGERSTROM: Thank you, and I want to  
12 register my objection. Thank you.