

2 MR. VAN DOREN: My name is Mark Van Doren. I'm
3 the state co-chair of the Green Party of Hawaii. I just
4 have a couple of brief comments.

5 I would like to bring up that KABC put a news
6 release out that I believe you're aware of probably, maybe
7 not, last month, May 11th, and they brought up the fact
8 that last year -- and I met several of you at the meeting
9 last year, the scoping meetings. The Navy analysis for
10 2009-2013 estimated injury or death to marine mammals to be
11 about 100, of course unintentional. Now this year, one
12 year later, they have revised that to say -- to calculate
13 that explosives could potentially kill more than 200 marine
14 mammals a year. So from 100 to 200 a year is about 100
15 percent off, and I'm just concerned about what might happen
16 next year and, you know, if these figures are accurate at
17 all.

18 Now, I was inside, and they were showing me that
19 this study area for Hawaii, the Hawaiian area, actually
20 they told me that the sonar was actually done very close,
21 in a much smaller area close to the islands, and which is
22 exactly where the humpback whales spawn or -- spawn, I
23 believe, or mate. Anyway, I was hoping that the Navy could
24 possibly go elsewhere with the sonar on that.

25 And I'm concerned about cumulative effects. I
1 don't think -- I'm sure the Navy is very concerned about
2 this, but we have fishermen impacting that area. We have
3 illegal activities impacting that area, and just
4 cumulatively I'm very concerned about marine mammals. So I
5 hope you consider these comments.