

7 GORDON LABEDZ: Hi, I'm Gordon LaBedz. I'm
8 here representing The Surfrider Foundation, and you're
9 taking notes. In 2006 the Surfrider Foundation, the
10 Kauai Chapter, sued the Navy over RIMPAC. And the law
11 that we used with NEPA, National Environmental
12 Protection Act, and the judge agreed with us that RIMPAC
13 needed an environmental impact statement. And the Navy
14 appealed, and the appeal judge agreed with us, too.

15 And our view towards this EIS is that this does
16 not work. A blanket, We want to do whatever we want to
17 do for the next five years as far as testing and
18 training in one booklet, is just not in the spirit of
19 the National Environmental Protection Act that each bad
20 thing that the Navy does needs to be looked at
21 separately.

22 And a blanket umbrella EIS it appears to us is
23 illegal. And that's the most important thing that needs
24 to be commented on this draft EIS, and we are talking to
25 our attorneys. Thank you. (Applause.)