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Hawaii Ballast Water and Biofouling Program Update

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THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. **150**

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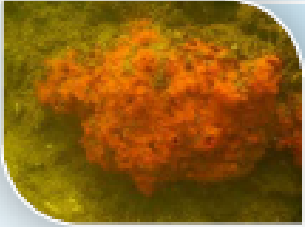

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL APPLICABLE STATE AGENCIES TO WORK TOGETHER WITH INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE HONOLULU HARBOR USERS GROUP, IN ASSESSING THE RISK OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TO HAWAII, VECTORS, AND POSSIBLE MITIGATIONS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FEDERAL STANDARDS IN 2022.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii depends on healthy marine
2 environments and ecosystems to support its unique cultural
3 practices and recreational resources, preserve Hawaii residents'
4 quality of life, support local businesses, and provide habitat
5 and sustenance for a multitude of native species – many of which
6 are found nowhere else on Earth; and

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8 WHEREAS, healthy reefs protect homes and infrastructure by
9 mitigating the impacts of storm events; and

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11 WHEREAS, nearshore marine environments support the Hawaii
12 tourism, aquaculture, and fisheries industries, at an estimated
13 \$4,000,000,000 in gross revenue per year; and

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15 WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species have proven to be
16 devastating on some nearshore reef environments in Hawaii and
17 waters worldwide, harming the functioning of marine ecosystems,
18 public health, and industries; and

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20 WHEREAS, the recognized vectors for the introduction of
21 aquatic invasive species to Hawaii's marine environment are
22 vessel ballast water and biofouling, which account for more than
23 half of all non-native marine and estuarine species, followed by
24 escapees or purposeful introduction from aquaculture, pet trade,
25 and research, with arrival and possible establishment of species
26 through marine debris; and

27 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan 2017-2027:
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Hawaii Aquatic Biosecurity Resolution (2019)

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- National Ballast Information Clearinghouse
 - Working group and 2-day workshop around August
 - Develop hull husbandry reporting form
 - Real-time access for States to BW (and BF reporting forms)

Hawaii Biofouling Questionnaire for commercial vessels

Vessel Information & Particulars	
Vessel Name	
Official / IMO Number	
Vessel type (containership, barge etc)	
Responsible Officer's Name and Title (Person filling this form)	
Vessel/Company/Agent Email address	
Date of Submission (Day/Month/Year)	
Vessel Age (years)	
Vessel typical speed (laden speed in knots over the last four months)	
Vessel typical port residence time (hours or days)	____ hours OR ____ days

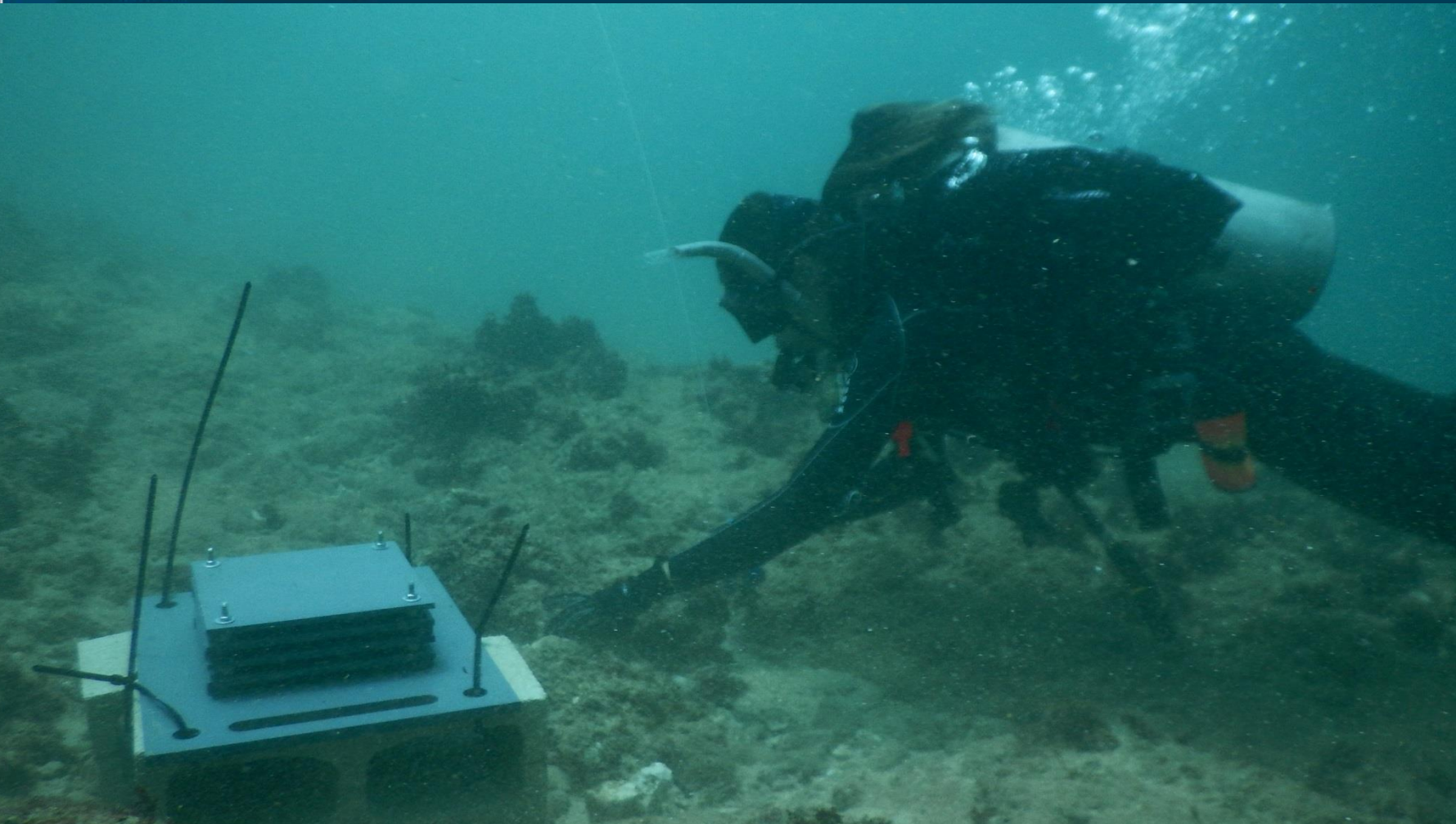
Previous Dry Docking	
Since delivery, has the vessel been removed from water for maintenance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, enter the date and location of the most recent out-of-water maintenance:	Date (Day/Month/Year): 04/15/2015 City/Port: _____ Country: _____
If NO, enter the delivery date and location where the vessel was built:	Delivery Date (Day/Month/Year): _____ City/Port: _____ Country: _____

Anti-Fouling Paint (A/F Paint)	
Were the vessel's submerged portions coated with an anti-fouling paint (includes foul-release paint) during the out-of-water period listed above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, when was the last anti-fouling coating applied to the vessel?	Date of A/F paint application (Day/Month/Year): _____
For the most recent anti-fouling coating, what product (top coat A/F paint) was used for hull surfaces? Please list more than one if necessary and indicate what parts of the hull each product was used on?	For the <u>hull bottom</u> Manufacturer/Company: _____ Product Name: _____ For the <u>hull sides</u> Manufacturer/Company: _____ Product Name: _____
Were additional anti-fouling coatings used for other submerged surfaces (e.g. rudder, thrusters, sea-chests)?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what products were used Manufacturer/Company: _____ Product Name: _____ Manufacturer/Company: _____



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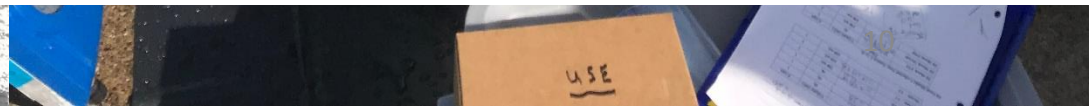
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URGING STATE AGENCIES TO EVALUATE, COLLABORATE, AND IMPLEMENT
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND REGULATIONS TO
ADDRESS VESSEL BIOFOULING IN HAWAII HARBORS.

1 WHEREAS, biofouling, or biological fouling, is the
2 accumulation of microorganisms, plants, algae, or animals on a
3 wetted surface, such as the hull of a shipping vessel; and
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5 WHEREAS, biofouling begins to accumulate on submerged
6 portions of vessels within a few weeks, and this layer of
7 microfouling facilitates the growth of larger fouling organisms
8 that can decrease the efficiency and safe operation of a vessel;
9 and
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11 WHEREAS, studies have shown that biofouling on shipping
12 vessels is an important vector of aquatic invasive species
13 transfer, which, if established in new ecosystems, may pose
14 threats to the environment, human health, property, and
15 resources; and
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17 WHEREAS, the *Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan 2017-2027*
18 recognizes that up to seventy-eight percent of Hawaii's non-
19 native marine algae and invertebrate species can be attributed
20 to vessel biofouling; and
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22 WHEREAS, the *Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan 2017-2027*
23 calls on the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
24 Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and Department
25 of Transportation to develop hull husbandry practices and
26 proactive hull cleaning standards for nonmilitary vessels to
27 minimize movement of non-native aquatic organisms into Hawaii's
28 ports, harbors, and marinas; and
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Hawaii In-Water Cleaning Resolution (2019)


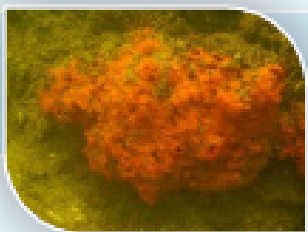



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- Workshop for building regionally consistent IWC regulatory framework
- Sorting/processing Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures (ARMS)
- Commission cost-benefit analysis of investing/not-investing in aquatic biosecurity in Hawaii
- Continue to streamline Hawaii's BW Risk Assessment Matrix
- Continue to build lab

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Tackling the Problem through Collaboration



Military, federal, state agency stakeholders, commercial/recreational maritime industry, scientists, vector management system vendors, national/international experts



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- Printing biofouling BMP outreach docs
 - Fishing vessels
 - Recreational vessels
 - Mobile marine structure
- Western Governor's Association Biosecurity Workshops
- Attending local, regional, and international meetings

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- Personnel
 - Annual 10-month Kupu Intern
 - Will be advertising two FTE HI civil service positions to support HI BW/BF Program (lab/field technician and lab/field ops specialist) early summer with fingers crossed
 - University of Hawaii Manoa and Hawaii Pacific University undergrad and grad students (volunteer)
 - Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, NOAA, USFWS, Depart. of Transportation Harbors Division, Depart. Of Health Clean Water Branch

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