



SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT

Hawaii-California Training and Testing (HCTT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

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This report summarizes public involvement and stakeholder outreach activities conducted by the United States (U.S) Department of the Navy (Navy) and public comments submitted during the scoping period for the *Hawaii-California Training and Testing (HCTT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)*, which ran from December 15, 2023, to January 29, 2024.

The purpose of public involvement and outreach during the scoping phase was the following: (1) notify the public, stakeholders, federally recognized tribes, non-federally recognized tribe and tribal groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations of the notice of intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS and how to submit comments; (2) describe the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, and project alternatives, and give information about the virtual open house presentation; the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 process; resource areas to be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS; and public comment period details. Involvement and outreach efforts were conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and U.S. Navy guidance.

The Navy recognizes the importance of engagement with the public and has made significant efforts to ensure maximum public participation during the scoping process and took additional steps beyond those required by NEPA to broaden efforts to notify and inform the public. Additional outreach effort examples include:

- A 45-day comment period, 15 days more than the minimum 30 day period
- Multiple, consecutive newspaper advertisements
- Advanced stakeholder briefings
- Personalized notification letters
- Social media posts
- A virtual open house presentation (including audio and transcript) included on the project website
- Training and testing overview video included on the project website

Summary of Activities

A. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Navy prepared materials to notify the public of the intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS and provide project information and public involvement opportunities.

Federal Register Notice

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on December 15, 2023.

Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were placed in 10 local and regional newspapers of California and Hawaii. The advertisements were published beginning December 15, 2023, to coincide with publication of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register*. The advertisements published for three consecutive days, including a Sunday (if publication schedule allowed). Publication dates were dependent on the newspaper's publication frequency (daily, semi-weekly, weekly).

Table 1 shows the newspapers and corresponding publication dates for each advertisement.

Table 1: Newspaper Publications for the Notice of Intent

Newspaper	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Frequency	Publication Dates
<i>Honolulu Star-Advertiser</i>	Oahu	Daily; except Saturday	Friday, December 15, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023
<i>The Garden Island</i>	Kauai	Daily; except Sunday	Friday, December 15, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023
<i>Hawaii Tribune-Herald</i>	Big Island of Hawaii	Daily; except Saturday	Friday, December 15, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023
<i>The Maui News</i>	Maui	Daily	Friday, December 15, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023
<i>Ka Wai Ola News</i>	Hawaiian Islands	Monthly	Monday, January 1, 2024
<i>The San Diego Union-Tribune</i>	San Diego County	Daily	Friday, December 15, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023
<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	Los Angeles County	Daily	Friday, December 15, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023
<i>Ventura County Star</i>	Ventura County	Daily; except Saturday	Friday, December 15, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023
<i>The Monterey Herald</i>	Monterey Peninsula	Daily	Friday, December 15, 2023 Saturday, December 16, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023
<i>The Tribune</i>	San Luis Obispo County	Daily; except Saturday	Friday, December 15, 2023 Sunday, December 17, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023

Tribal and Stakeholder Notification Letters

Personalized tribal letters with a fact sheet enclosure were mailed December 14, 2023, via certified mail to 79 chairpersons, presidents, Chiefs, tribal historic preservation officers, and other cultural resource staff of federally recognized tribes. Personalized stakeholder letters with a fact sheet enclosure were mailed first-class December 14, 2023, to 85 federal elected officials, and 1,297 generic letters with a fact sheet enclosure were mailed to state and local elected officials; federal, state, and local agencies; non-federally recognized tribes and tribal groups, and Native Hawaiian Organizations. All letters offered a briefing upon request and provided a point of contact should they have questions.

Stakeholder and Tribal Database/Mailing List

A stakeholder and tribal database/ mailing list was developed using tribes and stakeholders from the 2018 Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Final EIS/OEIS and the 2022 Point Mugu Sea Range Final EIS/OEIS. Tribes and stakeholders located near the Northern California Range Complex were added

to the database, as well as additional Native Hawaiian Organizations. The list was updated and validated to manage and document the distribution of project notifications.

News Releases and Media Distribution

A news release was distributed December 14, 2023, by the Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Navy Region Southwest to local, regional, and national print media. The news release provided a description of the project, including Study Area, the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, resources to be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS, project website address, public commenting information, information on the virtual open house presentation, and information about consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA. The news release also provided contact information for media questions.

Social Media Posts

Social media posts were made on December 14, 2023, and January 22, 2024, by the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii PAO and Commander, Navy Region Southwest PAO to social media pages, including the [Navy Region Hawaii Facebook page](#), [Navy Region Southwest Facebook page](#), and the [Stewards of the Sea Facebook page](#).

Website Subscribers and Email Notifications

Five hundred twenty (520) website subscribers from the 2018 Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS and 2022 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS were carried forward into the scoping phase of the HCTT EIS/OEIS. Email notifications were distributed December 15, 2023, and January 22, 2024, to website subscribers.

There were 503 website subscribers as of March 14, 2024.

B. PUBLIC SCOPING INFORMATION

Project Website

A website was established to provide the public with project information and includes notices; fact sheet; maps; EIS/OEIS schedule; virtual open house scoping presentation; NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, including a NHPA Section 106 consulting party informational request form; links to completed projects and additional Navy resources; and project video. The public was able to submit comments via the website using the online comment form and subscribe to receive future notifications via email. The website was made available to the public December 14, 2023. The project website is www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/ and was included in all public notifications.

Fact Sheet

A 4-page fact sheet included details about the Proposed Action, purpose, need, Study Area, and changes since 2018; cooperating agencies, and importance of at-sea training and testing; the NEPA process, including resources to be evaluated in the EIS/OEIS and public involvement opportunities; environmental protections at sea; the NHPA Section 106 process; virtual open house presentation; and commenting information.

In addition to the fact sheet's inclusion in all tribal and stakeholder letter mailings, the fact sheet alone was mailed first-class on December 14, 2023, to 540 nongovernmental organizations, community groups, and business groups. Downloadable copies of the fact sheet were posted on the project website.

Virtual Open House Presentation

The Navy hosted a virtual open house presentation on the project website to provide the public with information related to the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, environmental resource areas to be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS, the NEPA process, the NHPA Section 106 process, and public involvement opportunities. The public could view the virtual open house presentation on the project website anytime during the scoping period from December 15, 2023, to January 29, 2024. A written transcript and audio narration were available for each topic. The virtual open house presentation Welcome page was viewed 241 times by more than 100 users, although the presentation may not have been viewed in its entirety by all users.

Stakeholder Briefings

The Navy began briefings November 28, 2023, to project stakeholders, including national marine sanctuary managers, the California Coastal Commission, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX. Briefings were also offered upon request to recipients of the tribal and stakeholder letters.

Briefings were tailored for each stakeholder group and may have included the project background and the intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS; description of the project, including the Proposed Action, purpose, need, action proponents, the importance of training and testing, training and testing with sonar and explosives, and cooperating agencies; a summary of previous analyses; Study Area overview and changes since 2018; resource areas to be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS; marine species protection, monitoring, and research; NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes; Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act processes; National Marine Sanctuaries Act consultation; consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and federally recognized tribes; public outreach opportunities, including details on the virtual open house presentation; and project schedule. Information about viewing the virtual open house presentation on the project website was provided, along with how to submit questions and comments.

C. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS

This section is intended to illustrate the main public concerns presented during the EIS/OEIS scoping phase; it is not meant to capture all aspects of the comments or to serve as a legal record. Additionally, while all issues are presented below, not all are within the scope and purpose of the EIS/OEIS.

The public scoping period ran from December 15, 2023, to January 29, 2024. Thirty-six comments were received during the public scoping period. Comments were submitted via the project website's electronic comment form (22), email (9), and by postal mail (5).

Each comment was reviewed and categorized into specific resource areas or topics. One comment may include comments on multiple resource areas or topics. All comments were compiled, logged, and distributed to the EIS/OEIS project team and appropriate subject matter experts. The EIS/OEIS project team discussed the impact, significance, and relevance of the comments to the preparation of the Draft EIS/OEIS. All comments submitted during the public scoping period will become part of the public record and relevant and substantive comments will be considered during the development of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

Table 2 includes a summary of scoping comments to provide a brief overview of the general issues or concerns expressed during the EIS/OEIS scoping phase.

Table 2: Summary of Scoping Comments

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
Proposed Action and Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about military training around the Hawaiian Islands, which are considered fragile environments. Request for military training to be conducted away from the Hawaiian Islands, which are considered sacred lands. Concerns about the impacts training with explosives may have on the Hawaiian Islands. Concerns that proposed activities would be conducted within the California Coastal National Monument Corridor and would have an impact on migratory bird populations, marine mammal populations, and nearshore intertidal species. Concerns that the Proposed Action would have negative impacts on coral reefs and other ocean wildlife, such as whales and dolphins. Concerns about new training and testing technologies currently under development that have not been described or reviewed in current literature. Concerns about Rim of the Pacific and international militaries training with the U.S. military and requesting analysis of international military activities in separate EISs. Concerns about the perceived lack of clean-up for unexploded ordnance and other debris as a result of military activities. Request for the Navy to research and develop an alternative to active sonar. Question about why the Navy needs to use sonar since there have been no recent attacks on U.S. vessels. Support of the No Action Alternative. Request for greater detail on the locations of underwater detonation training and testing. Concerns about using the Northern California Range Complex, especially since the range complex has not been included and analyzed in other Navy environmental analyses, and concerns about potential impacts on this area. Questions about where amphibious landing areas in central California would be located, and request for improved figures in the Draft EIS/OEIS to allow for better understanding of the precise locations. Concerns about any separate NEPA documents the U.S. Marine Corps may prepare for land-based amphibious landing activities once ashore. Request to include maps and diagrams of the proposed testing areas, including all staging areas and access routes, to ensure minimal impacts on sensitive species, essential habitats, and state and federally listed species of the marine environment. Request to include a range of feasible alternatives. Request to evaluate specific alternative locations in areas with lower biological species or habitat sensitivity compared with the preferred or existing locations. Question about why the Navy cannot use other areas of the ocean to train and test. Recommendation of a more robust alternatives analysis. Recommendation to evaluate an additional action alternative that incorporates temporal and geographic mitigation protections.
Air Quality/Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for the Navy to evaluate all potential air quality impacts that may result from the project, both short term and long term.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the Navy to consider reactive organic compounds, nitrogen oxide emissions, and particulate matter from proposed sea range operations, as well as any potential stationary source emissions located in Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Channel Islands. • Request for the Navy to conduct a NEPA Air Quality Analysis, including a Clean Air Act General Conformity Analysis and evaluation of potential exposures to toxic air pollutant emissions, to assess potential impacts of air pollutant emissions from proposed activities. • Request for the Navy to quantify the direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions of the Proposed Action and alternatives, and how the Proposed Action would help meet or detract from achieving relevant climate action goals and commitments, including federal goals and international agreements. • Recommendation to apply the best available estimates of the social cost of greenhouse gases to the incremental metric tons of each individual type of greenhouse gas emissions to assess the significance of climate impacts. • Recommendation to refrain from comparing project emissions to global emissions to better characterize the extent of a Proposed Actions' contributions to climate change. • Request to identify impacts of aviation emissions released at altitude and the impact of burning fossil fuels in the atmosphere versus burning the same fossil fuels at ground level. • Request for the Navy to follow Air Pollution Control Districting permitting requirements for applicable stationary engines and equipment. • Request for the Navy to clearly state in the Draft EIS/OEIS the amount of increase in stressors the Navy is proposing, and to evaluate the existing conditions, along with cumulative stressors, especially those from climate change.
Marine Mammals/Marine Species/Fishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the Navy to use the most recent scientific research when analyzing impacts and behavioral responses on all marine mammals, marine species, fishes, sea turtles, invertebrates, and seabirds. • Request for information on how the Navy will assess potential impacts on marine species in the Draft EIS/OEIS. • Concerns that activities may kill, injure, disorient, or have long lasting impacts on marine species and marine habitat. • Concerns about military underwater acoustical communication systems that may not be disclosed to the public and potential impacts on the environment. • Concerns about how the frequency of various military technologies may overlap with the communication and biosonar range of odontocetes and other species, including dolphins (including orcas), porpoises, melon-headed whales, pilot whales, beaked whales, grey whales, seals (including the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal), and sea lions. • Concerns about military use of high kurtosis signals (a statistical parameter used to characterize a signal) versus low kurtosis signals and the behavioral impacts of those signals on marine species. • Request for the Navy to analyze the entire operational soundscape when assessing potential biological impacts, since many operating systems could be in use simultaneously. • Recommendation of early consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife if California Endangered Species Act-listed species may be taken. • Request to not only consider regulatory thresholds when evaluating technology noise profiles, but to also consider the "digital warfare soundscape."

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question on whether ultrasonic anti-fouling technology would be used on military vessels, and if yes, a request for detailed analysis for potential impacts on marine species. • Concerns about the rise in vessel strikes and the increase in numbers of incidental takes allowed. • Request for information on comprehensive research on cetacean mass stranding deaths as a result of military activities. • Concerns about “lumping” marine species and areas between Hawaii and California. • Request to ensure migratory species and patterns are properly analyzed. • Concerns about the short- and long-term effects of sonar on all marine mammals. • Request to include information unique to the California region, such as green sea turtles, California grunion, and southern sea otters. • Request to refer to the Department’s California Natural Diversity Database for current information on California marine resources. • Recommendation that focused species-specific surveys be conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when species are active or otherwise identifiable. • Recommendation to clarify that any sonar-related impacts on species in the Northern California Range Complex would be new impacts. • Recommendation to summarize the latest scientific information regarding impacts from mid-frequency active sonar on marine mammals, including a history of strandings and mortalities that coincided in space and time with the deployment of military sonar regardless of geographic area. • Recommendation to consult with local biologists, researchers, and organizations on marine species for most current information. • Recommendation to account for recent Biologically Important Areas in Hawaii and watch list, both in evaluating potential impacts and environmentally preferred alternatives. • Request for the Navy to address impacts on specific training and testing locales rather than “averaging” impacts over large ocean areas, and avoid using terminology such as “localized effects.” • Concerns that the methodology for previous impact analyses may be underrepresenting the number of whales and other marine mammals that could be injured or killed during Navy activities.
Marine Sanctuaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the Navy to include the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as a resource to be evaluated and analyzed in the EIS/OEIS. • Concerns about potential impacts on submerged maritime heritage resources, such as aircrafts, shipwrecks, and archaeological sites, within the waters of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. • Request for the Navy to evaluate marine sanctuaries within the Hawaii Operating Area and California Operating Area as traditional cultural properties.
Habitats/Coral Reefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about how military activities may disrupt sensitive ecosystems along the California coastline. • Concerns about coral reefs from the effects of active sonar, explosives, or other sources of underwater sound. • Concerns about coral reefs affected by electrical currents from Navy ships and submarines. • Concerns about Oahu shorelines and sand erosion due to the dying of coral reefs.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the military to properly analyze the impacts on coral reef ecosystems from Navy ships and submarines. • Request for the Navy to conduct Essential Fish Habitat consultation. • Recommendation to clearly present the footprint, timing, and frequency of military activities that occur in waters shallower than 400 meters, which are essential fish habitat for bottomfish management unit species. • Concern about military activities conducted near Penguin Bank and other habitat areas of particular concern. • Request for the Navy to include a detailed discussion of what activities are proposed in Marine Protected Areas and how the Marine Life Protection Act would be considered. • Recommendation to map and analyze potential impacts on deep-sea coral and sponge habitats off Southern California. • Recommendation to avoid deep-sea coral and sponge habitats during underwater detonations, mine neutralization, and other activities that could impact the living sea floor.
Public Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about potential impacts from military training and testing activities on Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites; hazardous substance sites; and military munitions response sites located within the Study Area. • Request for avoidance of these sites; however, if these sites are disturbed or hazardous substance spills occur, request that proper notification and response actions are taken, including notification to the State of Hawaii Department of Health and other appropriate state and federal agencies. • Concerns about the proper disposal of hazardous wastes, including the need for reporting to the Ventura County Certified Unified Program Agency, to minimize potential environmental impacts.
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about noise impacts on people and local communities. • Concerns about noise impacts on marine mammals, fishes, and seabirds in the Study Area, including the expanded airspace. • Concerns about noise impacts on submerged marine species, such as marine mammals and fishes. • Concerns about noise impacts on a largely “dormant” Northern California Range Complex. • Recommendation to assess noise impacts along expected flight paths and corridors, including from aircraft, surface vessels, and the new amphibious landing areas. • Request to assess noise impacts on children’s schools and learning. • Request to ensure the results of noise analyses are presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS in an understandable manner.
Cultural Resources/ National Historic Preservation Section (NHPA) 106 Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to engage in early consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA. • Concerns that the Study Area is within the Traditional Use Area of the Luiseño people. • Concerns about potential impacts on historic properties. • Request for tribal consultation to provide input on the technical studies in the EIS/OEIS. • Request for the Navy to consult with Native Hawaiians and homestead communities to better understand traditional and customary practices that take place at sea and how best to mitigate potential effects on the constitutionally protected rights of Native Hawaiians.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for the Navy to conduct an archaeological literature review of the Hawaiian Islands to better understand any possible impacts on historic properties. • Concerns about the Study Area, including the expanded areas in Southern California, containing known, and as-yet undiscovered or documented, historic resources, and the impact military activities may have on those resources. • Request that the Navy develop goals, policies, and programs for the treatment of historic and cultural resources within the Study Area and evaluate the historical significance of sites that contain objects that are 50 years of age or older. • Request for the Navy to consult with the Kanaka Maoli of Hawaii, the 'Iipai-Tiipai Kumeyaay of San Diego County, the Payomkawichum of the Southern California coast, and the Ventureño Chumash and North Coast Chumash. • Consider the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently developed Best Practices Guide for federal agencies regarding tribal and Native Hawaiian sacred sites.
Environmental Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to analyze impacts on subsistence fishers in all locations and to consider impacts on Native Hawaiian populations. • Recommendation to review the Administrations' recently released Ocean Justice Strategy, which addresses environmental justice concerns related to the use of the ocean for economic, cultural, spiritual, and recreational purposes, and food security. • Recommendation to identify the approximate number of days per year that subsistence fishing would be affected for each subsistence fishing population. • Suggestion that the Navy utilize the information in the Environmental Protection Agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool.
Mitigation Measures and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in what mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize impacts on sensitive ecosystems. • Interest in specific measures in place to protect marine life during training and testing activities. • Concerns about the effectiveness of the Navy's mitigation measures, including whether ship strikes occurring in 2021 and 2023 were a result of unsuccessful implementation of mitigation measures. • Request that the Navy consider mitigation that helps restore or enhance species and ecosystems, rather than just minimizing harm. • Request to research innovative mitigation measures. • Concerns about marine mammal observers determining behavioral impacts. • Request for the military to fund behavioral and metabolic observations of select marine mammals in the Study Area to determine how proposed activities would impact or disrupt normal marine mammal behaviors. • Request to consider baseline behavioral studies on coastal and pelagic odontocetes prior to conducting training and testing activities. • Request to consider remote sensing through drones for both aerial behavioral observations and serum sampling for more accurate data on marine mammal responses to military activities. • Request that activity-based mitigation zones be extended to the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to protect marine species and cultural and environmental resources. • Concerns about not allowing independent marine observers on Navy vessels during activities. • Concerns about the effectiveness of Navy Lookouts because many species are deep divers.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about the lack of transparency and species specificity on threshold monitoring. • Request to include mitigation measures for adverse impacts on sensitive marine plants, animals, habitats, and ecosystems. • Request for the Navy to be a leader in protection of marine ecosystems of Hawaii. • Request for the Navy to provide funding to the Vessel Speed Reduction Program for Protecting Blue Whales and Blues Skies, as an air pollution mitigation measure. • Concerns about mitigation effectiveness in weather conditions with poor visibility and for marine mammals with a low probability of visual observation (e.g., beaked whales). • Consider time and area restrictions to protect marine mammals from noise and disturbance.
Cumulative Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that the Navy include in the cumulative impact analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment of impacts on deep sea mining. ○ Take of marine mammals by foreign vessels conducting military training. ○ Impacts on Native Hawaiian cultural resources and NHPA Section 106 consultation. ○ Discussion on marine debris and unexploded ordnance removal. ○ Impacts on fishing fleets. ○ Impacts on the aquarium trade. ○ Impacts on sacred places. • Request to identify where quantitative data is used versus qualitative data. • Request to identify ways that quantitative data can be obtained through additional research. • Request to include cumulative stressors on all ocean resources. • Recommendation that each resource section conclude with a cumulative effects section instead of a separate cumulative impacts section.
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the NEPA process and the timing of the release of project information over the holiday season. • Concerns about how the Draft EIS/OEIS will be released without direct editing capabilities for interested commenters. • Appreciation of a 45-day comment period compared to the typical 30-day comment period, especially with the comment period overlapping numerous holidays. • Request that the Navy consult with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other agencies regulating coasts, waterways, and ports. • Concerns that information on the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument was not provided on the project website and virtual open house presentation. • Request to include various scientific literature in the Draft EIS/OEIS. • Confusion on whether the Draft EIS/OEIS was released for public review. • Concerns about the online comment form website functionality. • Concerns that the public information materials, including the virtual open house presentation, were vague and not informative for comment facilitation. • Concerns that no public meetings or briefings were offered to the public. • Request that the public have ample time to review the Draft EIS/OEIS because scoping information was too general. • Recommendation that the Navy consider a 60-day comment period for the EIS/OEIS.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of a minimum 30-day notice prior to any public meetings. • Recommendation of public engagement meetings or consultations to allow speakers 5–10 minutes each to speak on topics. • Suggestions to include the Council on Environmental Quality’s recent guidance on Indigenous Knowledge.
Other Regulations and Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that the Navy comply with the State of Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) requirements managed under the Environmental Review Program (ERP), and adhere to all HEPA and ERP requirements per Hawaii Administrative Rule Chapter 11-200 (administered by the Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development). • Request to include the California Coastal National Monument Corridor as an interested party or cooperating agency to the EIS/OEIS in compliance with the Memorandum of understanding between the Navy and the Bureau of Land Management. • Concerns that military activities would have reasonably foreseeable coastal effects, requiring a Coastal Zone Management Act federal consistency determination submitted for review. Environmental issues of concern include biological resources (including marine mammals and threatened and endangered species), sediments and water quality, air quality, noise, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, and public health and safety. • Request for compliance with applicable state and local regulations to reduce potential project-specific impacts and cumulative impacts. • Concerns about how the Clean Water Act Section 404 applies to the project and its expected permitting strategy.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to demilitarize the Hawaiian Islands, returning the land to the people of Hawaii with no trace of previous military activities. • Concerns about how the military is perceived to treat the Hawaiian Islands. • Concerns about the U.S. military and destruction caused to other countries. • Request to include updates on Navy funded efforts since the 2018 Final Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS. • Concerns about low flying aircraft flying over Hawaii’s national parks. • Recommendation to consider monitoring results as best available science.