

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Medium Landing Ship Homeporting at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i
Project Identification Number: EISX-7-17-USN-1773920284

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Department of War NEPA Implementing Procedures, the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Medium Landing Ship (LSM) Homeporting at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawai'i. The Navy will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action to home port up to nine LSM-class ships at JBPHH, including the demolition of the existing wharf and construction of a dedicated berthing wharf along Ford Island and Roll-on/Roll-off (RORO) facilities required to support LSM-class ships.

This Notice of Intent initiates a request for public comment on the Proposed Action, alternatives to be analyzed, potential effects, and relevant information, studies, or analyses. Public comments will be considered under NEPA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

DATES: The 30-day public comment period begins June 24, 2026, and extends through July 24, 2026. The Navy is holding an open-house public meeting, which will include informational poster stations staffed by Navy representatives who will answer questions and share information about the Proposed Action and the upcoming environmental analysis. The public meeting is planned as follows:

Monday, July 13, 2026

4-7 p.m.

O'ahu Veterans Center, Ballard Hall

1298 Kukila St.

Honolulu, HI 96818

Comments may be submitted in writing at the public meeting or must be postmarked or received online no later than **July 24, 2026**, for consideration in the preparation of the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via the [online comment form on the project website](#) or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific; Attention: LSM EIS Project Manager; 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navy is the lead agency for the Proposed Action and is responsible for Section 106 consultation under the NHPA. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet is the Navy's Action Proponent. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been invited to be a cooperating agency.

The proposed project would occur on O'ahu within JBPHH. The proposed berthing wharf would be located on the northern side of Ford Island at Wharf F12/F13, and the proposed RORO ramp would be located at West Loch. Dredging and the construction of upland shore support facilities, including administrative buildings, parking lots, and utilities, would be limited to the boundaries of JBPHH. Dredging for the proposed RORO ramp would be limited to West Loch.

Homeporting is the act of assigning a particular naval base or port as the location where a ship and its crew will primarily be based, maintained, and supported. Home ports provide a central location for ships to undergo routine maintenance, resupply, support training, and have administrative support when not deployed at sea. Home ports also serve as a staging area for deployments and a return point after completion of missions.

The Navy's Proposed Action is needed to support littoral expeditionary forces, such as Marine Littoral Regiments, across the Pacific region.

The Navy initially identified seven siting alternatives but only two preliminary action alternatives met the purpose of and need for the project. These two preliminary action alternatives will be carried forward for more detailed analysis. Alternative 1 includes constructing the new LSM home port berth partially within the existing Wharf F12/F13 footprint and shifted northeast along Ford Island to provide additional buffer area between the proposed facility and the USS Utah National Historic Landmark. Alternative 1 also includes constructing a concrete RORO ramp at West Loch and associated homeporting support facilities within the boundaries of JBPHH. Alternative 2 includes constructing the new LSM home port berth within the existing footprint of Wharf F12/F13 along Ford Island. Constructing a concrete RORO ramp and associated homeporting support facilities would be the same as Alternative 1. Under a No Action Alternative, the Navy would not home port the LSM-class ships at JBPHH, and a new homeporting berth or RORO facilities would not be constructed. The No Action Alternative is included for the purpose of establishing a baseline for the environmental impact analysis to compare the degree of potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action with current conditions.

Environmental resources to be evaluated include but are not limited to: noise, cultural resources, biological resources, water resources, transportation (land and marine), socioeconomics, hazardous materials and waste, and air quality. The Navy would implement best management practices during construction and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potentially significant effects on natural and cultural resources and historic properties. Additionally, the Navy will complete all coordination and consultation required by NEPA, the NHPA, the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Clean Water Act, and other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project.

The Navy invites the public to comment on the Proposed Action, alternatives to be analyzed, potential effects, and relevant information, studies, or analyses. Public comments will be considered under NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. Pursuant to the 2012 Navy Region Hawai'i Programmatic Agreement¹, the Navy will consult with the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Officer and other stakeholders regarding potential effects on historic properties that may result from the Proposed Action, referred to as the "undertaking." The Navy will also consider input received from the public. Parties with demonstrated interest in the undertaking and its effects on historic properties [may request to become a consulting party](#) in the Section 106 process. Federal, state, and local agencies, Native Hawaiian Organizations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments.

Comments may be submitted at the public meeting, via the [online comment form on the project website](#), or mailed to the address noted in the ADDRESSES section above. Comments must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **July 24, 2026**, for consideration in the preparation of the EIS.

Dated: June 24, 2026

¹ Programmatic Agreement among the Commander Navy Region Hawaii, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Officer regarding Navy Undertakings in Hawaii, July 2012.