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Army to host additional meeting on marine study

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – The U.S. Army is hosting an informational meeting, March 13, for community members interested in learning about the draft sampling and analysis plan to study marine resources at Makua Beach and surrounding areas.

The meeting will be held at Waianae District Park multi-purpose room (85-601 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI 96792) at 6:30 p.m. Army subject matter experts will provide an overview of the marine resources study, the draft sampling and analysis plan and will explain the next steps in the process.

“The community expressed a desire for more information on this topic during our public meeting, February 20, and we are being responsive to that request,” said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “We welcome this opportunity - the more quality community input we have, the better this plan will be.”

The draft plan is a blueprint for how the Army will conduct the supplemental marine resources study to determine whether military activities at Makua Military Reservation have contributed or will contribute to contamination of the marine resources near Makua, and whether the proposed Army training activities at MMR pose a health risk to area residents who rely on these marine resources for food or other purposes.

The Army is currently accepting comments on this draft plan through March 22.

Community can view or download the plan online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makua (Click “2013 Draft MR Study” on the left side of the page.). The plan is also available at the Waianae, Kapolei and Waialua public libraries, under the title *“Draft Supplemental Marine Resources Sampling and Analysis Plan, Makua Military Reservation, Oahu, Hawaii.”* In consideration of the environment, hard copies of the plan are available upon request.

For more information or to provide comments, email usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil or call (808) 656-3089.

The supplemental marine resources study was ordered by the Federal District Court June 20, 2012. The Army appreciates the community's interest and involvement in this study.