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Army seeks comments on Mākua marine study at public meeting

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (March 3, 2015) — The U.S. Army is hosting a public meeting, March 5, to seek comments on a study it conducted of marine resources near Mākua Beach.

The meeting will be held in the Waianae High School cafeteria (85-251 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI 96792), and will start with an informational display viewing at 6:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Army staff and study team members will provide a brief overview of the study, followed by a facilitated public comment period until 9:30 p.m.

The study is available online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makua. Click “2013 MR Study” on the left side of the Web page. The study is also available at the Waianae, Kapolei, Wahiawa and Waialua public libraries under the title “*Mākua Marine Resources Supplemental Study Report, February 2015.*” In consideration of the environment, printed copies of the study are available upon request.

The 60-day public comment period for this study began Feb. 1 and runs through April 3, 2015.

Individuals can also continue to submit comments via email to usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil, or mail to: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Environmental Division, Attn: Marine Study – Public Comments, 948 Santos Dumont Ave., Schofield Barracks, HI 96857. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than April 3.

This study supplements a 2009 Army marine resources study, and assesses whether military training activities at Mākua Military Reservation pose a health risk to area residents who rely on marine resources – specifically limu kohu (seaweed), loli (sea cucumber) and he’e (octopus) – for food or other purposes. It was completed in compliance with a 2012 U.S. District Court order.

For questions, please call (808) 656-3089 or email usaghi.pao.comrel@us.army.mil.

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