State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 28, 2011

Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RENEW THE MONTH-TO-MONTH REVOCABLE PERMIT # SP0070 ISSUED TO THE SAND ISLAND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION (SIOHVA) FOR THE CONTINUED MANAGEMENT AND USE OF A 30 ACRE PORTION OF SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA, OAHU, FOR OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) RECREATION

INFORMATION

Project Name:	Sand Island State Park OHV Riding Area
Project Location:	1640 Sand Island Parkway-Honolulu 96819
Land Ownership:	State of Hawaii - DLNR - Division of State Parks
Tax Map Key:	1-5-41: 6 (portion of)
Land Area:	30 Acres / of 141.382 acres
Special Management Area:	Within SMA

PROJECT HISTORY

This sub-portion of the Sand Island State Recreation Area (Park) is located directly makai of the Honolulu Sewage Treatment Plant. Prior to the creation of the OHV riding area and the issuance of the referenced RP, the unused section of the Park had been subjected to years of illegal dumping of debris such as concrete and asphalt tailings, various rubble and biomass, and was comprised of irregular topography from previous use and grading that included the creation of a series of 6 foot high berms fronting the shoreline - that also inadvertently assist in the containment of potential run-off from the Park into the sea. The site had included unmitigated growth of invasive long-thorn kiawe, grasses and a fluctuating population of indigents and homeless. The entire Park area is built upon the tailings from dredging the adjacent channel in the late 1800's.

The Sand Island OHV Riding Area (referred to as the Sandbox) is the first authorized OHV riding area in a State Park in Hawaii, and the third OHV area established on State Land. There is only one other location on Oahu for authorized OHV use: the Kahuku Motorsports Park which is on Unencumbered State Land and is subservient to a General Lease issued to the Army that only allows for public access on weekends and holidays. This riding area has been authorized under a Revocable Permit with Land Division since the 1970's and according to riders, is at capacity on a frequent basis.

The Sandbox is collaboration between the SIOHVA and the community with funding and volunteers from the riders, the Department through DSP support in providing the land base and staff support for a variety of permitting issues over time, and at its inception with federal seed money by allocated by Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program. This collaboration allowed for the development of an authorized and managed location in Honolulu for Oahu OHV and BMX riders and enthusiasts to recreate

Due to the previously unmanaged and degraded physical condition of this portion of the Park, the location adjacent to industrial activity in the Urban District, close proximity to the Honolulu City and County Sewage Treatment Plant, and being directly under the flight path of Honolulu International Airport, staff determined that, until other plans were made for this portion of the Oahu Shoreline, this was an exemplary location to allow the community to operate OHV's within a managed setting.

On September 8th 2006, the Board approved in concept the creation of an OHV riding area in this portion of the Park and that it would be managed by SIOHVA granting them a Right of Entry. On January 8, 2010 the Board approved the issuance of the RP to SIOHVA.

SIOHVA is a registered not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of "Fun, Safe, and Responsible OHV activities through the education of its members" SIOHVA will continue to use as much donated equipment and labor as possible to create and maintain safe riding tracks and trails in the subject location. Pursuant to the SIOHVA Management Plan for the proposed Park, the OHV Riding Area will have areas dedicated to particular motorized uses, these include: off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and 4x4 vehicles and riderless remote control vehicles. Non-motorized use includes a venue dedicated strictly to bicycles (BMX). Nonpermanent supporting infrastructure will include parking and picnic areas, graded spectator areas, temporary portable toilets and landscaping. Using donated heavy equipment, SIOHVA volunteers initiated cleaning up years of rubbish and rubble, grubbing the kiawe, spreading donated recycled asphalt for parking, and then creating a series of venues for riders.

Currently there are also five canoe clubs with Special Use Permits (SUP) for the Park to store canoes and to conduct training activities along the shoreline adjacent to the OHV area and the Division of Boating and Ocean recreation (DOBOR) comfort stations. The

SUP requires that the clubs collaborate with SIOHVA on seasonal parking issues and for collaborative stewardship of common areas. Gate and club membership fees may be collected from SIOHVA riders to support the cost of insurance and maintenance of the respective venues.

Over the past two years, SIOHVA has spent approximately $140,000 for fuel, equipment rental and other related management costs

DSP does not have the budget or expertise to manage an OHV riding area – it is only possible through the volunteer commitment of SIOHVA. DSP has established a reliable working relationship with SIOHVA – who has also supported DSP by volunteering their heavy equipment used for track management in other areas of Sand Island State Recreation Area as needed by DSP. DSP understands that the DOBOR is now engaged in planning for this location to create a future ocean recreation park with ancillary facilities in the same area. It is the intent of DSP to allow for the OHV use until such time that DOBOR is prepared to initiate and implement the future plans for this Park area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to renew a one year, month-to-month Revocable Permit to SIOHVA to manage a portion of the Sand Island State Recreation Area for OHV use:

   a: Terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interest of the State and the recreational uses of the subject area.

Respectfully submitted,

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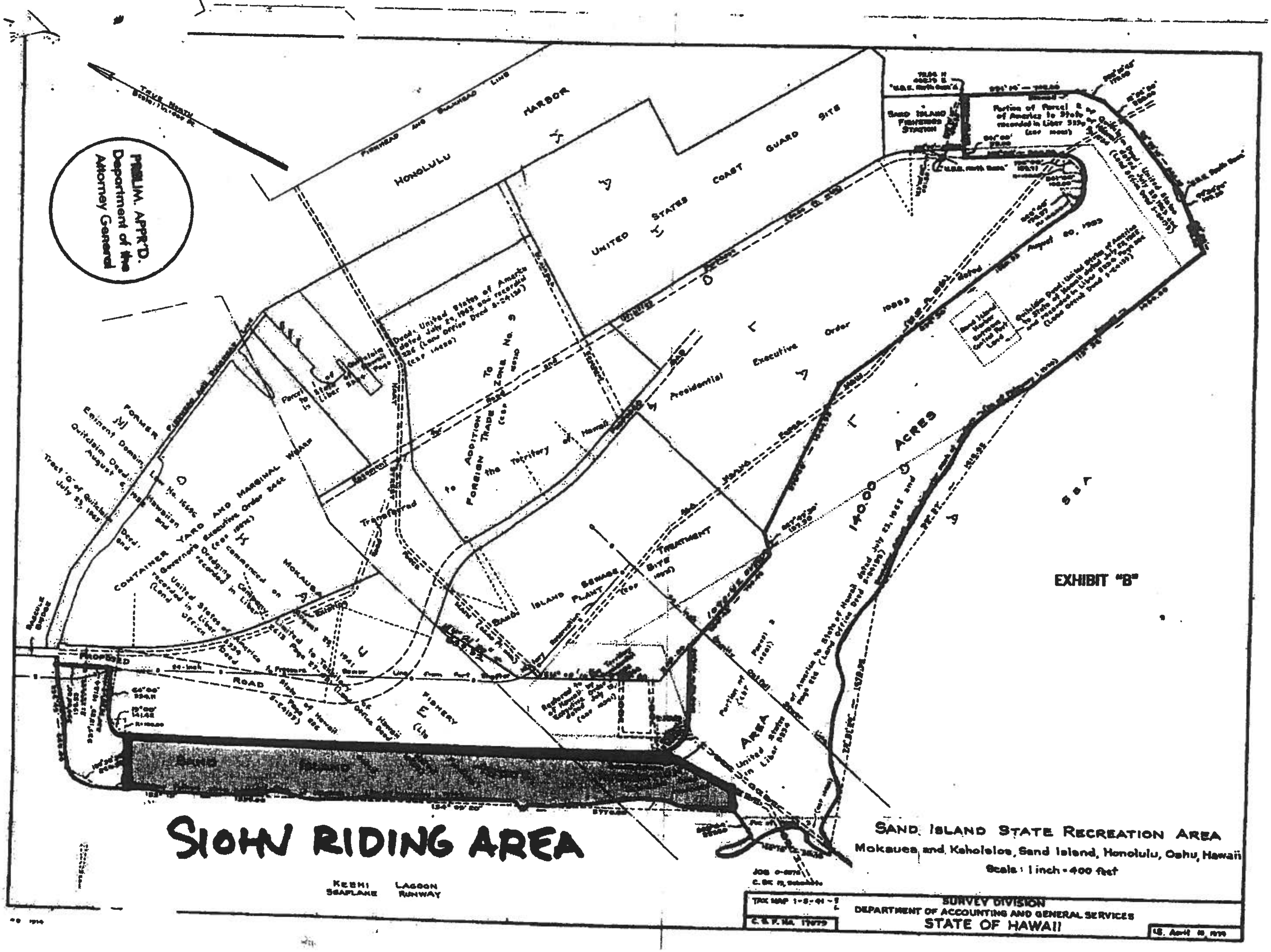
Division of State Parks Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

For WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson
Board of Land & Natural Resources

Exhibit 1: Project Area Map

EXHIBIT 1



PRELIM. APPR'D.
Department of the
Attorney General
True North
HONOLULU HARBOR
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SITE
Sand Island Fisheries Station
Addition to Foreign Trade Zone No. 9
Presidential Executive Order 10883
140.00 ACRES
Container Yard and Marginal Wharf
Sand Island Sewage Treatment Plant Site
Road
Fishery
Proposed
Rescue Bridge
Sea
EXHIBIT "B"
SIOHN RIDING AREA
KEEHI LAGOON
SEAPLANE RUNWAY
Area
SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA
Mokauea and Kaholaloa, Sand Island, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii
Scale: 1 inch = 400 feet
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