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**KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BEGIN
WEEKEND WORK FROM JULY 18, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 2009**

Harbor users advised to use caution during channel dredging

KEKAHA, KAUA‘I - The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is notifying boaters that the Kikiaola Light Draft Harbor Project is expected to begin weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) dredging work starting on July 18, 2009 and ending sometime in late August 2009.

The weekend work is needed to provide the contractor with the ability to take advantage of favorable ocean conditions and to complete the dredging of the entrance channel, which has been recently delayed by rough ocean conditions.

A minimum of one-half the entrance channel will remain open at all times to permit vessels to enter and exit the harbor **on weekends**. Access to and from the harbor on all remaining week days, except for State holidays in July and August 2009 will be closed between 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

“The DLNR will be working closely with the Army Corps of Engineers and Kiewit Pacific Company to give boaters advance notice of any changes to harbor access. The public's patience during performance of this work is greatly appreciated. When completed, this project will provide a safer harbor for all users,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR Chairperson.

Dredging work on July 18 and 19 will be performed within the eastern half of the entrance channel beginning at approximately 100 feet from the East Breakwater and ending at approximately 350 feet from the East Breakwater.

Dredging work on remaining weekends in July and August 2009 will be performed within the western half of the entrance channel beginning near the oceanside end of the West Breakwater and ending at approximately 450 feet from the oceanside end of the West Breakwater.

Weather permitting, all dredging work should be completed by late August 2009.

On Sept. 6, 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a construction contract for \$18,771,500 to Kiewit Pacific Company of Kapolei, O'ahu for the Kikiaola Light Draft Harbor Project. The project is being cost-shared between the Army Corps of Engineers and DLNR.

For more information regarding this construction project and the upcoming schedule, please contact Eric Yuasa of DLNR, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation at (808) 587-0122 or Steven Takeguchi of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (808) 438-1274.

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