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Regional Refuge Supervisor

Planning and Accomplishment Narrative

Approval of your FY 73 Planning and Accomplishment Report is acknowledged by the attached copy of the signed title page. Please attach this page to your station copy of the report.

We are aware that no output reports were submitted to the data center during the year. In light of this and your recent arrival on the refuge, you have done an excellent job of reporting activities for the year. This lack of information has put us a year behind on Hawaii NWR in being able to provide refined data for future planning. We are hopeful you will be able to collect and report the needed information for this year.

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PLANNING AND ACCOMPLISHMENT NARRATIVE - F. Y. 1973

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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I. HIGHLIGHT STATEMENT - F.Y. 1973

Moderate drought conditions were experienced throughout the Hawaiian Archipelago this period. Record low water levels were recorded in most lowland areas. Drought conditions continued through the end of the fiscal year.

The Hawaiian Islands Refuge was visited by refuge personnel during the following periods: 9/3-17/72, annual inspection trip via Coast Guard vessel; 3/11-18/73, biological survey at Midway and Pearl and Hermes Reef; 4/24-27/73, "Operation Cleanup" at French Frigate Shoals; 5/27/73-6/2/73, biological survey at Midway, Pearl and Hermes Reef and Lisianski Island; and 6/1-5/73, biological survey at French Frigate Shoals.

Wilderness studies terminated this period with a proposal that 303,939 acres of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge were suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Approximately 267 acres of Tern and adjacent submerged lands in the French Frigate Shoals were proposed as unsuitable. A public hearing concerning this proposal was held on April 14, 1973 in Honolulu. As a result of the hearing and subsequent negotiations between the Department of the Interior and the State of Hawaii the proposal has been reduced in size to 255,878 acres from the original 303,939 acres. The approximate 267 acres of French Frigate Shoals is still recommended as unsuitable. However, the State has not agreed in total and negotiations still continue. Population dynamic studies on the green sea turtle were initiated in the French Frigate Shoals area during June and July of 1973. Refuge Management studies concerning green sea turtles, Hawaiian monk seals, Nihoa Millerbird, Nihoa finch, Laysan finch, and the Laysan duck were continued.

Construction was initiated on the new Tern Island Coast Guard Loran Station. This was completed in the latter part of 1973. The Bureau provided approximately \$20,000 to the Coast Guard for the construction of a laboratory and sleeping quarters within this facility. These rooms will be utilized by refuge personnel and refuge sponsored activities.

Two new refuges were acquired this period, both on Kauai Island. Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge procured on November 30, 1972 and ~~Mauka~~ Mokuone-Huleia National Wildlife Refuge on June 27, 1973. The Hanalei Refuge boundary was surveyed and posted this period. Acquisition activities for rare and endangered species lands continued throughout the main Hawaiian Islands. Expeditions to Baker, Jarvis, and Howland Islands and Rose Atoll for biological ascertainment was accomplished with all proposed for National Wildlife Refuges. Johnson Island was surveyed and inspected and recommendations regarding its status as a National Wildlife Refuge were made.

Representatives from the Divisions of River Basins and Enforcement temporarily moved into the Refuge office. A severe lack of cooperation from GSA has kept them from finding other adequate office space. This has created impossible office space conditions which results in lower work efficiency.

II. REFUGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nearly -100% deviations are recorded for each output element in the Planning and Accomplishment Report. The reason for these deviations is that no output reports were completed and forwarded to Portland.

The reason for the lack of reports is unknown. It would be well to record here that the PPBE paperwork has been badly neglected at this station. We intend to rectify this neglect.

Of those figures reported, a deviation of -99% in Natural Environments Preserved is recorded. Progress in the wilderness review process for the Hawaiian Islands Refuge has been complicated by the fact that the State of Hawaii does not agree with the boundaries as put forth by the Bureau. This is now being negotiated by the State of Hawaii and the Department of the Interior.