§ 763.4 Entry restrictions.

(a) Entry by any person upon Kaho‘olawe Island for any purpose is prohibited without advance authorization from Commander Naval Base. This prohibition applies to all areas of Kaho‘olawe Island reserved for naval purposes by Executive Order 10436.

(b) Entry by any person into the restricted waters adjacent to Kaho‘olawe Island for any purpose is prohibited without advance authorization from Commander Naval Base. This prohibition applies to all waters described in 33 CFR 204.223(4).


§ 763.5 Entry procedures.

(a) It is the policy of the Commander Naval Base to authorize, in accordance with the spirit of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (1978), reasonable access to Kaho‘olawe Island during periods when it is not used for military training. However, because there are bombs and other explosives on and under the surface and in the waters of the island, and because there are significant archaeological resources thereon (in 1981, the island was placed on the National Register of Historical Places as an Archaeological District), Navy representatives accompany each island visitation to safeguard both the visitor(s) and the island’s archaeological resources. In this regard, in order to ensure the safety of visitors to the island and its archaeological resources, persons and organizations wishing access to Kaho‘olawe Island must comply with the following appropriate procedures: Civilians (except authorized U.S. and State representatives) must:

(1) Request, in writing, access authorization from Commander Naval Base (Code 01K), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860, at least 15 days prior to the access requested, providing therein confirmed access plans (including the exact number of visitors, time, and location of access, designation of person in charge, and any other pertinent information); and

(2) Submit to Commander Naval Base (at the aforementioned address) properly endorsed Standard Liability Release Form (obtainable from Commander Naval Base), for each access participant, at least five (5) days prior to the requested access.

(b) In evaluating each request, the factors just enumerated will be weighed against training commitments, safety requirements, special projects, and the amount and cost of military supervision necessitated by a granting of the request. Requests for entry will be considered on an individual basis. If a request is granted, the permission to enter Kaho‘olawe Island authorizes one visit only, and shall not be construed as authorization for more than one entry unless the authorization itself specifically states otherwise. Moreover, entry pursuant to advance consent, which is not in accordance with the terms and conditions permitted by Commander Naval Base, shall be deemed a violation of this subpart.

(c) For safety reasons, it is not Commander Naval Base policy to permit children below the age of 15 access to Kaho‘olawe Island.

(d) The following safety regulations are applicable to visitors to Kaho‘olawe Island:

(1) All visitors to the island are required to execute and submit a waiver of government liability form to a designated Navy representative prior to arrival at the island.

(2) Visitors to the island will be escorted by Navy designated Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians to ensure that they stay on cleared