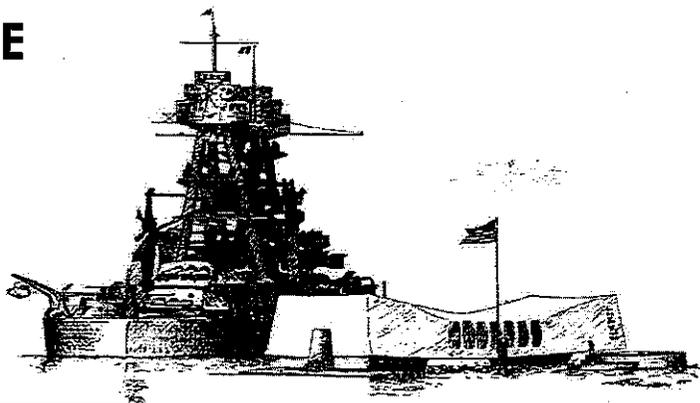


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Record of Decision Issued for Ford Island Development

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii announces the availability of the Record Of Decision (ROD) for Ford Island Development, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ROD was signed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities) on April 9, 2002 and published in the April 15, 2002 issue of the Federal Register.

Ford Island Development includes the consolidation of selected operations and the pursuit of limited private development of Ford Island. It includes the construction of new facilities and the adaptive reuse of existing facilities on Ford Island, as well as the sale or lease of selected Navy properties on Oahu, Hawaii. The proceeds of such sales or leases will be used to develop and maintain Navy facilities at Ford Island. This unique approach will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Navy operations, make greater use of Navy properties, and improve the quality of life of Sailors and their families.

As identified in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), Alternative B (Medium Intensity) was selected as the preferred alternative based on the Navy's operational and readiness requirements, with implementation of mitigation efforts to minimize significant impacts on the environment. The medium intensity alternative includes both Navy and limited private development on Ford Island. Navy development may include new construction for up to 420 family housing units, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters for up to 1,000

personnel, and infrastructure improvements such as roads and utilities. Ford Island development may also include a combination of new construction and adaptive reuse of existing structures for administrative space to accommodate 1,500 additional employees, and a consolidated training complex. Private development could include a historic visitor attraction, commercial enterprises, and light industrial uses that could bring a population of up to 2,800 employees and 6,700 daily visitors.

The ROD is being distributed to government agencies and various interested parties that participated in the PEIS development process, and can also be reviewed at local libraries, including the Main, Ewa Beach, Pearl City, Salt Lake/Moanalua, and Waipahu branches.

For more information on the development of Ford Island, please call the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, or visit the Ford Island Development web site at www.hawaii.navy.mil.

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