

Maritime Heritage Resources in Hawai`i

Assessing historic properties and cultural resources in the main Hawaiian Islands



Hawaiian fish traps at Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historic Park.

Purpose and Goals

Understanding the types and locations of significant archaeological and cultural resources is essential to the planning process for offshore renewable energy development. NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) have partnered to develop a landmark study of maritime heritage resources and maritime cultural landscapes. To date, there has been no overall assessment of these resources in the waters around the main Hawaiian Islands.

The assessment of maritime heritage resources in Hawaii is a collaborative effort engaging BOEM, ONMS, NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program, NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas Center, a Native Hawaiian project facilitator, and an inter-island consultative working group made up of representatives from the main Hawaiian Islands (including island districts and/or counties).

A Cultural Landscape Approach

Understanding the importance of cultural resources and locations is central to this project. Rather than discussing resources individually, a holistic cultural landscape approach better integrates management with historical, archaeological and traditional knowledge. This effort is modeled, in part, on a BOEM/NOAA West Coast project, "Characterizing Tribal Cultural Landscapes," and will be further defined by the working group through a guidance document and selected case studies.

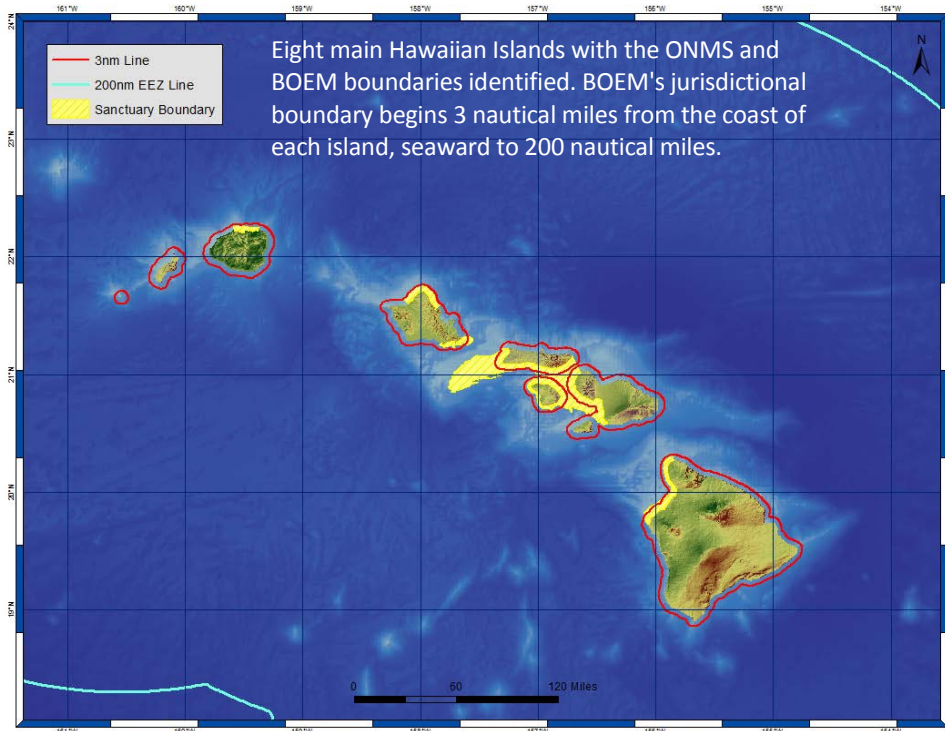


WWII historic aviation resources in the Hawaiian Islands.

Specific project objectives:	Project activities will include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • database of verified, reported, and potential submerged cultural resources in the Hawai`i OCS; • database of historic properties that could be adversely impacted by alteration of the ocean viewshed; and • management tool for engaging Native Hawaiian communities in identifying significant marine areas for offshore energy development planning purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • archival research • database creation • community workshops • community outreach and consultations • drafting guidelines

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Benefits

The project will benefit federal and state agencies, Native Hawaiians and stakeholders, and Hawai'i's heritage resources.

For NOAA and ONMS:

- enhance awareness of our nation's maritime heritage;
- meet the agency's mandate to inventory historic properties;
- support the local sanctuary's management plan review process;
- engage in the Maritime Cultural Landscape Approach.

For BOEM:

- facilitate decision making processes for offshore renewable energy development, by providing critical groundwork for cultural resources review;
- help regional energy planning and siting decisions to be made more appropriately and efficiently, thus minimizing conflicts, controversies, legal challenges and delays.

For Native Hawaiians, stakeholders, and maritime heritage resources:

- engage with agencies prior to the proposal of activities that may impact resources;
- involve Native Hawaiians in the identification of significant resources and areas;
- clarify and promote interests in specific planning areas.

Timeline

2013		2014				2015				2016
May-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Nov
archive/database										
		workshops								
		analysis guide								
		case studies								
						draft report and webpage				
									final report and webpage	

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