



KUREINST 5700.1  
01 December 1984

KURE ISLAND INSTRUCTION 5700.1

Subj: WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this instruction is to promulgate guidelines associated with the various wildlife and natural resources at Kure Atoll. It provides permanent and visiting personnel specific guidance for the preservation and utilization of such resources.

2. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. KURE INSTRUCTION 5900.2B is canceled.

3. DISCUSSION. Kure Atoll is a unique place on the Earth. Its relative isolation from the acts of Man make it an important habitat for numerous plants and animals. We, the Coast Guard, are responsible for our actions and their consequences here. Additionally, as a federal law enforcement agency, we must recognize our special duty to comply with the very laws we enforce. Finally, as individuals, we have a duty to comply with applicable State of Hawaii laws. These laws and regulations include, but are not limited to, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and Hawaiian Regulation 07.

4. POLICY. All persons, permanent party and visitors, on or around Kure Island shall comply with applicable laws and regulations as well as the following specific station regulations:

a. Off-Limits Areas. All dry land north of latitude 28° 24.0' North (commonly referred to as North Point) shall be off-limits to all human traffic. All sand spit islands, including but not limited to Sand Island, Shark Island, and Stark Island, are off-limits to all human traffic. The Commanding Officer may authorize specific visitation to the above areas on a case-by-case basis.

b. Vehicles. Station vehicles (including tractors) will not be operated on the beaches or in the scaveolas without prior command approval. Vehicle use between the dock and the beachhouse is authorized for recreational purposes. Vehicle use in the antenna fields/ground radial system is authorized for the maintenance of the antenna systems.

c. Wildlife.

(1) Hawaiian Monk Seal. Protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the monk seal will be offered the utmost protection from harassment and disturbance. The following guidelines are provided:

(a) Monk seals should not be approached either while on land or in the water. Monk seals may approach swimmers, divers, and vessels in the water out of curiosity, but in no instance are they to be pursued, disturbed, harassed, or otherwise approached.

(b) When it is necessary to pass monk seals that are hauled out on the beach, as great a distance as possible shall be maintained from the seals. When it is necessary to pass monk seals hauled out on the beach near the water's edge, walk near

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the vegetation line. Similarly, for seals hauled out high on the beach or into the vegetation, pass them along the water's edge. If your path is blocked by one or more seals, either turn around and proceed back the way you came or enter the scaveolas and bypass the seal(s).

(c) Female monk seals with pups must be avoided at all times and should never be disturbed. Never pass between a mother and her pup or separate them in any way.

(d) Report dead, injured, or sick monk seals to the Commanding Officer immediately.

(2) Shellfish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks. State of Hawaii laws concerning these animals are outlined in enclosure (1). Of particular importance are the following guidelines:

(a) The spearing of any crustacean, including any spiny lobster, is prohibited.

(b) The taking of any lobster with eggs is prohibited.

(c) Spiny lobster less than  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches in carapace length may not be taken.

(d) The season for taking spiny and slipper lobsters is closed during the months of June, July, and August.

(3) Fish. State of Hawaii laws concerning the harvesting of fish are contained in enclosure (2).

(4) Turtles. The green sea turtle is protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973. No sea turtle shall be captured, killed, or harassed in any manner.

(5) Birds. Kure Island has been designated a Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary. All birds on the island are subject to such protection.

(a) The killing, disturbing, destroying, molesting, capturing, or possessing of any bird or the nest or eggs thereof is prohibited.

(b) The damage, destruction, or removal of vegetation (the natural habitat for many of the birds) other than for normal periodic station maintenance is prohibited.

(6) Coral. The disturbance and/or removal of live coral heads or formations for personal use is prohibited. To preserve what living reefs already exist, persons are permitted to remove only dead or already-dislodged coral.

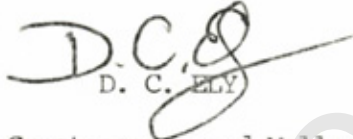
(7) Flotsam/Jetsam. Any man-made articles (e.g., glass balls, bottles, floats), shells, coral, etc. which wash up onto the beaches may be removed by persons walking the shoreline.

d. Exportation/Importation. The exportation from Kure Island of any lobster or fish caught in violation of state law is a felony violation of federal law and subject to enforcement action by federal authorities. No animals shall be removed from Kure

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Island without the prior consent of the Commanding Officer. Additionally, no plants or animals shall be introduced to the island without permission of the Commanding Officer.

5. ACTION. This instruction shall received wide dissemination to all crewmembers and visiting personnel. All station crewmembers shall ensure all persons, particularly visitors, comply with applicable portions of this instruction. Any deviations from the guidelines outlined herein shall be reported to the Commanding Officer without delay.

  
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Encl: (1) Guidelines for Shellfish, Crustaceans, and Mollusks  
(2) Guidelines for Fish

Distribution: Standard  
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**DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement

**SEASONS, SIZES, BAG LIMITS, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSKS**

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE		OTHER RESTRICTIONS
			Home Consumption	Safe	
Spiny Lobster	Sept.-May HRS 188-57	none	3 1/4 inch carapace length LNR 13-89-1		The spearing of any Spiny Lobster, Slipper Lobster, Samoan Crab, Kuahonu Crab or Kona Crab is prohibited. HRS 188-25 LNR 13-47-2
Slipper Lobster	Sept.-May HRS 188-57	none	none	1 pound HRS 188-40	
Samoan Crab	all-year	none (Hilo Bay: 3 crabs) LNR 13-47-2	6 inches across the back LNR 13-84-1		The taking or possession of any Spiny Lobster, Slipper Lobster, Samoan Crab, Kuahonu Crab, or Kona Crab with eggs is prohibited. HRS 188-58 LNR 13-84-1 LNR 13-47-2
Kona Crab	Sept.-May HRS 188-57	none	none	4 inch length or width of back. HRS 188-40	
Kuahonu (white) Crab	all-year	none	none	4 inch length or width of back. HRS 188-40	Hilo Bay: no more than 5 crabs nets per fisherman. LNR 13-47-2
Opihi	all-year	none	1 1/4 inch shell or 1/2 inch meat diameter 13-92-1	same	
Clam	7 am first Monday of Sept. to Oct. 31 LNR 13-85-2	1 gallon with shell on LNR 13-85-2	1 inch across widest part or shell LNR 13-85-2	1 1/2 inch measured the long way HRS 188-40	SEASON SUSPENDED STATE WIDE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LNR 13-85-2
Pearl, Coral Rock, Eastern and Japanese Oyster, Top-shell Quahog Clam and Abalone	NO OPEN SEASON LNR 13-83-1				Taking or selling any of these shellfish is by permit only. LNR 13-83-2
Octopus (day and night squid)	all-year	none	1 pound in weight LNR 13-86-1	1 pound in weight HRS 188-40	none

note: "HRS" indicates the Hawaii Revised Statutes, "LNR" indicates Administrative Rules of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Title 13.

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**SEASONS, SIZES, BAG LIMITS, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE TAKING OF FISH FROM HAWAIIAN WATERS**

**SPECIES**      **OPEN SEASON**      **BAG LIMIT**      **MINIMUM SIZE**      **Home Consumption**      **Sale**      **OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND NOTES**

Use of explosives, electrofishing devices, firearms or poisonous substances is unlawful.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE	Home Consumption	Sale	OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND NOTES
Aholehole and Manini	all-year	none (Waiakea Pond, Hilo: 20 per day in combination) LNR 13-63-3	5 inches HRS 188-40	none	5 inches HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 5 inches. HRS 188-25
Weke, Moana, Kumu	all-year	none	7 inches HRS 188-40	none	7 inches HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 7 inches. HRS 188-25
Awa, Oio, Kala and Opelu Kala	all-year	none	9 inches HRS 188-40	none	9 inches HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 9 inches. HRS 188-25
Opakapaka, Uku, Ula ula and Uhu	all-year	none	1 pound HRS 188-40	none	1 pound HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 1 pound. HRS 188-25
Mullet-Amaama	March-Nov HRS 188-44	none (Hilo Bay: 20 per day in combination) LNR 13-47-2 (Waiakea Bay, Hilo: limit of 10) LNR 13-63-3	7 inches HRS 188-40	none	7 inches HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 7 inches. HRS 188-25
Moi	all-year	15 per day LNR 13-88-1	7 inches HRS 188-40	none	7 inches HRS 188-40	Fish dealers and peddlers may possess more than 15 moi. LNR 13-188-1
Moi-ili and Oama	all-year	50 per day each species LNR 13-88-1	not for sale HRS 188-40	none	not for sale HRS 188-40	No spearing of either species. HRS 188-25 (Moi-ili and Oama are Moi and Weke less than 7 inches in length)
Utua, Papiro, Omilu	all-year	20 in combination LNR 13-87-1	1 pound HRS 188-40	7 inches LNR 13-87-1	1 pound HRS 188-40	No spearing less than 1 pound. HRS 188-25 (Restrictions do not apply to Omaka)
Nehu	all-year	1 gallon per day LNR 13-90-1	not for sale HRS 188-45	none	not for sale HRS 188-45	Nets for taking of Nehu for home consumption are not to exceed 50 feet in length. LNR 13-90-1
Akule	all-year	none	none	none	none	Net mesh not less than 1 1/2 inches. HRS 188-29
Hahialu, Hahialalu	all-year	none	none	none	none	No netting permitted July-October. HRS 188-29
Opelu	all-year	none	none	none	none	Unlawful to use fish or animal bait except with hook and line in the waters off So. Kona, Island of Hawaii. HRS 188-46
Sea Turtles	Federal and state laws prohibit the taking of all sea turtles.					

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