



**Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Marine Debris Seminar
Honolulu, Hawaii, January 13-16, 2004**

I. PLACE AND DATES

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Marine Debris Seminar will be held January 13-16, 2004 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The host economy has chosen the East-West Center as the Venue for the Meeting.

Hotel	:	Ala Moana Hotel 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii
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We encourage the use of electronic means for communication purposes.

II. REGISTRATION

Registration

In order to confirm attendance at the Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Marine Debris Seminar, all participating delegates should fill in the attached Registration Form and return it by fax or send it by e-mail to the travel coordinator.

Registration should be completed as soon as possible, but no later than December 8, 2003.

III. MEETING SCHEDULE

You will find attached a preliminary agenda for the seminar. Participants will be immediately informed of any changes to the Agenda.

All meetings will take place in the **Keoni Auditorium**.

IV. OFFICIAL MEETING DOCUMENTS

All official documents for the meeting should be submitted for reproduction to the host Secretariat no later than December 20, 2003. Kindly attach document files in MS Word or Power Point format.

Reproduction of official documents will also be available to all member economies and participants at the Meeting Site for distribution to all member economies. Participants are requested to cooperate by providing the Host Secretariat with a printed version and electronic file of the official documents to be reproduced.

Participants will receive official documents in advance of the seminar. Additional information will be available at the time of on-site registration. Participants are invited to submit relevant background documents or discussion papers by December 20, 2003. Documents will then be distributed to all participants.

All official working documents, as well as any information to be prepared and distributed during the event, shall be published in the official language for APEC meetings.

V. TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

During the Meeting, a Technical Secretariat will be located in the Kaniela Room.

This room will be open daily from Tuesday, January 13 until Thursday, January 16 2004, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will be equipped with 2 computers with MS Office and Internet connection, 1 laser printer, 1 photocopying machine and 1 telephone (for local calls only).

VI. MEETING OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language throughout the seminar

VII. AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT

The Host Organizing Committee will provide the following equipment:

- Overhead projector
- Multimedia projector
- Computer with MS Windows 98/2000 and MS Power Point.

If you require any additional equipment, please contact the meeting coordinators.

VIII. HOTEL SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Ala Moana Hotel, for further references, you may visit the hotel Web site <http://www.alamoanahotel.com/>.

Hotel Accommodation

The Ala Moana Hotel has offered preferential room rates (\$99) for this meeting. Rates are subject to 4.16% general excise and 7.25 % transient accommodation taxes. Check-out time: 12.00 noon.

In order to confirm hotel accommodation, participants are requested to use the corresponding registration form. All correspondence dealing with hotel reservations and/or cancellations should be addressed in writing to fax 808-522-8226, or by e-mail to: rifi.sachdev@noaa.gov.

IX. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport is essential for entering the United States; citizens of most countries also require a visa. For further information, please contact the United States Embassies abroad.

X. ARRIVAL IN HONOLULU

Transport from Honolulu International Airport to the Ala Moana Hotel will be provided to participants. Please fill in the information concerning your arrival and departure flights on the registration form. The Ala Moana Hotel will be providing this service and will meet participants outside the arrivals hall.

In case participants arrive at the Honolulu International Airport without prior notice, authorized taxis are available and recommended. These will be found just outside the airport. Average fares from the Airport to the Ala Moana Hotel average US \$25.

XI. TECHNICAL TOUR

Hawaii Metals Recycling Center

As part of the official program, the Host Economy has arranged a technical tour on Friday, January 16 to the Hawaii Metals Recycling Center, where recovered derelict fishing gear and marine debris is recycled and processed. This will be a ½ day excursion to provide a hands-on view of such an operation and an opportunity to interact with experts in the recycling industry.

The technical tour will be followed by a social function. More details on the technical tour will be provided at registration.

XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



The State of Hawaii is comprised of eight major islands. Measuring from its submarine base (3,280 fathoms) in the Hawaiian Trough to the top of the mountain (13,796 feet), Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain in the world with a combined height of 33,476 feet.

When Honolulu (meaning sheltered harbor) was named is unclear. The old name for Honolulu is said to be Kou, a district roughly encompassing the area from Nuuanu Avenue to Alakea Street and from Hotel Street to Queen Street (then the edge of the waterfront) which is the heart of the present downtown district.

Honolulu Harbor, known also as Kulolia, was entered by the first foreigner, Captain William Brown of the English ship Butterworth, in 1794. He named the harbor Fair Haven. Other foreign captains then referred to it as Brown's Harbor. The name Honolulu (with numerous variations in spelling) soon came into use. In the 1800s, the City of Honolulu was the area near the harbor which is now referred to as downtown Honolulu.

Honolulu became the most important shipping point in Hawaii. It flourished with the sandalwood export and then as a supply port for whalers. Sugar, pineapples, light manufacturing, tourism and defense installations followed as economic mainstays and the last two remain so to this day.

Seamen, colonizers, adventurers, merchants and missionaries from America and Europe westernized the Hawaiian Islands. Probably the greatest influence was by the group of missionaries who arrived from New England in 1820. They left a lasting imprint in fields of religion, education, economics and politics. Later, immigrants from Asia brought other cultural values and practices that helped to fashion the unique Hawaiian culture of today.

The 2000 resident population for the State of Hawaii was 1,211,537 persons, with a de-facto population (including visitors) of 1,334,023. (Between the 1980 and 2000 Census counts, Hawaii's population grew 25.6 percent).

O'ahu (Population 876,156, Area 597 sq. miles)

The most populated island, where Honolulu is the Capital City, the principal port, the major airport, and business and financial center, and the educational heart of the State. O`ahu is the military command center of the Pacific. Waikiki is the visitor center.

Currency

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks and money exchange places. All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and most stores. For current exchange rates please see www.oanda.com.

Climate

Weather on all of the Hawaiian Islands is very consistent, with only moderate changes in temperature throughout the year. In practical terms there are only 2 seasons here: the summer months (called Kau in Hawaiian) that extend from May to October and the winter months (Ho'oilo) that run from November to April. The average day-time summer temperature at sea level is 85 degrees F. (29.4 C) while the average day-time winter temperature is 78 degrees (25.6 C). Night-time temperatures are approximately 10 degrees F. lower.

Dress Code

Meeting	Formal business attire
Technical Tour and Social Functions	Informal Attire

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