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**RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE HAWAII-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAINING  
AND TESTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AVAILABLE**

**SAN DIEGO** — The U.S. Navy announced today its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1), as described in the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS), to conduct training and testing activities (also referred to as military readiness activities) within the HSTT EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter referred to as the “Study Area”).

The Navy made its decision after carefully considering the potential impacts training and testing activities may have on the human, natural, and cultural environment, as well as comments from government agencies, tribal governments, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and the public on the proposal and environmental analysis.

Implementation of the Preferred Alternative will ensure the Navy accomplishes its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces while minimizing potential environmental impacts to the greatest extent practicable.

Minimizing impacts on the marine environment from training and testing is an important goal for the Navy. In its commitment to environmental protection, the Navy will implement mitigation measures in accordance with Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizations.

The Record of Decision documents the Navy’s decision to conduct training and testing activities within the HSTT EIS/OEIS Study Area as described in the Final EIS/OEIS under Alternative 1, the Preferred Alternative. The Navy will implement the full suite of mitigation measures detailed in Chapter 5 (Mitigation) of the HSTT Final EIS/OEIS to avoid or reduce potential impacts during training and testing under Alternative 1.

The Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS completion follows several years of research, analysis and public involvement, and regulatory consultations with the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, State Historic Preservation Offices in Hawaii and California, and Coastal Zone Management programs in Hawaii and California.

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The Navy has been committed to keeping the public informed. The Navy held eight public meetings throughout Hawaii and in San Diego to provide information and obtain public input. The Final EIS/OEIS was made available on Oct. 26, 2018, and includes Navy responses to the public comments received during the Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period.

**Availability of Record of Decision:**

The Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS are available online at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com), and at the following public libraries:

- Hawaii State Library, 478 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96813
- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720
- Kahului Public Library, 90 School St., Kahului, HI 96732
- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
- Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766
- City of San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101
- Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Ave., Coronado, CA 92118
- Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822

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