



KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

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“Open Waters” Schedule for December

New Requirements Effective in January

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) announces its “open waters” trolling schedule for December 2008:

Saturday-Sunday	December 6-7
Saturday-Sunday	December 20-21

Access to the waters of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve is severely restricted due to the continued presence of unexploded ordnance, as well as for the protection of marine resources within the Reserve. However, for two scheduled weekends each month, limited trolling is allowed in the Reserve waters, defined as the waters within two nautical miles of Kaho'olawe island.

During the two open waters weekends each month, vessels that are registered with the KIRC may troll in the Reserve's Zone B waters, which are waters deeper than 30 fathoms; trollers must remain underway, making way at all times, and all lures or live bait must remain on the water surface. (See attached graphic)

Unauthorized entry into the Reserve or the Reserve waters is prohibited at all times. The four requirements noted above must be met for the activity to be considered authorized: (1) trolling – making way at all times; (b) on KIRC-scheduled open waters weekends; (c) in Reserve waters deeper than 30 fathoms; and (d) for vessels registered with the KIRC. All other fishing, ocean recreation, commercial and/or any other activities are strictly prohibited.

Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) 12-261 requires that all vessels must register annually with the KIRC before entering the Reserve to troll during designated open waters trolling dates. Failure to do so may result in criminal and civil penalties. Criminal penalties may result in a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment up to 30 days; administrative penalties may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 for a first violation; \$15,000 for a second violation within five years; and, as much as \$25,000 for a third or subsequent violation within five years of the last violation [HRS §6K-8, 8.5].

Beginning in January 2009, permits for open waters trolling in Zone B will be required, and a \$25.00 permitting fee will be applied to the required annual KIRC vessel registration process. All vessels currently registered with the KIRC – e.g. during the calendar year 2008 – will receive a one-year grace period and will not be required to pay the permitting fee until the 2010 registration cycle.

To register, or for more information, contact Dean at 808-243-5889, dtokishi@kirc.hawaii.gov, visit <http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov>, or pick up a registration packet at the Division of Boating and Recreation.

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