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## **Hawaii Wins 13.3 Percent of Navy Environmental Awards**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM -- Navy installations in Hawaii have been recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) as some of the best in the Navy for environmental and cultural stewardship. Navy commands earned four of 30 CNO Environmental Awards for FY 11, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Vice Adm. William R. Burke, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam achieved the installation award for cultural resources management. The Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor earned the award for environmental quality, individual or team.

Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai garnered two awards, one for natural resources conservation for a small installation and another for natural resources conservation for an individual or team.

The annual CNO Environmental Awards program is designed to recognize Navy ships, installations and individuals or teams for exceptional environmental stewardship. "This is a significant achievement by each of our installations and a tenant command of Navy Region Hawaii," said Rear Adm. Frank W. Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"By protecting our natural resources, we ensure that not only the heritage but also the history that is uniquely Hawaii is preserved for generations to come," the admiral said.

Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of PMRF, said, "To be recognized with these awards was truly a team effort, and we are dedicated to the continued proactive stewardship of Barking Sands and the deep history and importance of the surrounding area."

All CNO winners will advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition. A ceremony honoring the winners will be held June 5 at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

For photos of Navy Hawaii's environmental efforts, visit:

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