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MEDIA ADVISORY**POC: MC1(EXW) Randall, 228-0995****June 22, 2012****Release # 029-12****Navy, Coast Guard join forces to prepare for Hurricane season***Agreement permits safe haven of commercial vessels in Pearl Harbor***WHEN:** Monday, June 25, 2012, 8:30 to 9 a.m.**WHERE:** Kilo Pier 10, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam**WHO:** MajGen Darryl Wong, Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard; Director of State Civil Defense
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii / Naval Surface Group MIDPAC
Capt. Joanna Nunan, USCG, Sector Commander/Captain of the Port
Capt. Jeff James, USN, Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam**WHAT:**

Brief remarks will be delivered on the significance of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Navy and Coast Guard permitting the safe havening of pre-identified commercial vessels in Pearl Harbor prior to a hurricane landfall. The Navy and Coast Guard recognize the vital lifeline that the Port of Honolulu and the commercial shipping industry are to the citizens of the State of Hawaii and have worked towards establishing this MOU for more than two years. Eighty percent of all goods and 100 percent of fuel are brought to Oahu at Honolulu Harbor and distributed throughout Hawaii and other Pacific Islands. The closure of this port due to man-made or natural disaster would have dire consequences for the entire State of Hawaii and other neighboring regions.

Speakers will sign a ceremonial MOU followed by a Q&A session about their agency's response activities. The actual MOU was signed on May 31st. Representatives from the maritime industry, FEMA and other emergency management agencies will be present to witness the event.

News media interested in covering the event must arrange base access by contacting MC1 Randall at 228-0995 by 4 p.m. June 22. News media will be met at the Visitors Pass Office by Nimitz Gate at 8:00 a.m. on June 25.