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COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT (CNHA) TO CONDUCT STATEWIDE GRANT TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Honolulu, Hawaii – The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) has been contracted by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council to conduct statewide grant training workshops to increase the number of project applications for upcoming Western Pacific Demonstration Projects.

“We are excited about this partnership with the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council), which will bring a great deal of exposure for the Council on its grant program for Native fishery projects,” said Lilia Kapuniai, CNHA Vice President.

Through the National Marine Fisheries Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Department of Commerce, the Council solicits applications for financial assistance for Western Pacific Demonstration Projects. Applicants are encouraged to submit projects intended to foster and promote the use of traditional indigenous fishing practices and/or develop or enhance community-based fishing opportunities benefiting island communities. The projects may also request support for research and the acquisition of materials and equipment necessary to carry out such proposals. CNHA will be conducting a total of six grant training workshops throughout October on the islands of O’ahu, Maui, Hawai’i, Kaua’i and Moloka’i.

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The Council is the policy-making organization for the management of fisheries in the exclusive economic zone adjacent to the Territories of American Samoa and Guam, the State of Hawai'i, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Pacific island possessions, a total area of nearly 1.5 million square miles, which comprises about half of the total EEZ waters under U.S. jurisdiction.

“The main task of the Council is to protect fishery resources while maintaining opportunities for domestic fishing at sustainable levels of effort and yield. The Council encourages cooperative fishery management among the island and distant-water fishing nations throughout the Pacific” stated Kitty Simonds, Council Executive Director. “We are pleased to be announcing this opportunity for communities to submit proposals that support the local knowledge of Indigenous peoples.”

The deadline for proposal submission is October 25, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

CNHA is a member-based non-profit dedicated to providing support services to agencies and organizations that focus or deliver programs in Native communities. CNHA's primary expertise is in community development technical assistance and training, including grant programs, consulting, public policy initiatives and the coordination of events and conferences focused on Native community development issues. CNHA's service area includes the State of Hawai'i, Territories of American Samoa and Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. For more information, phone CNHA at 808.521.5011 (toll free at 808.709.2642) or visit CNHA's Web site at www.hawaiiancouncil.org.

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