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Marine Debris Clean-Ups of Big Island's South Point To Begin in November

■ In the next several months, the Big Island's southern Waiahinu/Ka Lae Coast will undergo a facelift with the help of marine debris clean-ups scheduled to begin on Saturday, November 19. The clean-ups will be led by the Hawaii Wildlife Fund, an environmental not-for-profit organization known for its work in research, conservation and education about Hawaii's native wildlife. The **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA)** Marine Debris program within the National Ocean Service's Office of Response and Restoration has dedicated funding for this project, and support will be provided by NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Clean-ups will be held on Saturday, November 19, December 17 and January 21 and for two days during President's Day weekend, February 18 and 19.

Bill Gilmartin, president of Hawaii Wildlife Fund said, "With this NOAA funding, we plan to conduct a full cleaning of the coastline, educate the community about the problem [of marine debris] and organize a consortium of interested community groups and individuals to begin a regular clean-up schedule."

Regular marine debris clean-ups are greatly needed on this coastline. In the last large-scale clean-up of this coast in 2000, more than 50 tons of debris were removed from 2 miles of shoreline. The two-day clean-up was organized by the Hawaii Wildlife Fund and brought together more than 150 volunteers from the community, local businesses, various state and county agencies, not-for-profit organizations and schools.

Fishing nets, lines, bottles and many other forms of marine debris accumulate on this remote coastline. Carried there by oceanic currents, marine debris litters the coastline and poses a danger to marine species in the area. However, with each clean-up tackling a different section of the coastline over the next four to six months, the Waiahinu/Ka Lae Coast will soon be cleaner and safer for everyone.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and help in this clean-up effort. If you are interested in volunteering, call project coordinator Linda Schubert on the Big Island at **(808) 756-1808**. Shuttles will be provided from Waiohinu Park at 8 a.m. Please call ahead for a seat. Any participants who are able to shuttle people are also asked for their assist. Hats, sturdy footwear, sunscreen and a bag lunch are strongly recommended. Organizers will provide transportation, water, refreshments, shade, toilets and gloves.

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