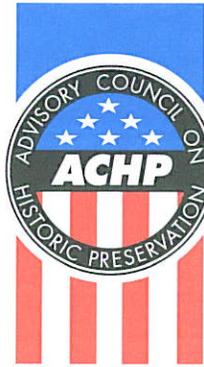


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Memorandum

May 29, 2008

To: Senior Policy Officials

From: Chairman

Subject: *Policy Statement on the ACHP's Interaction with Native Hawaiian Organizations*

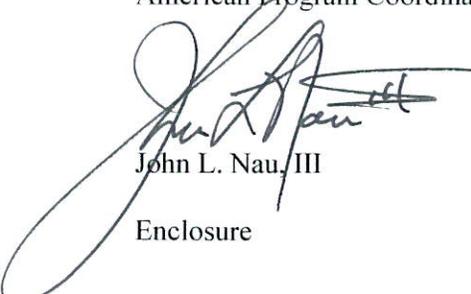
On May 13, 2008, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) adopted the referenced policy statement outlining principles to guide our interactions with Native Hawaiian organizations. I encourage you to review the policy statement to understand the ACHP's perspective on the contributions and role of Native Hawaiian organizations in the national preservation program and the Section 106 review process.

The 1992 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) clarified that historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Native Hawaiian organizations could be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and, federal agencies, in carrying out their Section 106 responsibilities, must consult with Native Hawaiian organizations that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking.

Drawing on the direction provided by the NHPA, the ACHP's policy statement acknowledges its own responsibilities to ensure that Native Hawaiian organizations are afforded the role to which they are entitled in the national preservation program. The policy statement also commits the ACHP to working with and assisting both federal agencies and Native Hawaiian organizations to fully realize the goals set forth in the Act.

While some federal agencies have a more prominent presence in Hawaii, I encourage each of you to consider taking a similar step in adopting either a policy or consultation protocols to guide how your agency carries out its responsibilities to consult with Native Hawaiian organizations. Such guidance not only demonstrates a serious commitment to work with Native Hawaiian organizations but also provides a measure of predictability to your consultation responsibilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ACHP for further information or assistance. Valerie Hauser, Native American Program Coordinator, can be reached at 202-606-8503 or [vhauser@achp.gov](mailto:vhauser@achp.gov).



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