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Re: Comments on Proposed DLNR Exemption List

Dear Ms. Tanimoto:

Thank you for your comments dated May 5, 2015 on the proposed DLNR Exemption List. The Department appreciates your participation in the public review process. Overall, we understand your comment letter to highlight the value of the HRS Chapter 343 environmental review process as a method to gain community input. We believe that consultation with the community can occur as part of the internal review process to determine whether application of an exemption is appropriate. In addition, we would note that an exemption determination would be inappropriate if the cumulative impact of planned successive actions is significant or when an action that is normally insignificant is significant in a particular environment. Because of this, while we appreciate your input, we do not plan any changes to the proposed exemption list based on your comments at this time. The Department will continue to discuss the proposed exemption list with the Environmental Council; further changes may be made before the Council concurs on a final list. Again, thank you for your participation in the public review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Case".

Suzanne Case
Chairperson, DLNR

cc: OEQC