

# ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

A collection of social media posts from the previous month and announcements for upcoming events

December 2020

## Marine Corps Base Hawaii Environmental Compliance & Protection Division (ECPD)



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Earth Day Every Day



# 2020 SecNav Environmental Awards

Posted: November 2, 2020

U.S. Marine Corps Col. Speros Koumparakis recognizes ECPD personnel during the 2020 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards program, Oct. 30, 2020.



Photo 1: Col Koumparakis with Lance Bookless, Senior Natural Resources Manager

Photo 2: He Xu-Sadri, Clean Air/Clean Water Engineer

Photo 3: Col Koumparakis and LtCol Timothy Pochop, Environmental Division Director

# Help! Federally Protected Shearwaters

Posted: November 12, 2020

## HELP! Federally Protected Shearwaters



Duncan Wright - US Fish and Wildlife Service



Oahu Seabird Group

Proper way to hold a distressed seabird (left). Shearwaters nest in burrows near the ocean (above).

### WHAT TO DO IF A SHEARWATER IS FOUND:

Contact Base Environmental: (808) 285-6464 / (808) 257-7131

Or Contact Military Police at (808) 257-2123

- Working hours: seabird will be picked up.
- After hours: response may be delayed until next day, seabird may need to be secured (see below).



### ANNUAL SHEARWATER FALLOUT SEASON: September -December

- Juvenile Wedge-tailed Shearwaters (seabirds) are learning to fly within MCBH from the beginning of September through the end of December.
- During this period, young fledglings often get disoriented by urban lights or become exhausted while trying to fly out to sea.
- The birds can fly inland where they collide with power lines, lights, and other manmade structures.

This can result in injury or death to the seabirds!

### How and When to Handle Shearwaters:

- If the seabird is in a safe location and will be picked up soon, leave it there!
- If the seabird is in harm's way (road kill, predation, operations, etc.) and it is **after** hours, the bird should be secured in a cardboard box with ventilation.
- When handling (see photo), cusp the bird **firmly without squeezing** and keep wings close to the body. Birds have strong muscles and fragile bones.
- Gloves, a towel or t-shirt can be used to cover seabird prior to handling.
- Keep the box in a quiet, dark, and cool location until picked up. Call the numbers above to report ASAP.

NEVER feed or water the bird!

Wedge-tailed SHEARWATER

## What to do with used Cooking Oil?

Posted: November 20, 2020

Thanksgiving is near and you're thinking about cooking your family's favorite fried sausage stuffing or even a deep fried turkey. Yum! Now take a moment to plan what you'll do with the used cooking oil when you're done. Do not pour it down the drain or toilet bowl! It can clog your sewer pipes and cause a sewage overflow. Instead let the oil cool, place it in a clean glass bottle, and reuse it the next time you're frying. If it's dirty and ready to be disposed, absorb the oil and throw it away in the trash bin. Oil-eater boxes are an idea if you have a lot of used oil then throw it away. Oahu's Waste-to-Energy Facility also known as H-Power, will burn your trash and convert it to sustainable energy for the island. MCB Hawaii housing residents with large quantities of cooking oil can contact the Base Hazardous Waste Accumulation Site (BHWAS) at 257-9913 to inquire if they'll take the oil. Cooking oil from a Unit's holiday function on base will be accepted at the BHWAS. Please contact them prior to turn in. Taking care of our environment is taking care of each other. Thank the people in your life. From our family to yours "Happy Thanksgiving!"



## Announcements & Upcoming ECPD Events

MCBH Local Environmental Compliance Course: 9-10 December 2020

For more ECPD information visit: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/>