



## Pier 19

Mr. Derek Chow  
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Subject: Feasibility Study for Honolulu Harbor Modifications

Dear Deputy Director Chow:

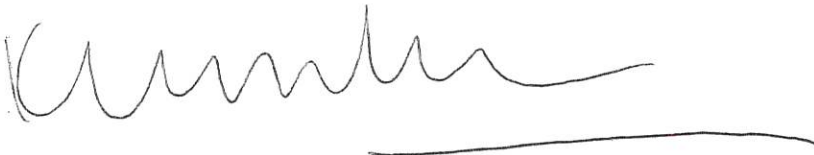
This letter is in supporting the DOT Harbors Division to participate in a Feasibility Study for Honolulu Harbor Modifications Project.

Honolulu Harbor is vitally important to the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. All water borne cargo imported from the US mainland coming into Hawaii, Pacific Territories and Compact Nations is shipped through Honolulu Harbor. Additionally, Honolulu Harbor is the home port to Hawaii's long line fishing fleet, for which VAK Fisheries belongs.

Honolulu Harbor provides the fishing fleet direct access to the commercial fish auction located at Pier 38 in the harbor. Majority of the fish caught by the fishing fleet is sold to satisfy Hawaii's demand. Operational inefficiencies or disruptions caused by the inability to navigate Honolulu Harbor waterways would have a tremendous impact on meeting Hawaii's fresh fish demands and accessing the commercial market.

The DOT Harbors Division needs to improve our waterways to increase operational inefficiencies, anticipate changes in the maritime industry, prepare the harbor for disasters to include building in resiliency, and adapt to climate change/sea level rise. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any additional information that we can provided for your consideration.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Lu', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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