

**Summary of Comments received during NRCS Teleconference with
Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs)**

These summary statements reflect comments made during an NRCS-hosted teleconference with NHOs. NRCS intends to discuss these comments through further consultation and where needed, provide additional information to clarify any points of confusion.

The NRCS welcomes your comments at any point during this process. Please feel free to use the comment form provided on this website (http://www.achp.gov/docs/programmatic_agreement_form.pdf) or contact Sarah Bridges, NRCS Federal Preservation Officer, directly ((202) 720-4912, sarah.bridges@usda.gov).

Teleconferences with Native Hawaiian organizations scheduled for Jan. 21, 2012 and Feb. 1, 2012:

Not opposed to new national program alternative if recognize consultation with NHOs. Should include recognition of NHO consultation in national agreement; then should have more focused recognition at the state level.

Want amendment to existing nationwide PA to include recognition of consultation with NHOs.

Should clarify what “voluntary” means in regard to use of nationwide PA and new program alternative (prototype agreement).

Need to clarify the role of the ACHP if/after designate prototype PA; want ACHP technical support in developing subsequent agreements with NRCS state office and in dispute resolution.

Recognize that cultural and natural resources may be one and the same for NHOs.

Should be clear that OHA does not represent all NHOs.

Not seeing too many NRCS projects; not sure why.

NRCS faces some challenges because its actions are statewide and not confined to a specific area; recognize that outreach efforts to identify consulting parties should be as broad as possible.

Note that some NHOs are interested in specific islands; may need island (and not state) specific agreements.