

## **New Updates**

**Monday, September 16, 2013 (as of 4:30 p.m.) – for observations made during Saturday and Sunday (9/14-9/15)**

### *Aerial Assessments*

- Natural attenuation is improving the appearance of the water in Honolulu Harbor, with Keehi Lagoon as the area with the greatest remaining degree of discoloration.

### *Water Samples*

- Water sampling reveals that dissolved oxygen levels are increasing in Honolulu Harbor, but are at lower levels in Keehi Lagoon.
- A new sample location in Keehi Lagoon was added so that there are now a total of 15 sampling locations throughout Honolulu Harbor, Keehi Lagoon, and on Moanalua and Kapalama Streams.
- Initial sampling results reveal that the more impacted areas are parts of Lagoon Drive and the Suicide Channel.

### *Fish Collection*

- Approximately 25,000 dead fish have been collected to date.
- The daily count of dead fish observed and collected has been decreasing.
- There is dramatic downward trend from a peak of fish collected on Thursday, September 12.
- The fish are mainly of the smaller variety, under five inches.

### *Endangered Species*

- Currently no endangered species are known to be impacted by the molasses spill.

### *Posting of Warning Signs*

- Warning signs continue to be posted along the Kapalama Canal, Keehi Lagoon, and Lagoon Drive.

### *Coral Assessment*

- A multi-agency dive team conducted four dives for coral assessment on Friday, September 13.
- Coral samples were collected at Piers 41 and 42 and Snug Harbor.

### *Federal and State Partnerships*

- The state, led by the Department of Health, remains the lead for this incident.
- The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead federal agency and will serve as the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) and coordinate all federal assets in this response.

- An Incident Command has been established. The organization of all state and federal agencies is a major step to a single effort to address the issue at hand.