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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

This informational briefing is to address the marine debris that was generated by the 2011 Japanese tsunami. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its federal and non-federal partners are leading the efforts to collect data, assess the debris and possible impacts in order to protect our natural resources and coasts.

As heavier materials sank closer to shore, satellite imagery and aerial photos taken off the waters surrounding Japan showed debris fields created by buoyant materials. Although debris fields are no longer visible, scientists predict that some of that debris will reach U.S. coasts over the next several years.

Marine debris is expected to reach the Northwest Hawaii Islands in the winter of 2012, and the main Hawaiian Islands in 2014. A representative from NOAA will be present to share further information on this matter, as well as the contingency response plans to assess and respond to the anticipated marine debris.

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