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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, Director  
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FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DVM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) *sum*  
University of Hawai'i Attending Veterinarian

SUBJECT: Housing Update for Hawaiian monk seal KP2 ("Ho'ailona")

This is to inform you that the Hawaiian Monk Seal ("Ho'ailona"), who has been held off exhibit in a temporary holding pool (back pool) at the back of the Waikiki Aquarium, is scheduled to be transported back to the Waikiki Aquarium's public exhibit pool on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

Per USDA Animal Welfare Regulations 3.110(b), the Attending Veterinarian's designee, Dr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has noted in "Ho'ailona's" medical records that he is being held in the back pool for more than two weeks. Dr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has also been assessing "Ho'ailona's" condition each week. During his assessment, he has documented in "Ho'ailona's" medical records the justification for continued holding in the back pool until the main exhibit is fit for animal residence.

On July 26, 2019 the Natural Seawater Pump emergency repairs were complete and the exhibit was deemed fit for animal inhabitants by August 1, 2019. "Ho'ailona's" transport is scheduled to be completed on August 7, 2019 in the presence of NOAA Staff and the University of Hawaii Attending Veterinarian's designee, Dr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at phone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or email (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@hawaii.edu.

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