



APPENDIX C-6
Applicant response letter dated October 25, 2011



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Subject: 2011-TA-0325, FWS Letter of June 7, 2011, Technical Assistance for the
Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for the Proposed Maui Research
and Technology Park Master Plan Update, Maui

Dear Dr. Mehrhoff,

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 2011, in which you provided additional suggestions for ways to minimize potential impacts that may be associated with the proposed Maui Research and Technology Park. We offer the following response to your specific recommendations.

Hawaiian hoary bat

In light of the new information you provided regarding the pupping season for endangered Hawaiian hoary bats, we will refrain from removing or trimming woody plants greater than 15 feet tall between June 1 and September 15 throughout the development and operation of the proposed project.

Blackburn's sphinx moth

Another comprehensive survey for endangered Blackburn's sphinx moth host plants will be conducted just prior to land clearing to ensure that the species and its habitat will not be affected by the proposed project.

Minimize Wildfire Impacts

In addition to the measures described in our April 27, 2011, letter to you, we will expand our efforts to minimize the risk of wildfires which might originate within the Maui Research and

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Technology Park. These efforts may include agreements with neighboring land owners. We will continue to keep your office abreast of our wildfire prevention and response measures throughout the planning process for the proposed project, and appreciate your offer of technical assistance in this matter.

Other Measures

We will continue to adhere to the additional mitigation measures we identified in our April 27, 2011 letter to you including those regarding shading for lights on the property to minimize fallout of seabirds; measures to minimize the spread of invasive species; and pest control.

Should we determine during the course of our participation in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that the proposed project will directly or indirectly impact a listed endangered species, we will apply for an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael J. Summers", followed by a horizontal flourish.

Michael Summers
Senior Associate

cc: Scott Fretz, Hawaii DLNR (DOFAW)