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This report serves as the preliminary update to HECO and Maui County on the status of opening The Marine Institute‘s avian rehabilitation program. The following sections will outline the timeline of events and the status of the facility:

Date of agreement: July 1st, 2025

Date agreed for funds receipt: July 7th, 2025

Agreed funds to receive:
Maui County: $150,000
HECO: $20,000

Total funds received:
Maui County: $145,500 on 8/18/2025
HECO: $20,000 on 7/25/2025

Final construction efforts, supplies, and equipment acquisition: 8/18/2025-11/25/2025

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) permit submission: November 25th, 2025

USFWS permit issuance: April 13th, 2026

Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) permit submission: December 24th, 2025

Status of DOFAW permit: Has been reported as issued by the state permitting office but MOCMI has not yet received the officially signed copy.

Facilities upgrades:
Through the receipt of these funds, our facility was able to make the necessary upgrades to accommodate additional species. This includes the installation of a raised deck, shade structure, secure pool housing, critical holding cages, and a food prep kitchen. On the following pages, these facilities are shown.

Patient acceptance: We have worked closely with DOFAW and USFWS to determine our patient workflows, SOPs, communication flows, and data sharing for reporting. We are well prepared for patients in 2026 fallout season and are only awaiting our permit from DLNR DOFAW to proceed.

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Figure 1. Shows representative USFWS approved shearwater critical holding cages.

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Figure 2. Shows representative USFWS approved shearwater critical holding cages.

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Figure 3. Shows USFWS approved oxygen chamber for critical holding.

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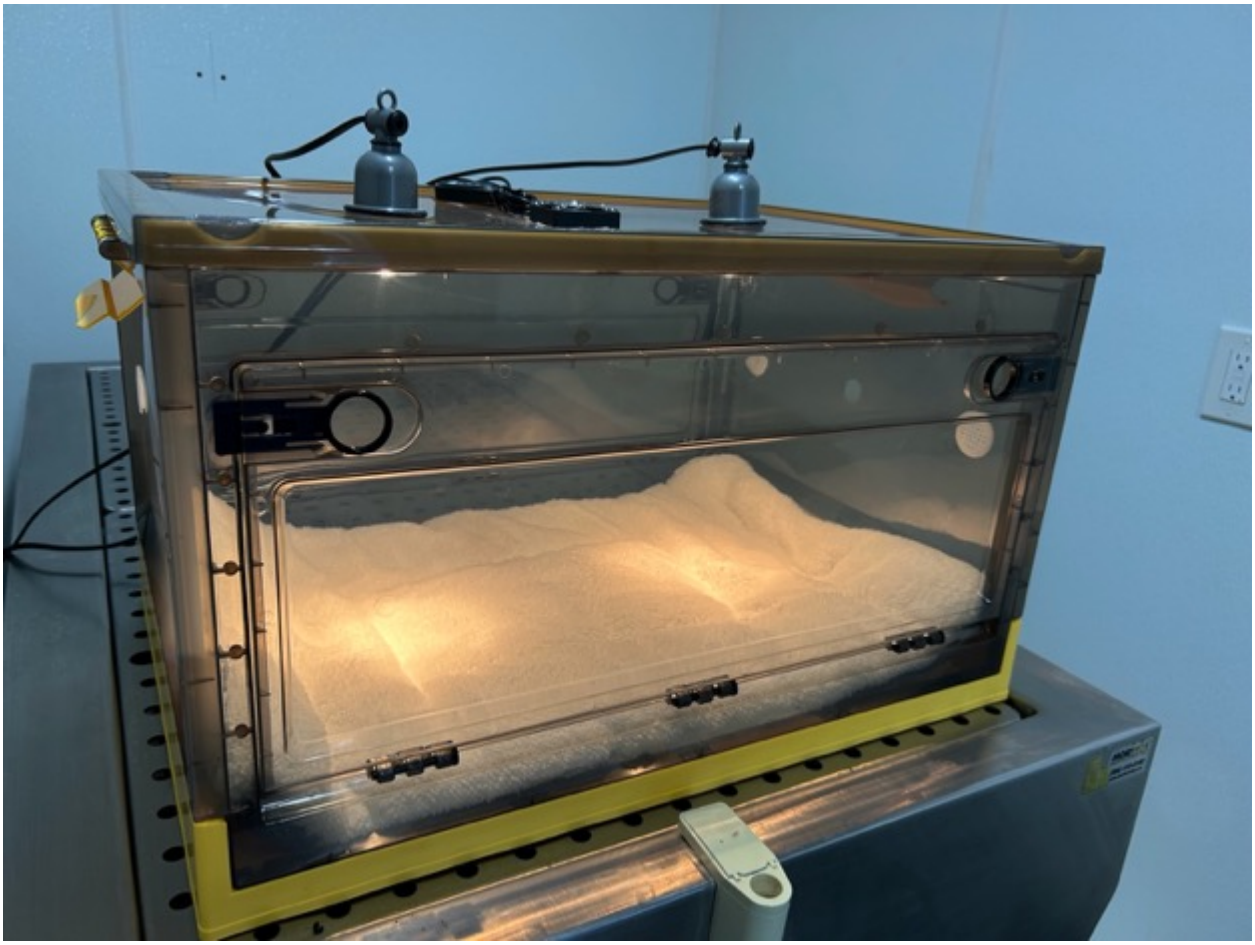

Figure 4. Shows USFWS approved incubator housing for critical care in cold birds.

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Figure 5. Shows USFWS approved “unrestricted” housing tanks for pre-release conditioning of sea birds (secure netting removed for visual purposes). Deck platform and shade structure visible in surrounding details of photo.

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Figure 6. Shows USFWS approved “unrestricted” housing tanks for pre-release conditioning of sea birds with netting installed. Deck and shade structure shown.

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Figure 7. Shows exterior of food prep kitchen build in a shipping container.

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Figure 8. Shows interior of food prep kitchen. Shows fridge and freezer.

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Figure 9. Shows interior of food prep kitchen built in a shipping container. Shows food prep surface, dishwasher, sink, storage area, and various food prep tools.

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Attachments:	Avian Rehab Status Update 7.28.2026 (002).pdf

To the committee and whom else it may concern –

Attached is a report updating the status of the Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute's Avian Rehabilitation Program related to Resolution 26-128, GREAT-11(31) set for committee consideration on August 4, 2026.

Regards

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