

THIRD THURSDAY BY THE BAY

February 20, 2020 6:00pm to 7:00pm Mokupāpapa Discovery Center

76 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo

Protecting Seabirds on Midway Atoll

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be implementing the Midway Seabird Protection plan in 2020. This plan will protect the seabird population at Midway by removing invasive mice from Sand Island, Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. This removal is necessary to protect the largest colony of albatross in the world as well as 29 other species of birds that rely on Midway Atoll. On more than 500 other islands worldwide, similar invasive rodent removal campaigns successfully resulted in long-term benefits to native species and outweighed the limited, short-lived negative impacts from an eradication operation. This presentation by USFWS Superintendent for Papahānaumokuākea Jared Underwood, Ph.D. will discuss the project and the effort that it has taken to get to this point. Focus will be on the challenges associated with such a complex project and creative and innovative methods that have been developed to deal with these problems.



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