



Update from Congressman NEIL ABERCROMBIE

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**Native species  
protected by James  
Campbell National  
Wildlife Refuge**

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Stilt (ae'ō)



Coot (ʻālae keʻokeʻo)



Moorhen (ʻālae `ula)

Dear Friend:

### House Committee approves wildlife refuge expansion

Hawaii is the endangered species capital of the world. As responsible stewards of the earth, we must do all we can to protect our indigenous plant and animal species and their habitats.

One agency involved in that effort is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), which manages the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge on Oahu's North Shore near Kahuku. The Refuge is habitat for several endangered waterbird species including Hawaiian stilts, moorhens, coots and ducks.

We were recently presented with an opportunity to expand the size of the Refuge from its current 340 acres to 1,100 acres. I submitted a bill to authorize the FWS to purchase the land, and I am happy to report that the House Resources Committee on March 29, 2006, approved the legislation. It has already been approved by the Senate, and I expect it to move to the House floor for final passage.

The expansion will consolidate the Refuge's two separate units into a single parcel and add about two miles of shoreline to the refuge. Consolidation of the two existing units will provide a protected flyway between the two parcels. Addition of the shoreline area will protect fragile dune habitat used by marine species, including the monk seal and green sea turtle.

In addition to protecting threatened and endangered species, expansion



Duck (koloa maoli)

Photos courtesy USFWS



Hawaiian monk seal  
(ilio-holo-i-ka-uaua)

Photo Courtesy National  
Marine Fisheries Service



Green sea turtle (honu)

Photo courtesy of National  
Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration

of the Refuge will strengthen the cooperative flood control efforts of the FWS and the Kahuku community.

With development pressures increasing on the North Shore, there may never again be an opportunity to acquire this land for conservation. It's important that we act now to preserve this important part of Hawaii's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

Neil Abercrombie  
Member of Congress

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## Aerial photo and map of James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge



Photo courtesy of USFWS

Aerial view of the James Campbell  
Wildlife Refuge area



Map courtesy of USFWS

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Current refuge area and  
proposed expansion

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