



Aug./Sept. 2012

## Ongoing Projects

### **On Island Field Surveys**

The Ocean Program conducted on island surveys from Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Staff conducted 'opihi surveys examining movement in correlation to large tidal changes (>2ft.). Minimal to no movement was found in either makaiuli or alinalina species with the 2.2 foot incoming tide change. No marine debris was found during a survey of the 1 mile stretch of coastline from Puhianenuue to Honokanai'a. This coast line is monitored monthly for marine debris.

On Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> staff assisted federal personnel in the tagging of the latest monk seal pup born on Kaho'olawe. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> document pup to be born on Kaho'olawe since 2001. The male pup was outfitted with tag #'s L22 and L23. One of the things that makes this pup significant is that it is the KIRC's first recorded generational birthing on Kaho'olawe. His mother (RV 16) was born on Kaho'olawe in 2008.

### **Hawaii Conservation Conference**

Ocean Program staff attended the 2012 Hawai'i Conservation Conference (HCC). This year's theme was, "What Difference Does 20 years make? Reflections on change." The conference ran from July 31<sup>st</sup> to Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> and topics included species interactions, conservation and cultural alliances as well as marine invasive species.

### **Training**

Program staff attended a work place violence training on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Held at the UPW hall, topics of avoidance, defusing of situations and documenting procedures were covered.

### **Mooring Removal**

Four moorings were removed from Honokanai'a on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. The moorings were put into place for the arrival of the Hokule'a, Hawaiian Canoe Club escort vessels and Trilogy use. One mooring was left in place for possible overnight 'Ohua mooring use.



Jen makes 'opihi and weather observations



Monk seal pup born at Laepakī in July; tagged in Sept.



Mooring removals from Honokanai'a