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Ms. Mary Alice Evans, Director State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development Environmental Review Program 235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR THE PROPOSED STATEWIDE FIELD RELEASE OF *APROSTOCETUS NITENS* PRINSLOO & KELLY (HYMENOPTERA: EULOPHIDAE: TETRASTICHINAE) FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF THE ERYTHRINA GALL WASP, *QUADRASTICHUS ERYTHRINAE* KIM (HYMENOPTERA: EULOPHIDAE)

Dear Ms. Evans:

With this letter, the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) hereby transmits the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FEA-FONSI) for the Proposed Statewide Field Release of *Aprostocetus nitens* Prinsloo & Kelly, 2009 (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae: Tetrastichinae) for Biological Control of the Erythrina Gall Wasp, *Quadrastichus erythrinae* Kim (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae).

HDOA has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) which was published in the Environmental Notice on December 23, 2019. The 30-day public comment period began on December 23, 2019. Comments were received and all were in support of this project. The agency has found this project will have no significant impact (FONSI) on the environment.

In addition to this letter, the online Environmental Review Program (ERP) Publication Form has been submitted through the ERP website, including one (1) electronic copy of the FEA-FONSI as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file.

If there are any questions, please contact Christopher Kishimoto, Plant Quarantine Branch Entomologist at: (808) 832-0581 or <u>Christopher.M.Kishimoto@hawaii.gov</u>.



Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Statewide Field Release of *Aprostocetus Nitens* Prinsloo & Kelly (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae: Tetrastichinae) for Biological Control of the Erythrina Gall Wasp, *Quadrastichus Erythrinae* Kim (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae)