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“Dr. Beach” Names Hawaii’s Kailua Beach Park America’s Best Beach

Miami, FL—**Embargoed for release at 1 AM EST on Thursday, May 23, 2019.** Kailua Beach Park is number one in the 29th annual Top 10 Beach List, produced by coastal expert Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, professor at Florida International University.

Kailua Beach Park is a beautiful white sand coral beach with generally small waves, making it great for swimming and kayaking. A very popular activity is to paddle a kayak to the nearby picturesque offshore islands; the larger one has a nice sandy beach. Kailua Beach Park has lifeguards on duty, free parking, bathrooms, beach showers, picnic tables, volleyball courts and kayak rentals among other amenities. It is only minutes away from the village of Kailua where there are good restaurants, or you can pick up plate lunches and drinks for the beach.

As “Dr. Beach” (www.DrBeach.org), Leatherman has selected the annual Top 10 Beaches since 1991. Fifty criteria are used to evaluate beaches, which include water and sand quality as well as safety and management. Dr. Leatherman is an internationally known coastal scientist who has published 20 books and hundreds of scientific articles and reports about storm impacts, coastal erosion and ways to improve beach health and safety.

Bonus points are awarded for prohibition of smoking on beaches, and Oahu, Hawaii is leading the way by keeping their beaches clear of cigarette butts. Previous National Winners are retired and listed on my web site.

Additional Online Resources:

Biography for Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman: www.drbeach.org/pressreleases/CV_Leatherman.doc

Photographs: www.drbeach.org/mediakit.htm

Dr. Beach’s 50 Criteria: www.drbeach.org/50criteria.htm

TOP 10 BEACHES 2019

1. Kailua Beach Park
Oahu, Hawaii
2. Ocracoke Lifeguarded Beach
Outer Banks of North Carolina
3. Grayton Beach State Park
Florida panhandle
4. Coopers Beach
Southampton, New York
5. Duke Kahanamoku Beach
Oahu, Hawaii
6. Coast Guard Beach
Cape Cod, Massachusetts
7. Caladesi Island State Park
Dunedin/Clearwater, Florida
8. Hapuna Beach State Park
Big Island, Hawaii
9. Coronado Beach
San Diego, California
10. Beachwalker Park
Kiawah Island, South Carolina