

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

NOAA and the State of Hawaii
A Partnership for Protection



National Marine Sanctuary System



The only single-species sanctuary

- National Marine Sanctuary
- ▲ Marine National Monument

Scale varies in this perspective.
Adapted from National Geographic maps.

National Marine Sanctuaries Act



“...The mission of the NMSP is to identify, designate and manage areas of the marine environment of special national, and some cases international significance due to their conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research, educational, or aesthetic qualities.”

Purpose of the Sanctuary



Protect the winter mating, calving, and nursing habitat for the largest Pacific population of humpback whales

Sanctuary History

1992 - Sanctuary designated by Congress in consultation with State of Hawai'i

1997 - Became effective and is co-managed with the State of Hawai'i

2002 - New management plan revised and implemented

2007 – Resources Assessment Report, Letter of support from the Governor

2010 – Began Management Plan Review



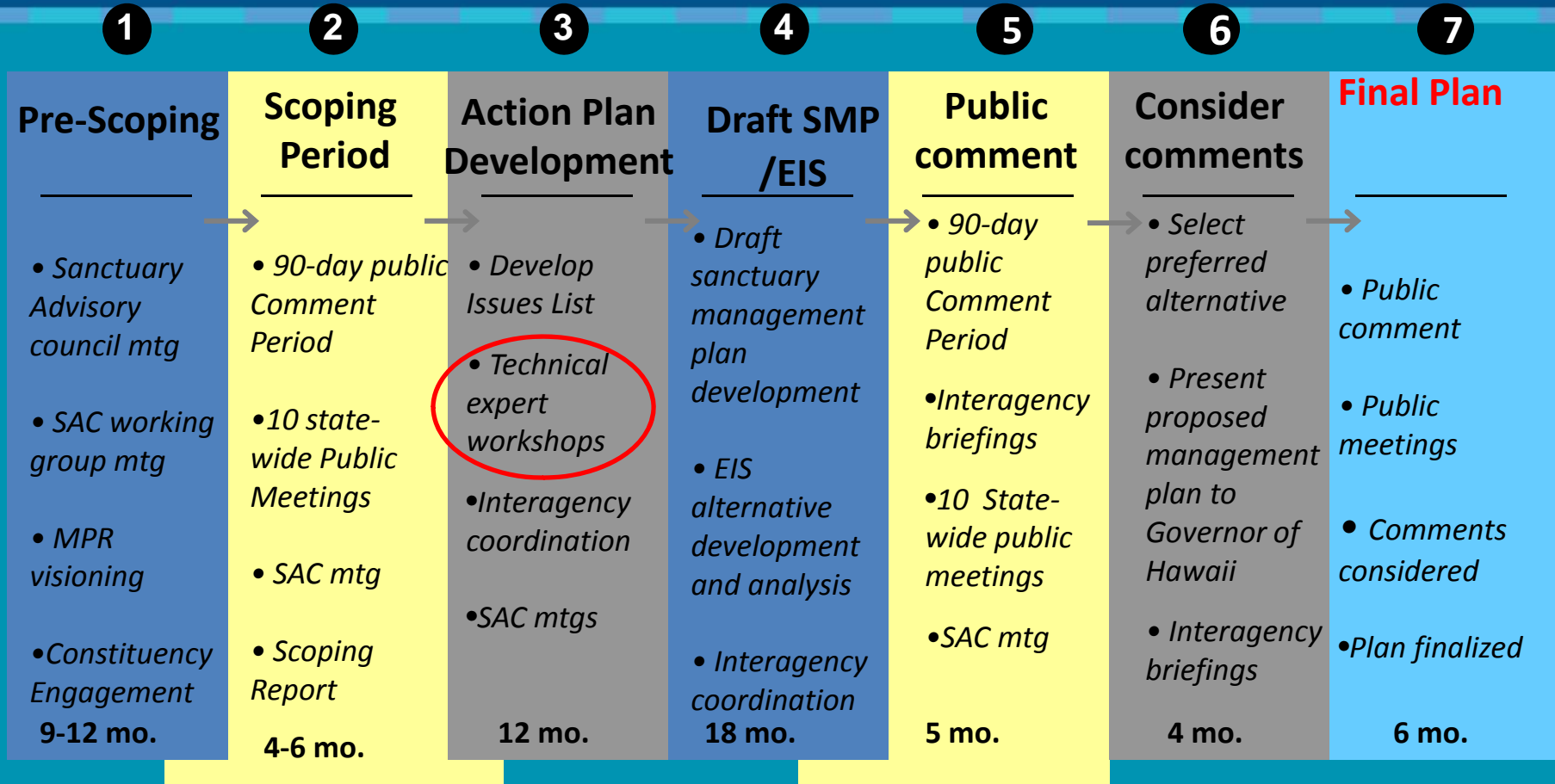
Proposed Vision



The sanctuary is proposing that it expand its scope and direction to protect and conserve other living marine resources, in addition to humpback whales and submerged cultural heritage resources within the sanctuary.



Sanctuary MPR Timeline



We Are Here



Purpose of Scoping



- Engage partners, organizations, and communities in identifying priority issues
- Listen and document input



PUBLIC SCOPING REPORT

Community Engagement in the Management Plan Review



April 2011

<http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>

- Describe how input was synthesized
- Summarize the input
- Provide context for the next steps



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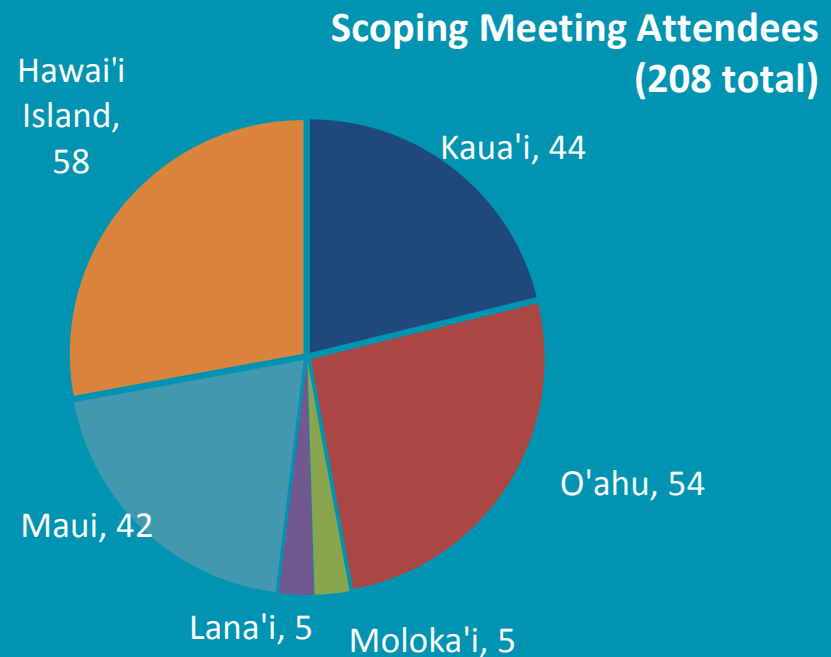
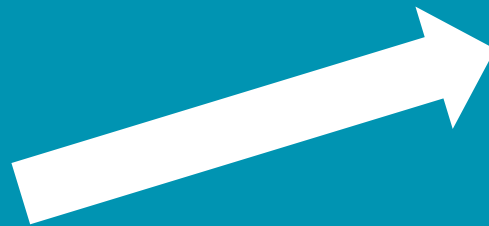
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Community Engagement



- Timeline
 - Workshops
 - Advisory Council Meeting
 - Information Meetings
- Outreach Materials
 - MPR Newsletter
 - State of the Sanctuary Report
 - Condition Report
- Scoping Meetings
 - Schedule
 - Agenda
 - Attendance



Summary of Submissions



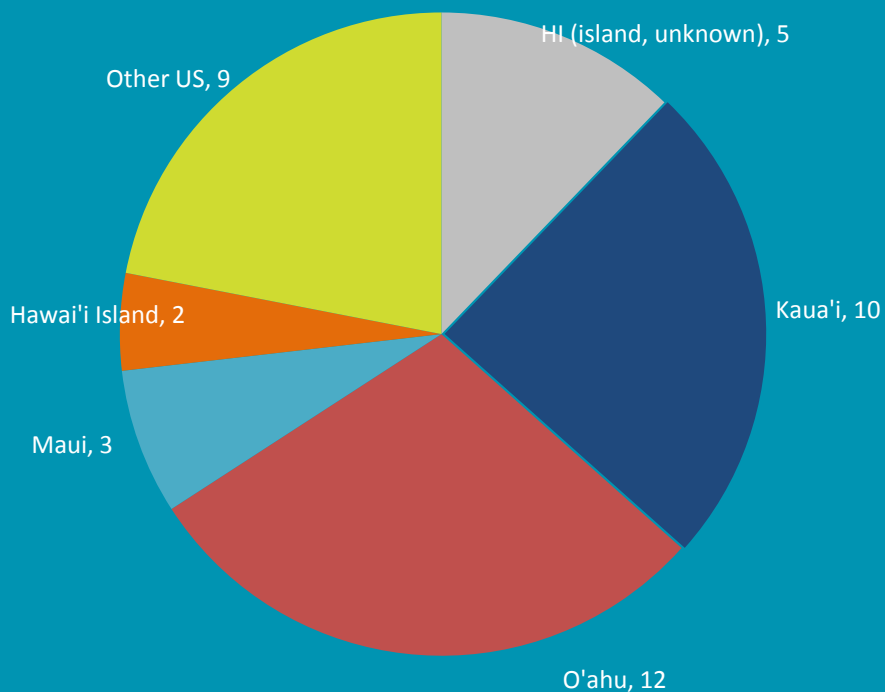
Submission types: Letter, Email, Scoping Meeting Notes, Petition, Ballot

Public Input	Hawai'i	Location Unknown	Other U.S.	International	Totals
Agencies /Organizations	32	0	9	0	41
Individuals	140	0	9	0	149
MCBI Petition	52	49	4,397	1,805	6,303
Kaua'i Ballot	166	0	0	0	166
Fishing Community Petition	5,625	0	89	2	5,716
<i>Location Sub-totals</i>	6,015	49	4,504	1,807	12,375

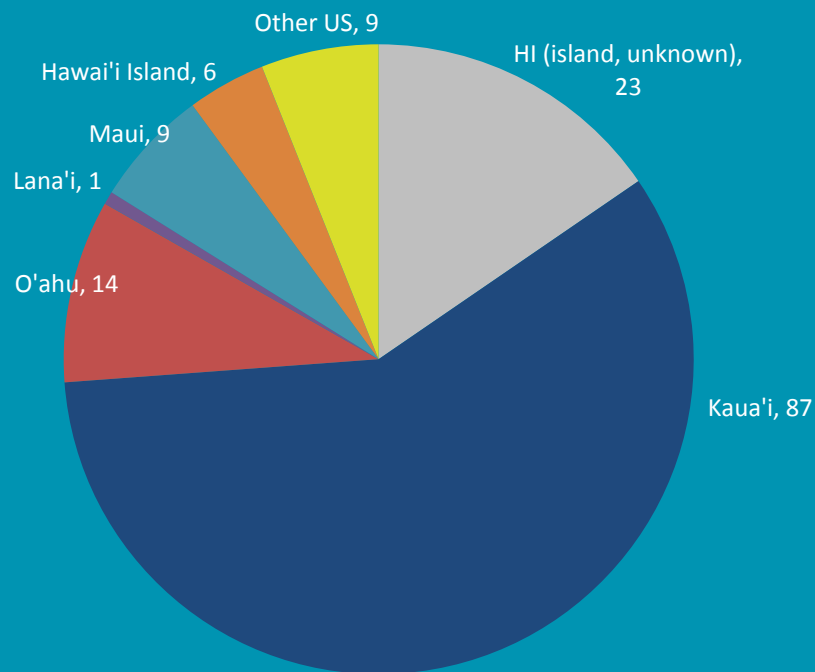
Submission Breakdown



Agency / Organization Submissions (41 total)



Individual Submissions (149 total)



Comment Synthesis



Development of Issues List

12,375 Submissions

Staff Used These Bins to Organize Comments

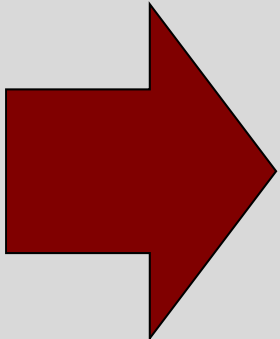
- Water Quality
- Ocean Users
Socioeconomic -Livelihoods - Access
- Humpback Whale Protection
- Ecosystem Protection:
Species and Habitats
- Enforcement
- Marine Animal Assessment & Response
- Research
- Ocean Literacy/
Outreach & Education
- Native Hawaiian Culture
- Maritime Heritage
- Community Engagement
- Management Effectiveness
- Boundaries & Zones
- Regulations
- Offshore Development
Alternative Energy - Aquaculture
- Climate Change



Council Discussion and Approval

(Fishing)
(Ocean Uses)

- ### Overarching Considerations
- Socioeconomic – Livelihoods – Access
 - Native Hawaiian Traditional Perspectives
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Community Engagement



- ### List of Issues
- Water Quality
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- ### Potential Solutions
- Research
 - Outreach & Education
 - Boundaries & Zones
 - Regulations

Next Steps



*Dec- April
2010*

Issue Identification
through Public
Scoping



List of
Priority
Issues



SAC Working
Group
Structure and
Formation



Work Plan
Development



Spring- Fall 2011

Action Plan Development
(Working Group Meetings/Workshops)

Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting
Final management recommendations

*Fall 2011 – Summer
2012*

Draft Management
Plan Preparation

Working Groups



Issue of Concern	SAC Chair	Staff Lead
Climate Change	Eric Kingma	Paul Wong
Ecosystem Protections	Adam Pack	Lisa White
Enforcement	Becky Hommon	Paul Wong
Humpback Whale Protection	Jim Coon	David Mattila
Maritime Heritage	Teri Leicher	Hans Van Tilburg
Native Hawaiian Culture	Kehau Watson	Brenda Asuncion
Ocean Literacy	Liz Kumabe	Patty Miller
Offshore Development	Phillip Fernandez	Justin Viezbicke
Water Quality	Robin Newbold	Joseph Paulin