

# Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

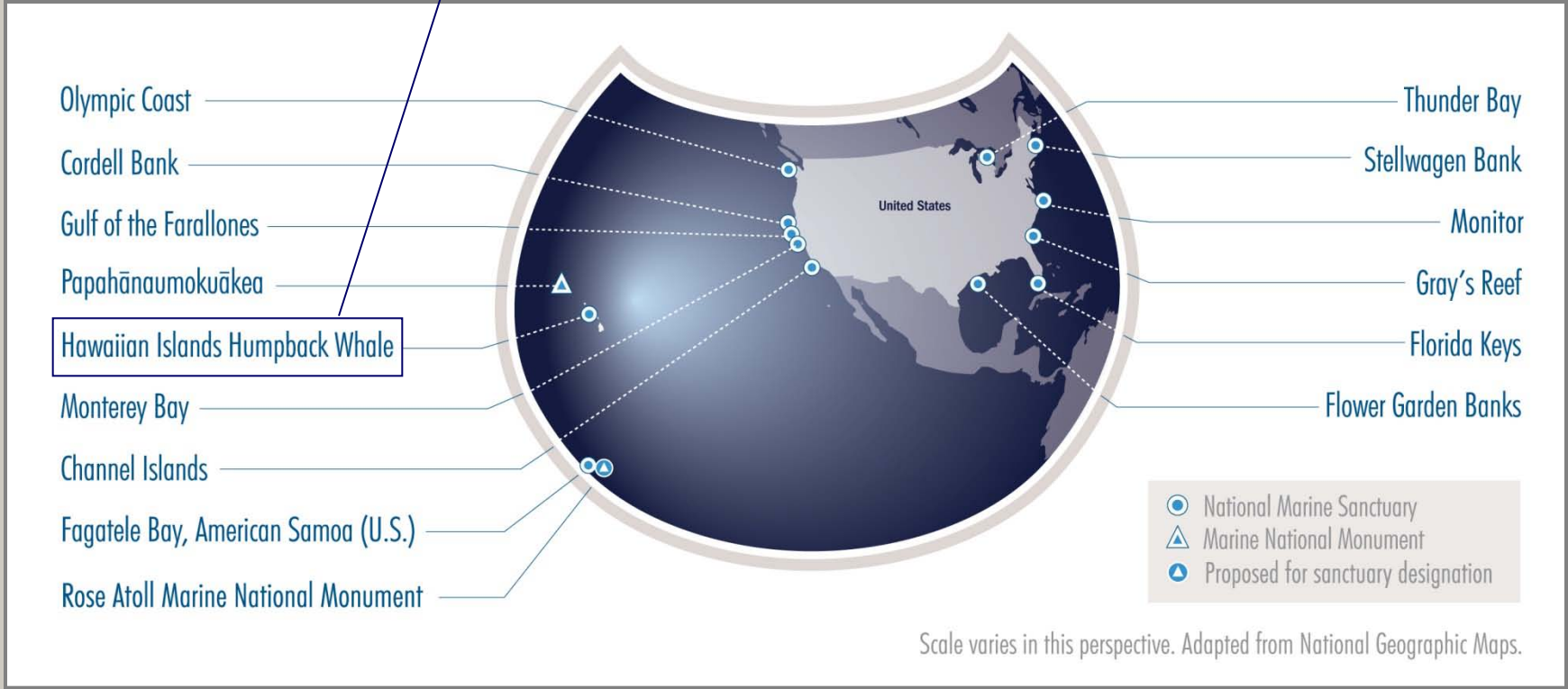
*NOAA and the State of Hawai'i  
A Partnership for Protection*





# National Marine Sanctuary System

Focused on single-species protection of humpback whales



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





# Purpose and Mission of the Sanctuary

Protect North Pacific humpbacks and their habitat in the Hawaiian Islands



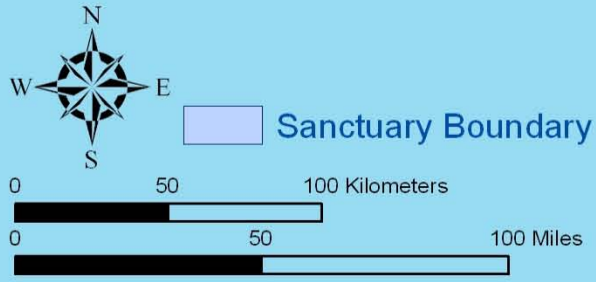
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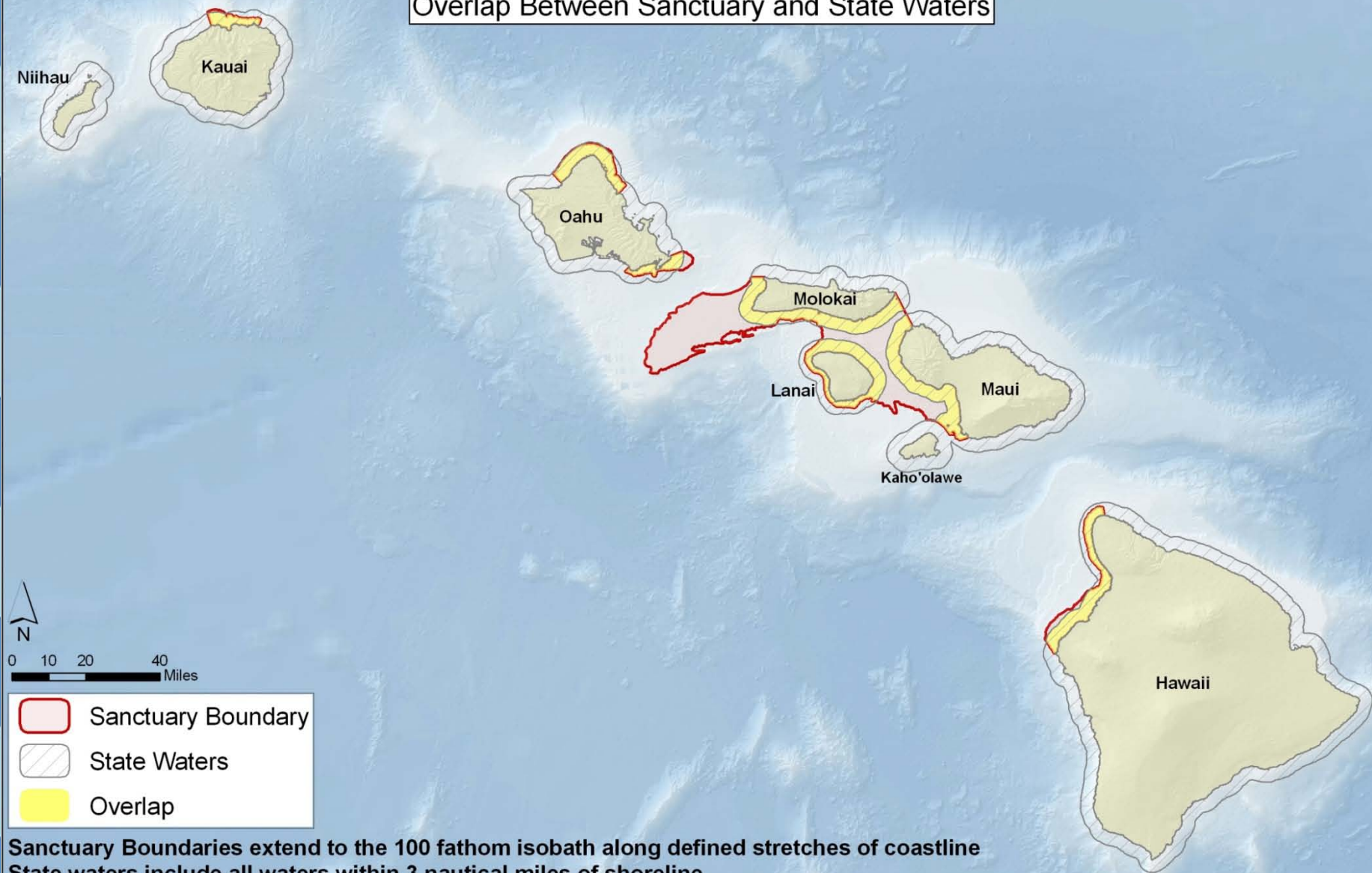
## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



- Five separate protected areas
- From shoreline to depth of 100 fathoms (600 feet)
- 1,370 square miles of federal and state waters
- Five offices on four islands



## Overlap Between Sanctuary and State Waters



Sanctuary Boundaries extend to the 100 fathom isobath along defined stretches of coastline  
State waters include all waters within 3 nautical miles of shoreline



# Sanctuary History



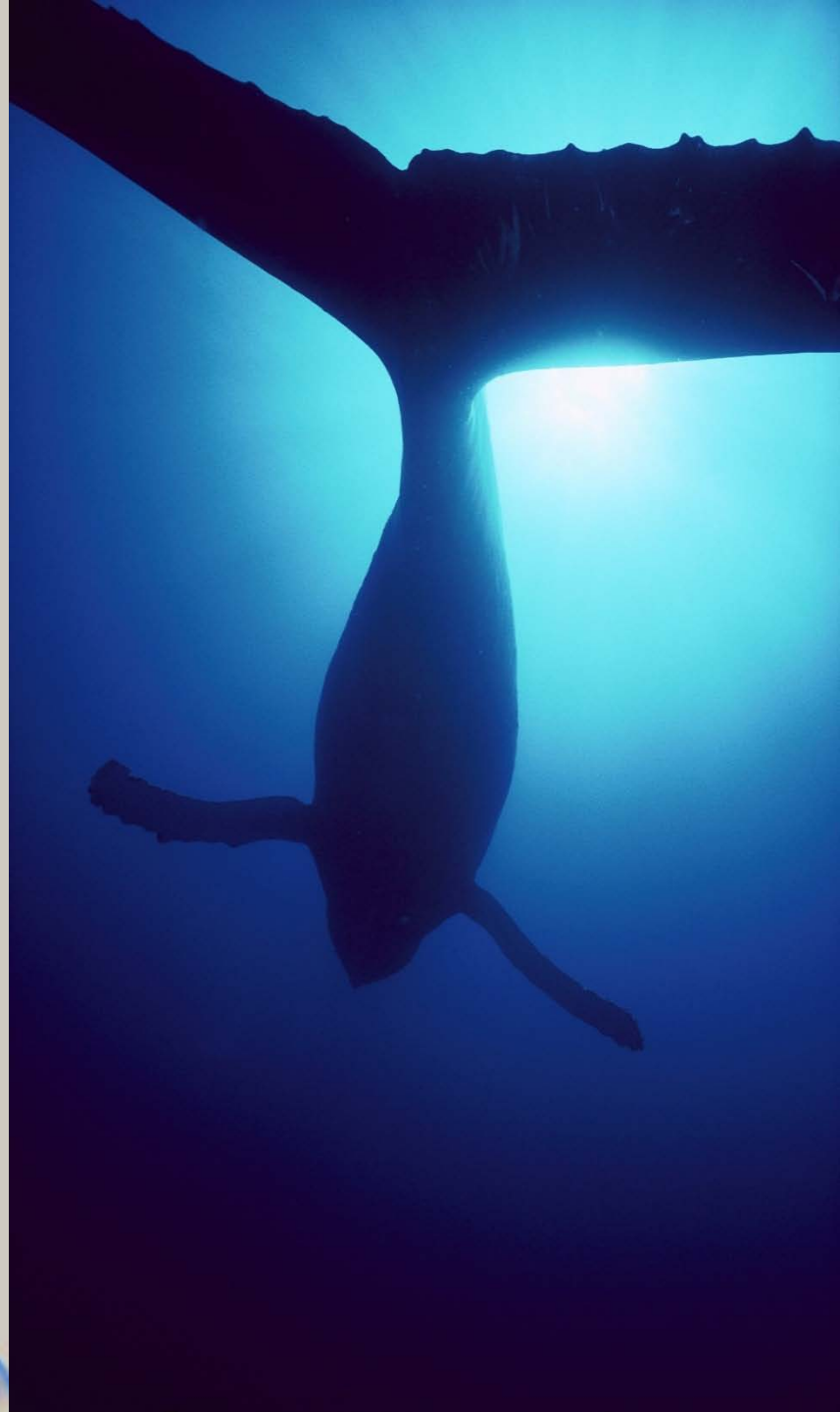
1992 - Congress, in consultation with State of Hawaii, designates sanctuary

1997 - Became effective and is co-managed with the State of Hawaii

2002 – New management plan revised and implemented

2007 – Governor approves moving forward with the process to consider the addition of new species to the sanctuary

2009 - Started reviewing management plan







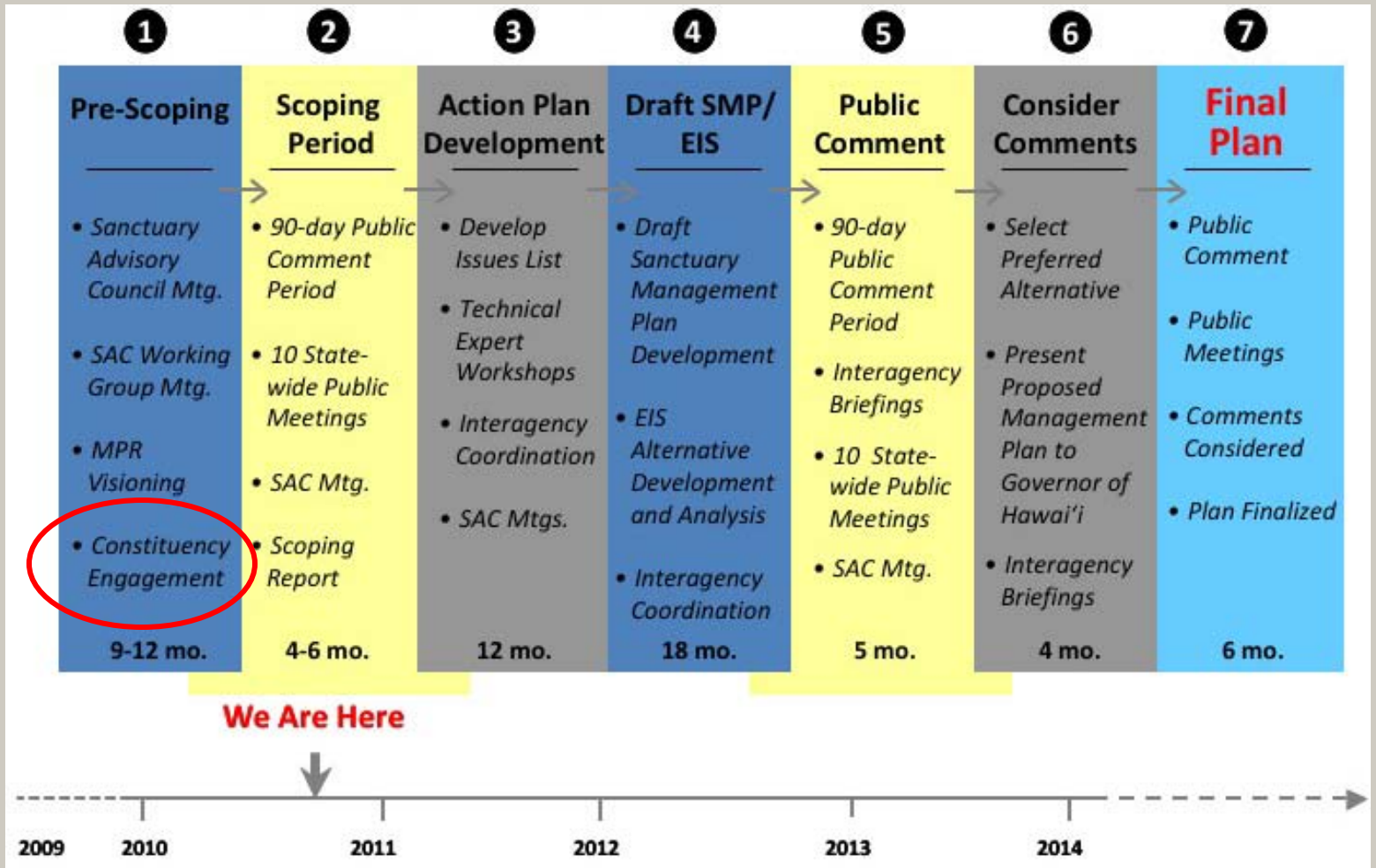
# Sanctuary Management Plan Review is an opportunity to:

- Determine the future direction and scope of the sanctuary
- Reassess the sanctuary's management focus
- Consider additional protection for marine resources of national significance





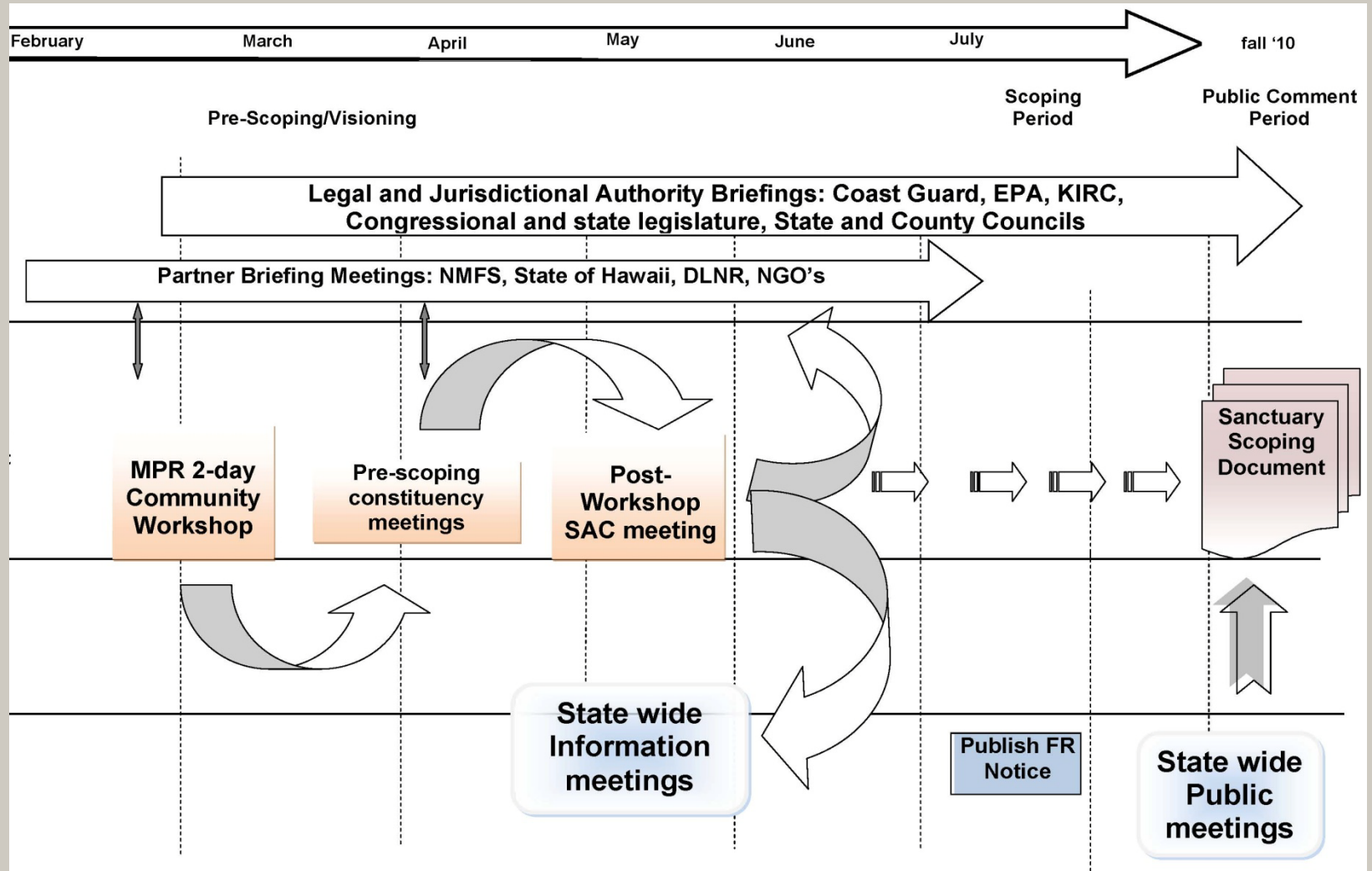
# Sanctuary MPR Timeline







# Constituency Engagement





# Proposed Vision

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



Flip Nicklin/Minden Pictures



Noelle Shaughnessy



Donna Loudon



# Proposed Vision

**The sanctuary is interested in adding one or more of the following resources:**

- Hawaiian monk seals
- Other whales and dolphins
- Sea turtles
- Federally protected coral species
- Areas of significant habitat
- Submerged cultural and historic resources
- Other?





# Visioning/Scoping

- Should the sanctuary expand its scope?
- How might this affect sanctuary boundaries?
- Will there need to be regulatory changes?
- Who are the key user groups and stakeholders that should be involved?
- Are there other resources the sanctuary should consider adding?
- What role should the sanctuary have in addressing the emerging topics?



# Statewide Public Scoping Meetings

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary hosts

## PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

August 10 - 26, 2010

We welcome your insights for a broader vision of the sanctuary's future!

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is seeking input during the management plan review process. All interested members of the public are invited to participate in the official comment period, which is an opportunity for community members to provide their views on possible roles for the sanctuary in ocean conservation efforts in Hawai'i.

### STATEWIDE MEETING SCHEDULE

6 pm to 9 pm unless otherwise noted below

#### Hilo, Hawai'i

**Tuesday, August 10**

Mokupāpapa Discovery Center  
308 Kamehameha Avenue, Suite 109  
Hilo, HI 96720

#### Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

**Wednesday, August 11**

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort  
78-6740 Ali'i Drive  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

#### Honolulu, O'ahu

**Thursday, August 12 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm)**

Central Union Church  
1660 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826

#### Lihue, Kaua'i

**Saturday, August 14 (9 am to 12 pm)**

Chiefess Kamakāhelei Middle School Cafeteria  
4431 Nuhou Street  
Lihue, HI 96766

#### Kilauea, Kaua'i

**Saturday, August 14 (4 pm to 7 pm)**

Kilauea Neighborhood Center  
2460 Keneke Street  
Kilauea, HI 96754

#### Kihei, Maui

**Monday, August 16**

Lokelani Middle School  
1401 Liloa Drive  
Kihei, HI 96753

#### Lahaina, Maui

**Tuesday, August 17**

Lahaina Civic Center  
1840 Honoapi'ilani Highway  
Lahaina, HI 96761

#### Kaunakakai, Moloka'i

**Wednesday, August 18**

Mitchell Pauole Center  
90 Ainoa Street  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

#### Hale'iwa, O'ahu

**Monday, August 23**

Sunset Beach Elementary School  
59-360 Kamehameha Highway  
Hale'iwa, HI 96712

#### Lāna'i City, Lāna'i

**Thursday, August 26**

Lāna'i High and Elementary School  
555 Fraser Avenue  
Lāna'i City, HI 96763

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# DLNR Partnership Letter

Laura H. Thielen  
Chairperson

*“On June 5, 1997, Hawaii Governor Benjamin Cayetano formally approved the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary in state waters. Since that time the Humpback Whale Sanctuary has been jointly managed through a federal-state partnership and serves as a successful example of partnerships providing an essential program for the conservation of marine resources that contribute value and benefit to our state in a variety of ways. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration work cooperatively with the people of Hawaii to protect this important marine ecosystem. Grassroots support is vital to the success of marine resource conservation and DLNR is interested in hearing feedback from the public on their management. We are grateful to the members of the community who have taken the extra care and time to attend these scoping meetings and submit comments.*”

*Your valuable input will be taken into consideration as we plan for the future. NOAA's partnership with the state, and with the people of Hawaii, can help to ensure that Hawaii's marine resources are protected for the continued enjoyment of present and future generations. Thank you for participating in the management plan review process and we look forward to your comments.”*





# CZM Partnership Letter

Abbey Seth Mayer  
Director, Office of Planning  
Acting Program Manager, CZM

*“ I am writing to express my support for the public scoping process that the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) is undertaking for their management plan review. Like the Sanctuary, the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program appreciates the visions, perspectives, concerns, issues, and suggestions of Hawaii’s residents. The Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) was updated in 2006, after an extensive outreach effort during which the Hawaii CZM Program received a broad array of public comments on the issues within our Island State, as well as suggestions for how to successfully update the ORMP.*

*CZM appreciates how the Sanctuary is going through a similar effort and aligning their process and management goals as much as possible with the ORMP. The Sanctuary’s management plan review coincides with our upcoming update of the ORMP, and the Sanctuary has graciously agreed to share the input they receive from the public so that it can be used to inform our future update. In this manner, your concerns, comments, and suggestions will help influence several management efforts within the State. With this in mind, and on behalf of the dedicated staff at the Hawaii CZM Program, I ask you to be open and generous with your thoughts. Please share everything you can in as productive and constructive a manner as possible.”*



# What Have We Heard to Date?

The majority of input from communities across the state can be grouped into the following common themes:

Enforcement	Boundary Expansion
Regulations	Threats/Impacts
Education and Outreach	Native Hawaiian Culture
Research	Fishing
Water Quality	Restoration
Management Effectiveness	Partnerships



# Sanctuary MPR and ORMP

Whereas, the ORMP provides the foundation for identifying priority management actions in State waters

Whereas, the Sanctuary will align overall management goals as much as possible with ORMP

*How do we avoid duplication of effort?*

*How can Sanctuary MPR process align with ORMP process?*





# Next Steps

## Short term

- Compile public comments (est. Dec 2010)
- Identify priority list of issues
- Develop scoping report

## Mid term

- Develop actions to address priority issues (year long process)
- Develop draft management plan/EIS (summer)



# Possible Action Plan Development Scenarios Winter/Spring 2010

