National Marine Sanctuary System

Focused on single-species protection of humpback whales

- Olympic Coast
- Cordell Bank
- Gulf of the Farallones
- Papahānaumokuākea
- Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
- Monterey Bay
- Channel Islands
- Fagalele Bay, American Samoa (U.S.)
- Rose Atoll Marine National Monument
- Thunder Bay
- Stellwagen Bank
- Monitor
- Gray’s Reef
- Florida Keys
- Flower Garden Banks

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
- 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

1. Pre-Scoping
   - Sanctuary Advisory Council Mtg.
   - SAC Working Group Mtg.
   - MPR Visioning
     - Constituency Engagement 9-12 mo.

2. Scoping Period
   - 90-day Public Comment Period
   - 10 Statewide Public Meetings
   - SAC Mtg.
   - Scoping Report 4-6 mo.

3. Action Plan Development
   - Develop Issues List
   - Technical Expert Workshops
   - Interagency Coordination
   - SAC Mtgs. 12 mo.

4. Draft SMP/EIS
   - Draft Sanctuary Management Plan Development
   - EIS Alternative Development and Analysis
   - Interagency Coordination
   - SAC Mtg. 18 mo.

5. Public Comment
   - 90-day Public Comment Period
   - Interagency Briefings
   - 10 Statewide Public Meetings
   - SAC Mtg. 5 mo.

6. Consider Comments
   - Select Preferred Alternative
   - Present Proposed Management Plan to Governor of Hawai’i
   - Interagency Briefings 4 mo.

7. Final Plan
   - Public Comment
   - Public Meetings
   - Comments Considered
   - Plan Finalized 6 mo.

We Are Here

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

National Marine Sanctuaries
Constituency Engagement

- Pre-Scoping/Visioning
- Legal and Jurisdictional Authority Briefings: Coast Guard, EPA, KIRC, Congressional and state legislature, State and County Councils
- Partner Briefing Meetings: NMFS, State of Hawaii, DLNR, NGO’s
- MPR 2-day Community Workshop
- Pre-scoping constituency meetings
- Post-Workshop SAC meeting
- State wide Information meetings
- Publish FR Notice
- Sanctuary Scoping Document
- State wide Public meetings
- Scoping Period
- Public Comment Period
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- fall ‘10
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.
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
Mokupapa 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

Lil‘i‘u‘e, Ka‘u‘ai
Saturday, August 14 (9 am to 12 pm)
Chiefess Kamakahonu Middle School Cafeteria
4431 Niuhi Street
Lil‘i‘u‘e, HI 96766

Kīlauea, Kaua‘i
Saturday, August 14 (4 pm to 7 pm)
Kīlauea Neighborhood Center
2460 Keneke Street
Kīlauea, HI 96754

Kīhei, Maui
Monday, August 16
Lokelani Middle School
1401 Liloa Drive
Kīhei, HI 96753

Lahaina, Maui
Tuesday, August 17
Lahaina Civic Center
1840 Honolua‘i Kai Highway
Lahaina, HI 96761

Kaanakakai, Moloka‘i
Wednesday, August 18
Mitchell Paulele Center
90 Ainoa Street
Kaanakakai, HI 96748

Hale‘iwa, O‘ahu
Monday, August 23
Sunset Beach Elementary School
59-360 Kamehameha Highway
Hale‘iwa, HI 96712

Lā‘i‘i, Lāna‘i
Thursday, August 26
Lā‘i‘i High and Elementary School
555 Fraser Avenue
Lā‘i‘i City, HI 96763

Questions? Please call 1.888.55.WHALE ext. 267 or e-mail hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov
We fully support compliance with standards of the Architectural Barriers Act and the Rehabilitation Act. Please let us know how we can facilitate your visit.
“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.”
The majority of input from communities across the state can be grouped into the following common themes:

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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

- Enforcement IA
- Historical Maritime Resources Working Group
- Native Hawaiian Cultural Working Group
- Marine Wildlife Protections Working Group
- Aquaculture WG
- Ocean Literacy WG
- Bio Geographic Assessment

Scoping Period Ends
Working Groups Develop management actions
Action Plans drafted

Ecosystem Protocols and High Value areas identified.

Marine Spatial Planning Workshop

October November December January February March April May June July-October