Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to hold virtual meeting on July 14, 2020

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary advisory council will meet virtually on July 14, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. The meeting will be held via GoToWebinar and can be accessed via the link posted below. The public is invited to attend. The council will meet to introduce new and returning members, have presentations on advisory council guidelines, sanctuary updates, and discussions on potential council action topics, and address questions from members and the public.

Public comment will be taken at approximately 10:30 am. If you would like to provide comment during the virtual meeting, please sign up in advance. Select "yes" during the online registration. The line-up of speakers will be based on your date and time of registration. Please note, by selecting "yes", you agree to be unmuted and consent to your communications, including your name and audio comment, being recorded and maintained by the Council as part of its administrative record. This record may be subject to release pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. If you would like to provide public comment anonymously, please email your comment to cindy.among-serrao@noaa.gov or type your comment into the Question box and ask for it to be read anonymously during the assigned time.

Please register in advance at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5189333551313546256

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you cannot participate in the virtual meeting, you may send comments to cindy.among-serrao@noaa.gov.

The 80th HIHWNMS advisory council meeting will be audio-visually recorded for the purposes of accurately developing meeting minutes. No member of the public will be video recorded, however, if you choose to be unmuted to make a public comment, the audio of your comment will be recorded. The recording of this public meeting will not be published, but may be subject to release pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Additionally, minutes of the meeting, including all public comments and any associated names, will be available to the public at https://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/.

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i through the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on Facebook.

On the Web:

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov

State of Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources: https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/

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