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Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Hosts Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary will hold a public meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council in Honolulu.

WHAT: Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Pagoda Hotel, International Ballroom, Honolulu

WHO: NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize the Sanctuary Advisory Council with the sanctuary's pending Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. "Given the active role the Sanctuary Advisory Council has played in our management plan review process, it is important to re-engage the council in anticipation of the release of our draft management plan," said Malia Chow, sanctuary superintendent.

The public will be invited to present statements during the public forum period of the meeting. To receive more information, or to request a meeting agenda, please contact Shannon Lyday at (808) 725-5905 or shannon.lyday@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 Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

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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 Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/>