

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan Review Summary of Submissions Received during the Scoping Period

The scoping period for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (sanctuary) Management Plan Review (MPR) was held for 90 days from July 14 to October 16, 2010. During this time, sanctuary staff received input from a diverse constituency representing agencies, organizations, local politicians, and concerned citizens from Hawai'i as well as elsewhere in the United States and around the world. A scoping report is being prepared that summarizes all comments received during the scoping period and identifies priority topics that will be addressed during the sanctuary's MPR process.

In advance of the scoping report, a summary of the total submissions received from the public has been compiled. Submissions were received as letters, faxes and emails, in addition to the comments provided at public scoping meetings. They included two petitions with a combined total of 12, 019 signatures, representing close to 96% of the total submissions. The breakdown of submissions is shown below.

Public Input	Hawai'i	Location Unknown	Other US	International	Totals
Scoping Meeting Attendees	208	0	0	0	208
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>	6,223	49	4,504	1,807	12,583

- *Scoping Meeting Attendees:* From August 10-26, 2010, the sanctuary hosted 10 scoping meetings in communities across Hawai'i. These numbers reflect the number of attendees on each island.
- *Agencies/Organizations:* Includes federal and state agencies, as well as organizations and local county council members.
- *Individuals:* Includes letters, emails, and comment sheets received from individual citizens.
- *MCBI Petition:* The Marine Conservation Biology Institute online petition.
- *Fishing Community Petition:* Includes individuals representing ocean users and the fishing community.
- *Kaua'i Testimony Ballot:* Concerned citizens from Kaua'i produced their own ballot to provide their comments during the scoping period.