



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

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Ms. Sandra Lee Kunimoto
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Dear Ms. Kunimoto,

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council) has been concerned with the issue of aquaculture for many years now. In the past, the Council worked in close consultation with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program and was successful in developing a productive relationship towards the Council's goal of protecting humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai'i.

As you know, the position of Director for the Aquaculture Development Program has been vacant for some time now. In order to facilitate coordination and focus for the control and development of the aquaculture industry in the State of Hawai'i, the Council recommends that a Director for the Aquaculture Development Program be appointed as soon as possible. Such appointment is vital to ensuring the cohesive, controlled maturation of both the industry and interested parties to Hawai'i's aquaculture efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Advisory Council Chair
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale NMS

cc: Naomi McIntosh, Sanctuary Superintendent, HI Humpback Whale NMS (NOAA)
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