



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

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Dear Governor Lingle:

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is dedicated to the protection of a unique resource: the Central Pacific population of humpback whales and their habitat in the main Hawaiian Islands. This habitat seasonally harbors the greatest and most accessible assemblage of great whales anywhere on earth.

The National Marine Sanctuaries Program provides focus, leadership and support for the development and management of the conservation, research and education efforts within the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Part of this national funding (approximately \$300K) supports state Department of Land and Natural Resources personnel involved in sanctuary programs or management. Ironically (and, I might add, sadly) the State of Hawaii provides no direct fiscal support for the personnel or activities of this globally-significant natural treasure that is so important to the people and economy of our state.

This letter represents the unanimous request of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council for your favorable consideration to include meaningful funding in your FY09 budget for state personnel involved with programs and management of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

Thank you for your past support of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and its programs. I stand ready to meet with you or your representatives to discuss this request further as you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

William A. Friedl
Advisory Council Chair
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council