

SANCTUARY WHALE TALES

Maui 's Volunteer Newsletter



Holiday Party Fun and Food

December 11 was our Sanctuary Volunteer Holiday Party and was well attended. Volunteers and staff participated in an opening ice-breaker by indicating where they were born and grouping with others from that area. It was fun getting to talk to others from the same geographic location and learn more about our friends. After a filling meal, we had a gift exchange and enjoyed watching our friends open, and show small gifts. Then, of course, some of the treasured gifts were “stolen” and another had to be chosen. The group then broke into 12 singing groups and sang their own words to the “Twelve Days of Christmas” song. It was fun to hear, “ Two Green Sea Turtles” and “ Four Whales a Leaping.” It was a great party!



Toys For The Needy

Volunteers and staff brought new, unwrapped toys to the Holiday Party to donate to needy children. Here is a photo of Jeep Dunning and Larry Boysen delivering the toys that were collected to Sister Candy at St. Theresa's Church in Kihei. Our gifts are always well appreciated and are a wonderful way to keep in the holiday spirit of giving. Jeep and Larry also volunteered at the church on Christmas to serve food to the needy.

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Whale Washes Up At Kamaole Beach Park II In Kihei

A big thank you to some of our Sanctuary volunteers for helping out when a dwarf sperm whale came ashore on Kam II beach. NOAA staff members, David Schofield and Nicole Davis (Nicole has an office in our Kihei building) were on hand to guide people during the event. They reminded us that it is not a good thing to try to push a stranded animal back into the water. When a mammal strands, it is for a reason and these animals don't have much strength left. They need to be assessed to find out why they stranded. A necropsy showed that this whale that stranded on Kam II beach was very sick with pneumonia and had to be euthanized by a veterinarian.

Stranded mammals can be reported at (888) 256-9840.



Sanctuary volunteer, Mike Rineer, helps keep the whale cool by continually pouring ocean water on it.



Nicole Davis, NOAA staff, discusses matters with Janet Rineer, Sanctuary volunteer, who compiled the data report.



Nicole Davis, Maui Marine Mammal Coordinator, and Ed Lyman, NOAA's Whale Disentanglement Network, confer.



Robyn Walters, Sanctuary volunteer, with her back to us, talks to on lookers, gives information, explains what is happening and maintains crowd control.

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Dr. Kathryn Sullivan Visits The Sanctuary

Volunteers and staff greeted NOAA Acting Administrator Kathryn Sullivan. She had a morning whale watch with Malia Chow, Allen Tom, Ed Lyman and Joe Carrier, as well as Hawaii State DLNR Chairman William Aila. They all joined the volunteers and staff for lunch and Dr. Sullivan spent the next couple of hours interacting with everyone. She was very impressed by our Visitor Center, and the dedication and interest shown by the volunteers.



Dr. Kathryn Sullivan

Photos by Christine Lamb



Sanctuary Superintendant, Malia Chow with Pacific Islands Regional Director Allen Tom and Dr. Kathryn Sullivan at the Kihei Visitor Center



Dr. Kathryn Sullivan and Allan Tom

Introductory Conservation Photography in a Changing World

Several volunteers and staff members were treated to a photography workshop by Riley A. Arthur who is the daughter of our staff member, Nancy Daschbach.

Riley received bachelor's degrees in Art and Theatre at Southern Oregon University and her photographs have been exhibited in art shows in four countries and her work has been published in newspapers, magazines, online publications, album covers, and cookbooks. She is a Fulbright Scholar and a National Geographic Expedition Grantee, and her work in Slovenia focused on conservation, both environmental and human. The workshop was very informative and the group got to use some of the techniques they learned

with a field portion of the class out taking photos, then displaying and discussing them with the class members. It was fun and we are all much better photographers due to this great experience!



Photo by Riley A. Arthur Photography

Students from left to right, bottom to top: Suzanne Langman, Ka'au Abraham, Jeep Dunning, Nancy Daschbach, Ruth Langstrat, Roxanne Whitelight, Meryl Cohen, Alex Bennett, Flo Bahr, Jan Bartlett, Al Bayless. (Look how happy everyone is!)

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Bird Wrasse

By Serena Neff



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Bird Wrasse

Gomphosus varius Lacepede, 1801
Hawaiian: hinalea i'iwi

The photo above is a supermale (blue-green with a splash of neon green); the "initial phase" juveniles and all females are black and white with brownish red on the face. Their long snouts set the bird wrasses apart from other wrasses. In between coral pieces, they find crabs, shrimps and brittle sea stars and on the sea floor, they enjoy other invertebrates and fish. The Hawaiian name, hinalea i'iwi, refers to the Scarlet Hawaiian Honeycreeper as both animals have similarly curved and pointed mouths. Finding these fish in the wild can be a challenge, possibly to due to their popularity in the aquarium collection trade; though, at this point there is no indication of a population decline.

New Whale Talks In Lahaina

This is a photo of volunteer Mark Flatt giving a sanctuary 45-Ton Whale Talk at the Old Lahaina Courthouse. Mark gives the talks on Tuesdays from 11am to Noon.

January Coming Events

Whole Foods Market talk by Ed Lyman **Jan. 5:** Cutting to the Chase: Large Whale Entanglement Response around the Main Hawaiian Islands. 2 pm at Whole Foods. We will be helping to support the Whole Foods' and Maui Mall's First Sunday events, and there are speakers scheduled for the next few months.

Marsha Green talk **Jan. 15** at 6 pm. Underwater Noise Pollution: Impacts on Cetaceans and Other Marine Life Held at Kihei Site.

Annual Volunteer Meeting and Election of Council Members Jan. 22, from 6-8 PM. Please plan to attend and nominate any **willing** member for office that has been a volunteer for a year or more.

An outreach is starting on Jan. 8 and will continue each Wednesday at Mana Kai in Kihei.

February Coming Events

"First Sunday Speaker Series" at Whole Foods-February -Kimokeo Kapahulehua.



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Foundation Fodder

by Lynette Poncin

The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation recently granted the Hawaii National Marine Sanctuary Foundation \$100,000 for the Auau Planning Project.

The grant proposal was the work of several individuals including Anne Walton (NOAA) and Jennifer Barrett (HNMSF)

We are very pleased to receive this funding and will work closely with Malia Chow and her team to administer this project.

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is describing a new approach to ecosystem-based management which accounts for cultural perspectives and place-based knowledge, in addition to the best scientific information available. The 'Au'au Planning Project is a direct implementation of this new management approach because it innovates a holistic assessment of the coastal and marine environment between the islands of Maui, Lāna'i, and Moloka'i, and it transcends existing impediments to ecosystem-based management in the following ways:

- The project assesses biological resources as well as aspects of the marine environment which are crucial to the cultural heritage of the area.
- The project focuses on a holistic evaluation of the marine environment by acknowledging the broad context of land-based impacts.
- The project fully includes community participation and place-based knowledge alongside the best scientific information available.
- The project offers the opportunity for a co-management approach whereby local communities work alongside county, state and federal agencies, to identify and take responsibility for building complementary solutions to addressing the obstacles to ecosystem-based management.

The 'Au'au Planning Project (project) addresses many high-level goals for conservation and community-building groups in Hawai'i. It leverages the interests of these diverse groups by encompassing community capacity-building, marine resource management, and socioeconomic sustainability. Investments in the project will support the interests of many organizations



Foundation Bake And Craft Sale Fund Raiser

Thanks to all who donated to our Bake/Craft Sale on December 14th. We had about 80 to 100 people come through. There were 44 transactions of which 16 were Craft Sales totaling \$233.50
Bake sales were 28 Sales totaling \$347.50. All in all, we earned \$581!! Not bad for 4 hours of operation.

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South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback
Whale National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road,
Kihei, HI 96753 (808) 879-2818*

West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center
Whalers Museum
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway
Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-4567*

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>The Kihei Visitor Center is now open for whale season on Saturdays from 10 AM until 1 PM.</p> <p>New whale talks in West Maui at 11 am to Noon, Tuesdays at Old Lahaina Courthouse First Floor Theater. (see P.4)</p> <p>*Outreach at Mana Kai - Wednesdays 9AM-1PM</p> </div>						
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