

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Aloha

I would like to inform you that the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is currently seeking interested individuals to fill both primary and alternate non-governmental seats on the sanctuary advisory council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications for council membership for the following seats: Native Hawaiian, Fishing, Education, Research (primary only), Hawai'i County, Kaua'i County, Maui County, Honolulu County (alternate only), Commercial Shipping (alternate only) and Youth/Student Seat (ages 14-17).

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory council was established pursuant to federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Candidates will be selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of marine resources.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council. Please contact Joseph Paulin at 808-397-2651 x 257 of Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov if you have questions about this restriction.

The council was originally established in March 1996 and has a broad representation consisting of 34 primary members. The council represents the coordination link between the sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, Native Hawaiians, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the humpback whale and its habitat.

The council's role is to provide the sanctuary management with advice on resource protection, research, education and outreach programs. Topics that the council has recently addressed relating to the sanctuary's management plan review process include: climate change, ecosystem protections, enforcement, increased protections for humpback whales, maritime heritage, Native Hawaiian Culture, offshore development, ocean literacy, and water quality. The council works with the sanctuary managers to keep them informed about issues of community interest throughout the sanctuary.

Membership Terms:

Terms for non-governmental members are two years in length and are staggered to establish continuity within the council (the current council seats up for selection were seated in 2010). Governmental members of the council serve at the discretion of their agency or entity and do not have a term limit. Members of the council shall serve without pay but the sanctuary program will cover travel expenses to and from official council meetings. The council shall meet as frequently as necessary, not to exceed once per month but at least once every six months. Applicants must be able to attend meetings as needed.

Application Guidelines:

A copy of the sanctuary advisory council application materials, which includes a copy of the council charter and an application form, as well as information about the sanctuary, can be found on our website at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>. Council terms will be for 2 years. Applications should provide information regarding their particular interests, qualifications and experience and address the itemized topics on the application to the best

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of their abilities. Please send all applications by 30 June 2012 to Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator, Joseph Paulin at the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 301, Honolulu, HI 96825. E-Mail: Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov, Phone: 808-397-2650 x.257 Fax: 808-397-2650. A description has been provided of the general expectations and qualifications for each of the seats:

Native Hawaiian Representative: knowledge and understanding of Native Hawaiian practices and culture related to ocean use and conservation. Affiliation with Native Hawaiian institutions or organizations desired but not required. Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the Native Hawaiian community to promote understanding of the sanctuary's efforts to establish programs and activities that nurture cultural awareness for conservation of Hawai'i's ocean resources.

Education Representative: affiliation with educational institutions or organizations in the sanctuary region; ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and educators; direct experience with marine education programs; experience, ability, and availability to conduct educational outreach consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Education Committee.

Fishing Representative: knowledge of fishing (commercial, recreation, or both) activities within the sanctuary region; breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries law, policies, and practices affecting the sanctuary; and ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the fishing community.

County Representative: familiarity with communities near the sanctuary, experience and/or knowledge regarding marine or management and resource protection issues in the sanctuary; experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the sanctuary; and freedom to express views and cast votes without consideration of any expectations held by an employer or other organization with which the member is affiliated. Island and community representatives should be willing and able to meet with constituents to discuss sanctuary issues and ideas and be able to report these back to the council as a whole.

Research Representative: affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the sanctuary region; ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists; direct experience with marine research programs; experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Research Committee.

Commercial Shipping Representative: familiarity and affiliation with commercial shipping businesses in communities near the sanctuary; understanding of the links between local commercial shipping, sanctuary resources, and human activities; and ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives of the commercial shipping industry.

Youth Representative: A non-governmental, non-voting youth/student seat represents the youth segment of the community, defined as ages 14-17. A youth/student member may be appointed for a term of two years, and may compete for reappointment unless the individual will exceed the age limit during the additional term.

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I look forward to receiving completed applications at our office at the address listed above by **June 30, 2012**. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary panel consisting of council members. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates for each seat. Of these, a member and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

If at any point you have a change in circumstances that will not allow you to serve on the council or you have any questions concerning the sanctuary, council, or the council member selection process, please contact Joseph Paulin at 808-397-2651 x.257 or via E-Mail: Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov

Mahalo nui loa,

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