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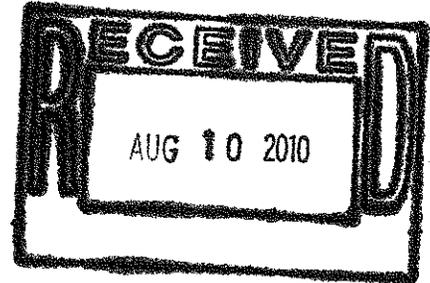
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To the Participants of the Sanctuary's Public Scoping Meetings:

I am writing to express my support for the public scoping process that the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) is undertaking for their management plan review. Like the Sanctuary, the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program appreciates the visions, perspectives, concerns, issues, and suggestions of Hawaii's residents. The Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) was updated in 2006, after an extensive outreach effort during which the Hawaii CZM Program received a broad array of public comments on the issues within our Island State, as well as suggestions for how to successfully update the ORMP.

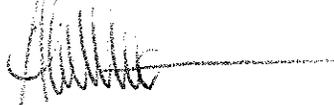
As a result, the ORMP is a plan that reflects three major perspectives: i) recognizing the connection between land and sea; ii) preserving our ocean heritage; and iii) promoting collaborative stewardship and governance. These perspectives strongly reflect the voices heard during the outreach process; therefore, CZM has experienced a tremendous amount of support for coordinating the implementation of this plan.

CZM appreciates how the Sanctuary is going through a similar effort and aligning their process and management goals as much as possible with the ORMP. The Sanctuary's management plan review coincides with our upcoming update of the ORMP, and the Sanctuary has graciously agreed to share the input they receive from the public so that it can be used to inform our future update. In this manner, your concerns, comments, and suggestions will help influence several management efforts within the State. With this in mind, and on behalf of the dedicated staff at the Hawaii CZM Program, I ask you to be open and generous with your thoughts. Please share everything you can in as productive and constructive a manner as possible.

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We look forward to hearing the input provided at these public scoping meetings, and to incorporating it into the upcoming update of the Hawaii ORMP. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process and for sharing your perspectives.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abbey Seth Mayer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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