



October 7, 2010

Management Plan Review Coordinator
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
National Marine Sanctuary
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Dear Mr. Tom;

On behalf of the Friends of Falls Of Clyde Board, we would like to request extending the current scope of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan to include protection and management of historical cultural and archaeological resources within the main Hawaiian Islands. As stewards of the 131-year old national historic landmark vessel *Falls of Clyde*, we understand the need to protect and manage historical resources.

The State of Hawaii has a unique connection to the ocean with great natural and cultural resources. As an island community we are also critically reliant on maritime transportation, which to this day is not well understood or appreciated by the community which it has served for so long.

We recognize and appreciate that within NOAA's vision there is a conviction that our ocean and coastal future will only improve if people understand and appreciate our connection and interdependence to it. We believe that including a strong program focus on maritime heritage will be crucial to providing that important link for our community to the ocean and our past, present and the future.

We therefore would like to request NOAA's consideration to include the important maritime heritage program in the revised Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Final Management Plan.

Mahalo,


Bruce McEwan, President