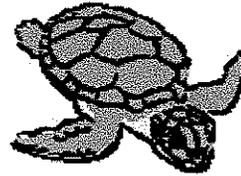


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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



August 11, 2010

Ms. Malia Chow
Management Plan Review Coordinator
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
6600 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 301
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825

Dear Ms. Chow,

The Puako Community Association (PCA) herewith submits comments regarding the Management Plan for the Sanctuary.

1. We support the addition of all marine mammal and turtle species to come under Sanctuary protection.
2. We encourage stronger enforcement measures including federal officers stationed on each island and a cooperative enforcement program with trained community volunteers and/or paid personnel; better control of jet skis operating within the Sanctuary and prohibition of jet ski operations during the whale season (similar to West Maui).
3. We support actions to insure habitat and environmental protections for the near shore waters, our reefs, and waters within the Sanctuary.
4. We believe that aquarium fish collecting is not appropriate within the Sanctuary.
5. Commercial fish farming within the Sanctuary must be carefully monitored.

Other related concerns involve the possible need for salt water fishing licenses which would enable State of Hawaii DOCARE officers to inspect coolers and other closed containers, maximum and minimum size catch limits, and the need for additional educational signage. We realize some of these issues may be outside the purview of the Sanctuary Management Plan but we want to go on record about them.

The PCA and our community have been active in Makai Watch and other programs affecting our reef and near shore waters. We look forward to planned water quality studies in the area. We thank you for the work you are doing and we look forward to participating with the Sanctuary program.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hackstedde". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter Hackstedde
President, Puako Community Association