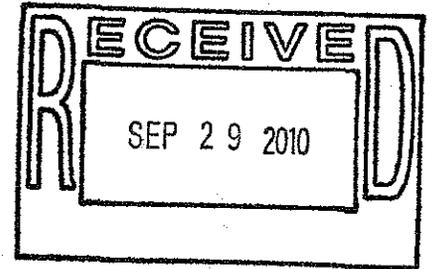


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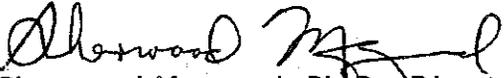
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Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
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Aloha,

I am writing to support addition of maritime heritage to the Management Plan of the HIHWNMS. As the former director of the University of Hawaii Marine Option Program, I helped to design and administer the university's Graduate Maritime Archaeology and History Certificate Program and the annual Symposium on the Maritime Archaeology and History of Hawaii and the Pacific, now running for over 20 years. The international, national and local contacts established the importance of maritime heritage, especially to Hawaii. This exposure also made painfully evident the lack of attention being paid to submerged and coastal cultural resources in the islands.

The establishment of the Maritime Heritage Coordinator's position for the Sanctuary Program's Pacific Island Region was a major "first step" in the right direction. So much more could be done with respect to preservation, inventory, outreach and education if the scope of the Humpback Whale Sanctuary's responsibilities were expanded to include maritime heritage. I strongly endorse the initiative.

Sincerely,

  
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