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NOAA – U.S. Department of Commerce
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) State of Hawaii
– National Marine Sanctuaries -
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Re: Public Scoping Meeting(s) August 10 – 26, 2010

MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

Ocean Conservation Efforts in Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha! I deeply appreciate offering comment to the *Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary* – during the Public Scoping Official Comment Period.

The U.S. Navy is proposing action to conduct military readiness training and testing activities which include the use of active sonar and explosives.

It is disconcerting to say the least – as these proposed activities most certainly will affect the *Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary*.

I insist that in the “Management Plan Review Process” of *NOAA* / U.S. Department of Commerce / *The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary* / *DLNR* (state of Hawaii) – these agencies submit testimony to the proposal of the U.S. Navy – during the Public Scoping Process in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (*EIS/OEIS*).

Postmark deadline for submitting comment is: 13 September 2010. Submit comment to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
Attention: Mr. Kent Randall – HSTT EIS/OEIS
1220 Pacific Hwy – Building 1, Floor 5
San Diego, CA 92132

Significant and alarming affects will most likely occur to the *Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary* if the U.S. Navy is allowed unbridled use of sonar and explosives testing.

Military training and testing activities have already had ill affect on breaching / hemorrhaging of whales in Hawai'i Nei and elsewhere globally.

It is time for the *Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary* and the other above agencies to “walk their talk” in protection of the endangered Humpback Whales.

I look forward to correspondence regarding this most important matter... please keep me on your mailing list for any paperwork and updates on this issue. Mahalo for your consideration in this Public Scoping Process and any draft Environmental Impact Statements (dEIS) or et cetera – **MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW PROCESS**

Sincerely with ALOHA,

Bonnie Bator and Ohana

C: Rep. Mina Morita former U.S. Rep Neil Abercrombie American Friends Service Committee