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To: The Management Review Coordinator
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

I am writing to HIHWHMS to ask that you do something about protecting historic shipwrecks and navy aircraft and other such submerged resources because they are an important part of our Hawai`i history. It is common knowledge that looting takes place at these sites because no one seems to actually protect these sites from such destruction. These artifacts are not only a part of Hawai`i's history, they are a part of our national heritage and deserve protection.

Would it not be an efficient idea to begin protecting these archaeological resources within your already protected waters of the sanctuary program and include management for such resources in your plan?

Please consider my plea for you to take action! Stop the looting and begin to recognize the historic value of such resources and protect them for me and all the citizens of both Hawai`i and the nation. Be bold and do the right thing!

Thank you for encouraging my voice to be heard during this important review and public scoping period.

Mahalo,

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