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Subject Sanctuaries



Dear Sir,

This is a letter condemning the implementation of whale, dolphin, coral, seal and other related ocean sanctuaries that your agency and all other private / public agencies have proposed to the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands. As natives of these islands, we have relied on the ocean for our life subsistence, this includes but not limited to our food source, recreation, religious, healing, medicinal, spiritual well being and all other practices related to the betterment and growth of mankind. We have incorporated in our practices, the fundamental rights recognizing the coexistence of all sea life and human life to live in harmony. We were taught well by our Kupunas of the sanctity of the ocean. The creator gave mankind dominion over all the fowls of the air and fishes of the seas to use with prudence and thanksgiving to sustain his life on this earth. It is the unwise man that will use these resources to further his personal gain and seek the recognition of others by deceiving and telling half truths.

As a conservationist, I have seen the population growth green sea turtles, humpback whales and other marines mammals throughout the last 10-15 years. Because I utilize the ocean on a daily basis, I have become acute to the changes that are happening with the waters that surround the islands. Yes, we have some area's within the islands that have challenges with the depletion of coral life and shoreline reef fish, but much of this is attributed to the filth that is produced by runoffs and leaching of chemicals from land and the discharge of toxic waste from commercial ocean liners and other ocean going vessels including military type. Look at the tonnage of waste such as plastic ropes, and cargo nets that washes up on our shores of Kaua'i from ships that sail in international waters. This debris drifted for thousands of miles from other areas of the Pacific. It would be very wise if your agency concentrated it's efforts and funds on policing the high seas and stop the culprits that are using our ocean as a trash disposal.

Mahalo,

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