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Here are some ideas I would like to see implemented:

Have a vision that encompasses seven generations out. History has shown us that the Nation has done a dismal job at preserving habitat and species.

Expand the sanctuary to include other endangered species including the Hawaiian Monk Seal Sea turtles and corals.

Work with Keith Robinson to make the entire reef area outside the jurisdiction of Niihau a no take sanctuary for 18 month to 2 year intervals. He seems to be the only person that is taking a long term vision to protecting the marine habitat.

Enforcement. The sanctuary needs teeth. Make Speed laws enforce them. Get involved in the tropical aquarium regulation and enforcement. It needs policing. Require permits for fishing.

Expand the sanctuary to encircle the West side of the island from Kekaha- Davidsons to Makaha Point and out to Lehua, Kaula and Niihau.

Require all tour boat businesses making gross receipts in excess of \$5,000,000.00 a year to have a marine biologist on every boat tour that operates within the sanctuary. Require accurate whale sighting to be logged each tour. Request identification photos be taken of flukes to positively ID individuals.

Include sharks. Their numbers are clearly depleted in Hawaiian waters. If the turtles are recovering so well, where are their primary predators? According to their report in the paper, the recent 10 hour swim to Niihau saw a few Galapagos sharks (45 minutes) that tagged along for a while and then nothing else. Where is all of the ocean life?

Temporary Rotating no take zones is probably a good idea.

You need more science.

The website needs to be updated. the latest reports are a few years old and when one clicks on the PDF one only gets the first page abstract. Access to scientific documentation could be improved.

Thank you for your work and taking these opinions under consideration for the scoping process.

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