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Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
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Subject: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary

To Whom It May Concern:

On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, more than 300 concerned residents, fishermen and ocean users attended a meeting at Kauaʻi Community College regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations' (NOAA) humpback whale sanctuary management plan. The current management plan review is exploring the possibility of increasing the scope of the sanctuary to include other "marine resources" in addition to humpback whales.

The proposed increase in sanctuary scope to include "marine resources" other than humpback whales could lead to the limitation and or/cessation of ocean activities that many of our residents have depended on for years. The ocean provides a source of food and sustenance for most Kauaʻi residents like myself. Many of us have practiced for a very long time that we take enough to feed our families, and ensure that more fish, crab, limu, etc. will be available in the future.

As a resident of Kauaʻi, I do support the protection and preservation of our endangered marine species. However, I do not support an expanded scope of the sanctuary's "marine resources" to include the closure of any fishing areas or the creation of any "no take zones."

In this day and time, it is unfortunate that so much is being taken away, especially activities that have been part of our livelihood for many generations. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DM" or similar initials.

Daynette Morikawa  
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State of Hawai'i, House of Representatives