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To Who It may concern,

I would like the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary to include the following in the Management Plan Review;

- **Establish laws to protect whales from vessel strikes. Include a speed limit of 13 knots during whale season and strict enforcement and penalties for any vessel breaking the speed limit or hitting whales.**
- **Fund water quality monitoring and strict laws to stop sewage dumping, pesticide and chemical runoff.**
- **Limit all sonar activity during whale season and comply with NOAA noise policies to prevent or mitigate acoustic impacts to whales.**
- **Make strong laws to have all fishing nets identifiable and hold fishers' liable for derelict nets, and a reward for boaters who collect stray nets.**
- **Make laws to protect reef habitat and to establish "No Take" Marine Conservation Areas on Kauai.**
- **Expand sanctuary boundaries, especially on Kauai. More resources should be spent on enforcement of existing laws (Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act).**
- **Take a strong stand against commercial factory fisheries.**
- **Ban aquarium fish extraction statewide.**

The Sanctuary should be much more vocal and proactive about the serious threats to whales and all ocean life. Educate the public on the realities of the situation.

- **Create a rehabilitation center for all marine mammals and turtles on Kauai.**

**Thank You,
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