



Welcome - Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 – 6:30 pm Open House
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm Short Presentation
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm Small Group Breakouts
- 8:30 – 9:00 pm Wrap Up and Next Steps

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

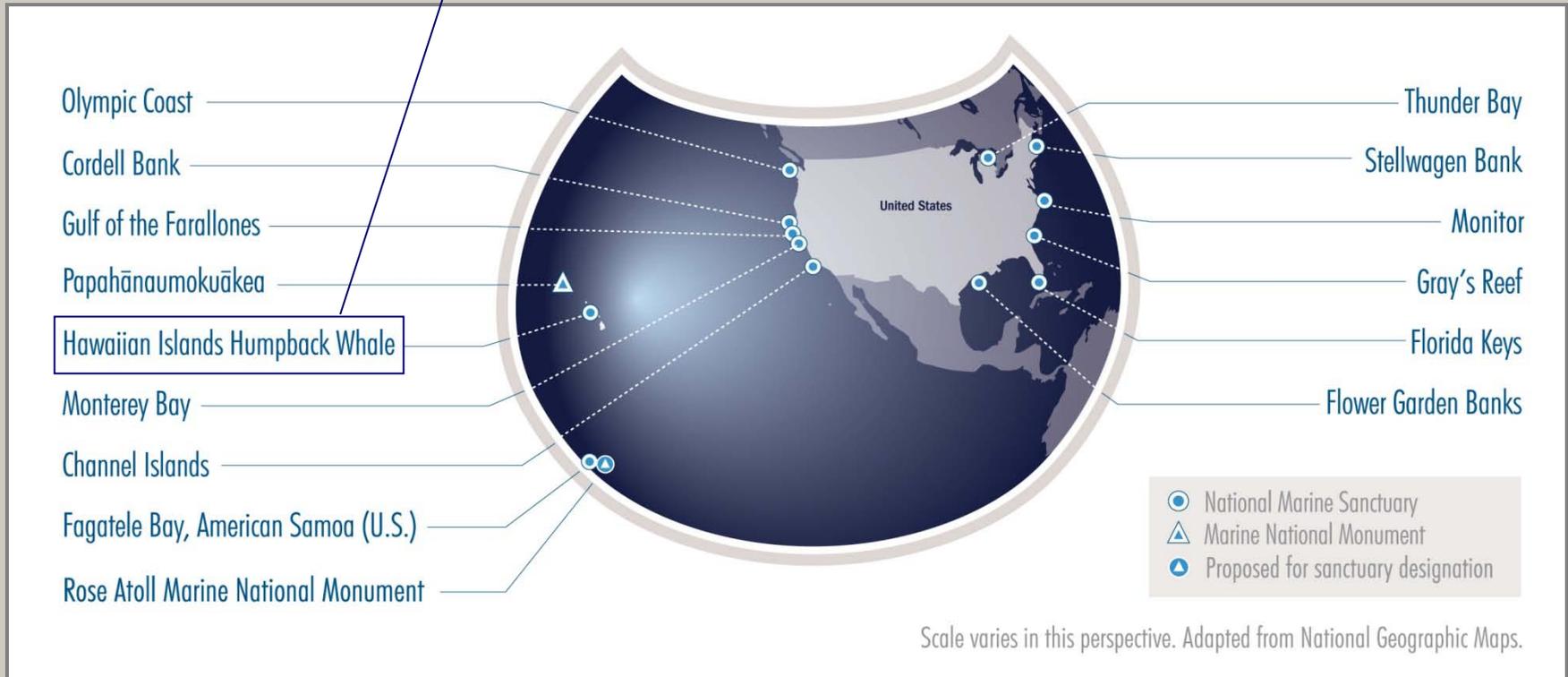
*NOAA and the State of Hawai'i
A Partnership for Protection*





National Marine Sanctuary System

Focused on single-species protection of humpback whales



Scale varies in this perspective. Adapted from National Geographic Maps.



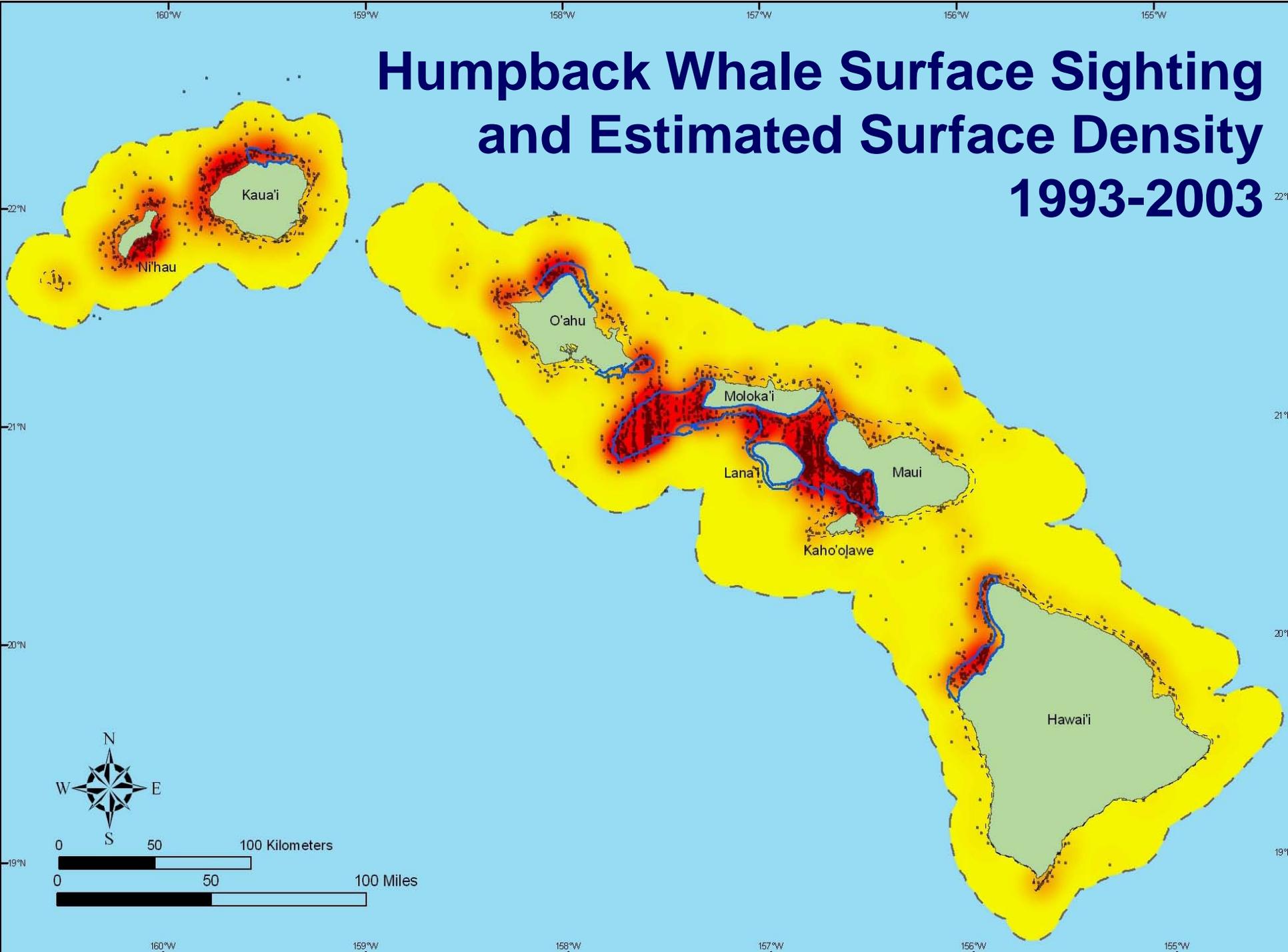
Purpose and Mission of the Sanctuary

Protect North Pacific humpbacks and their habitat in the Hawaiian Islands



Doug Perrine/HWRF/Seapics.com/NOAA Fisheries Permit #882

Humpback Whale Surface Sighting and Estimated Surface Density 1993-2003



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



- Five separate protected areas
- From shoreline to depth of 100 fathoms (600 feet)
- 1,370 square miles of federal and state waters
- Five offices on four islands



Sanctuary Boundary

0 50 100 Kilometers

0 50 100 Miles

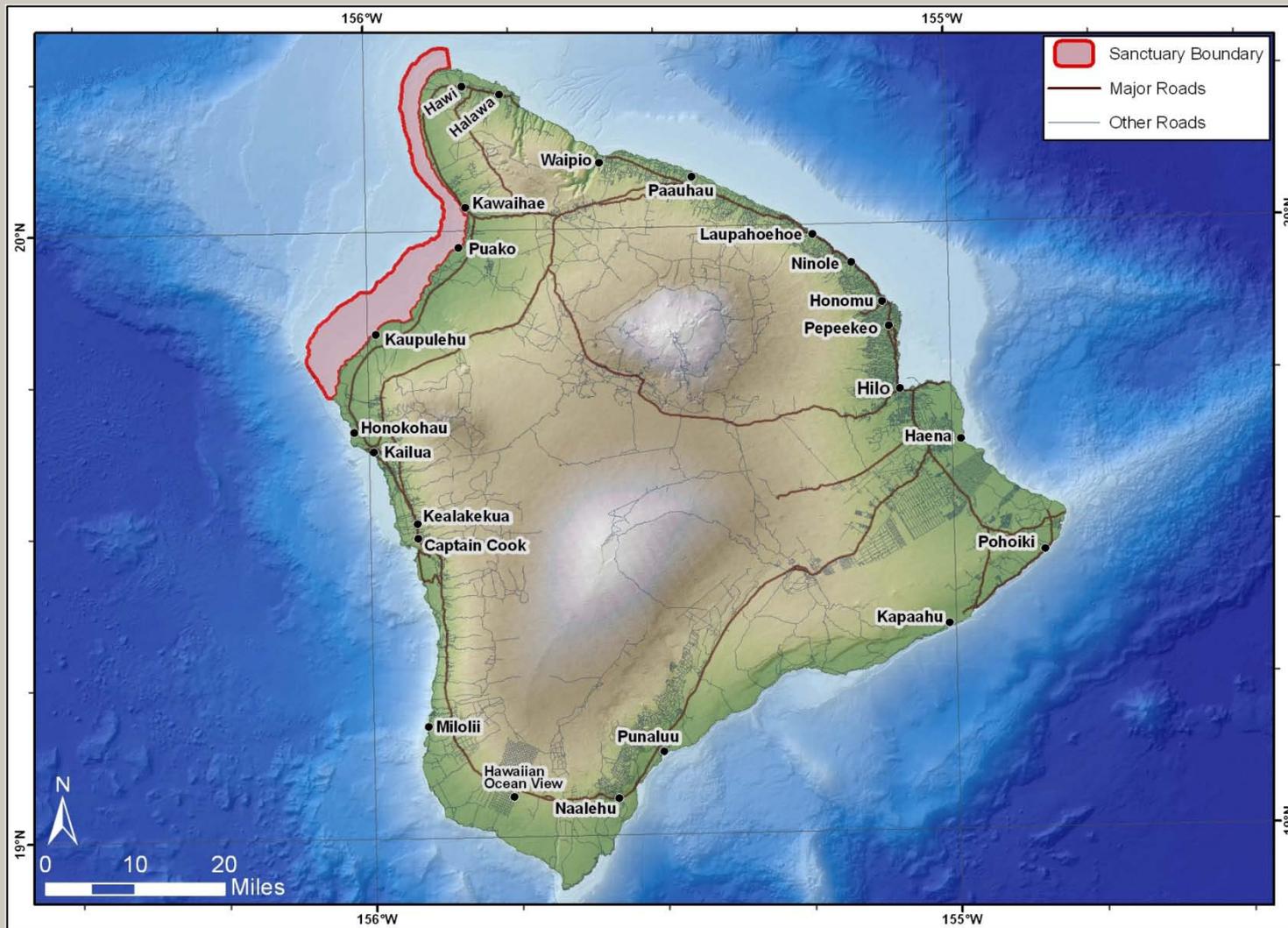




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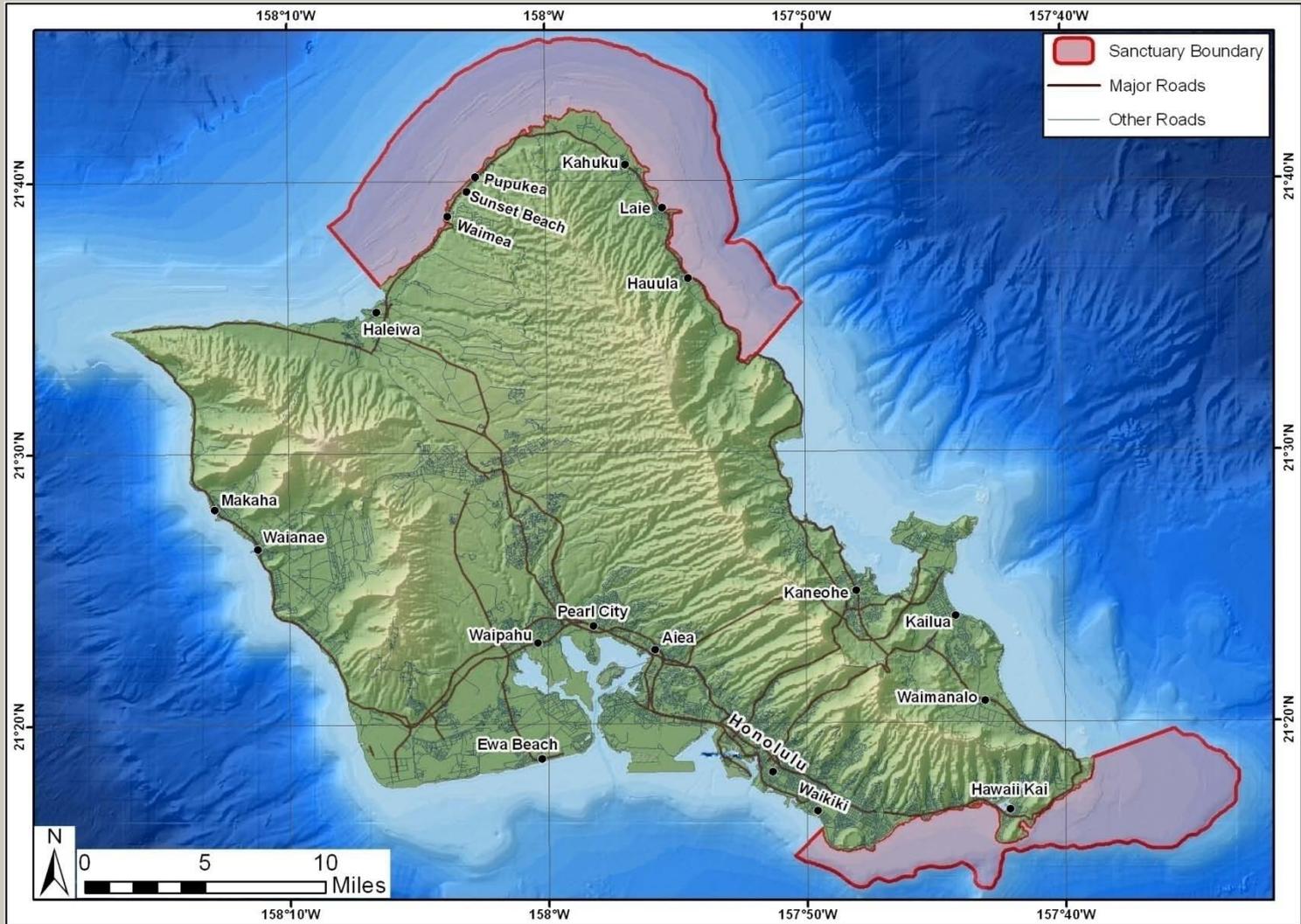


Sanctuary Boundary - Hawai'i



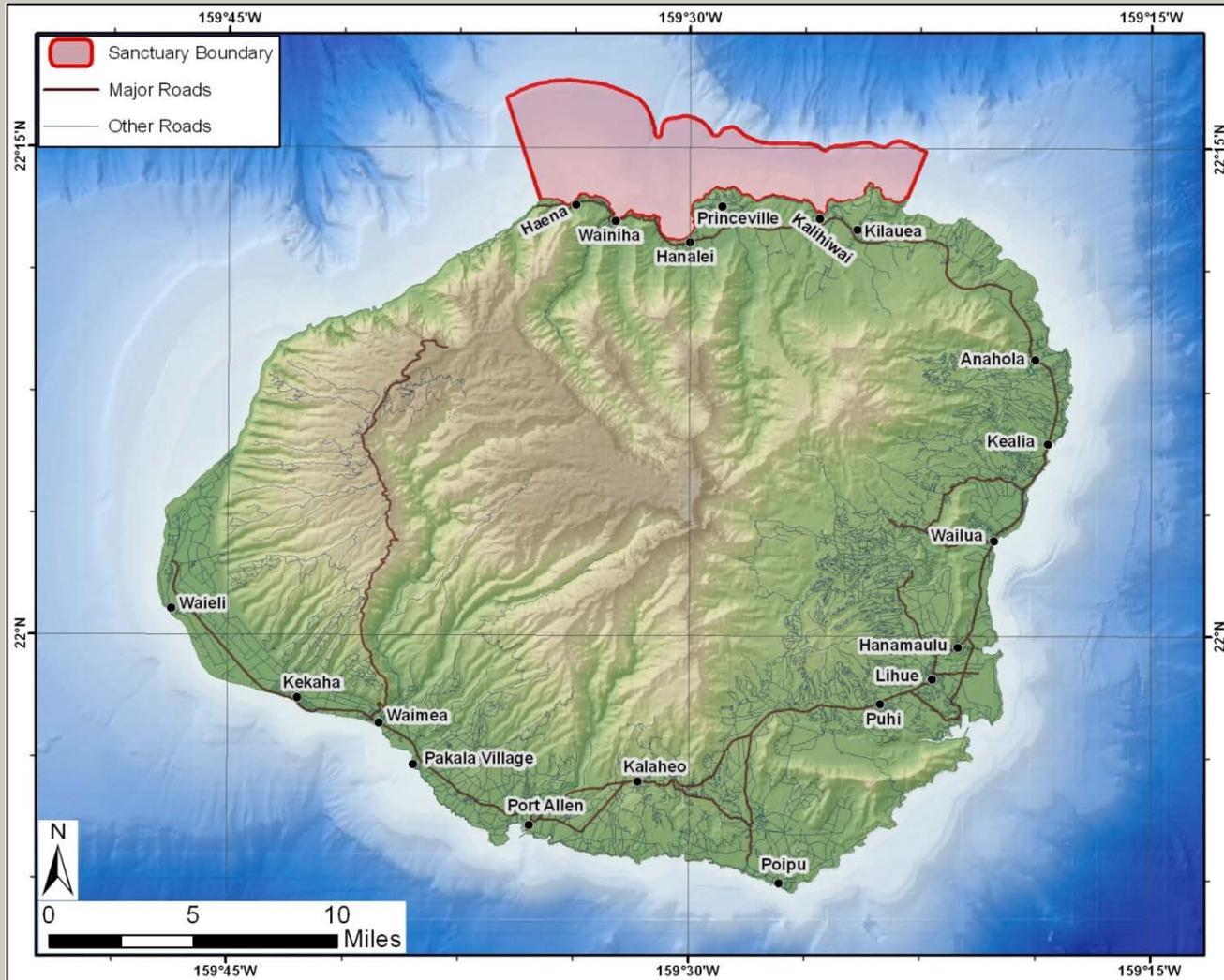


Sanctuary Boundary - O'ahu





Sanctuary Boundary - Kaua'i

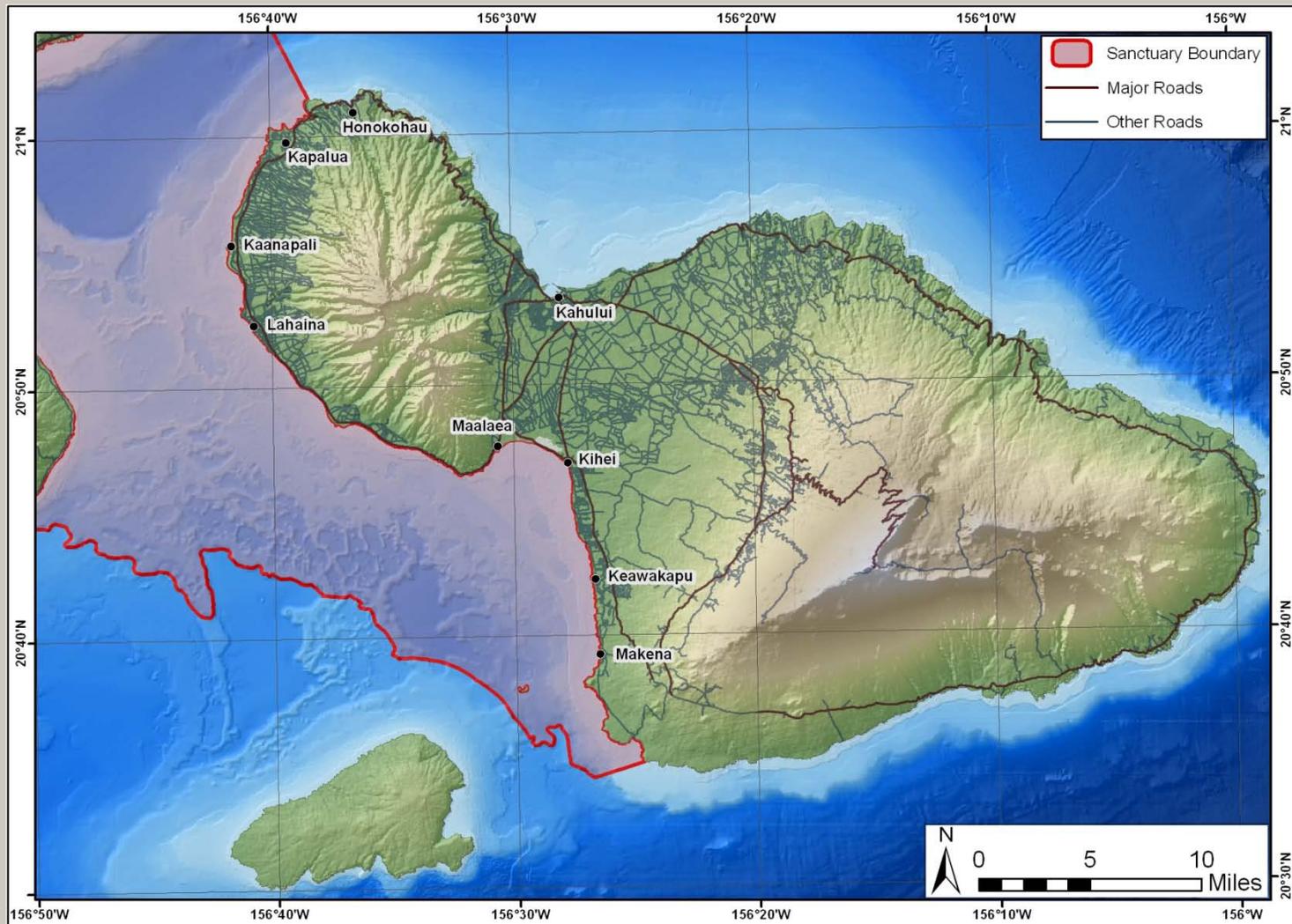




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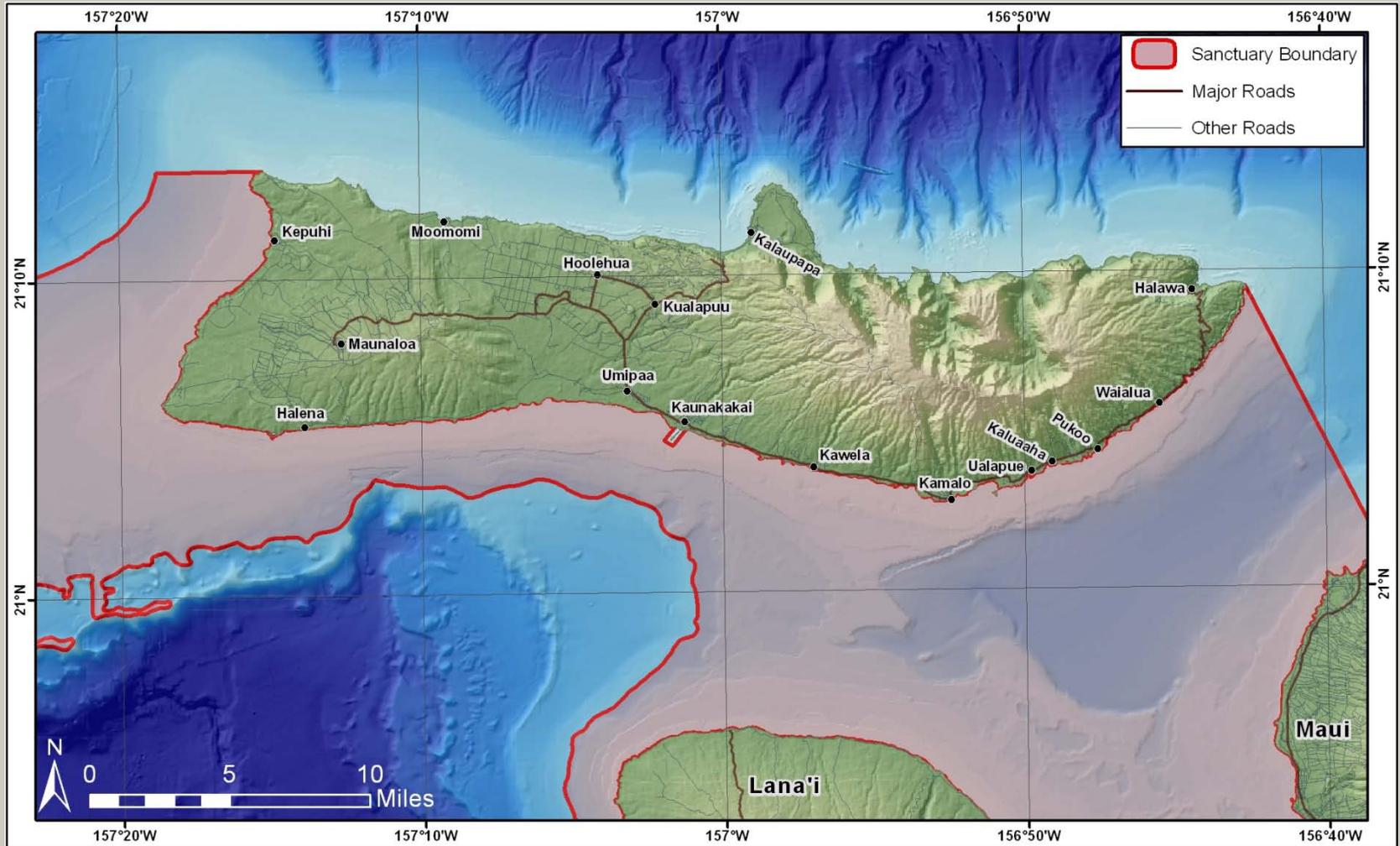


Sanctuary Boundary - Maui





Sanctuary Boundary - Moloka'i

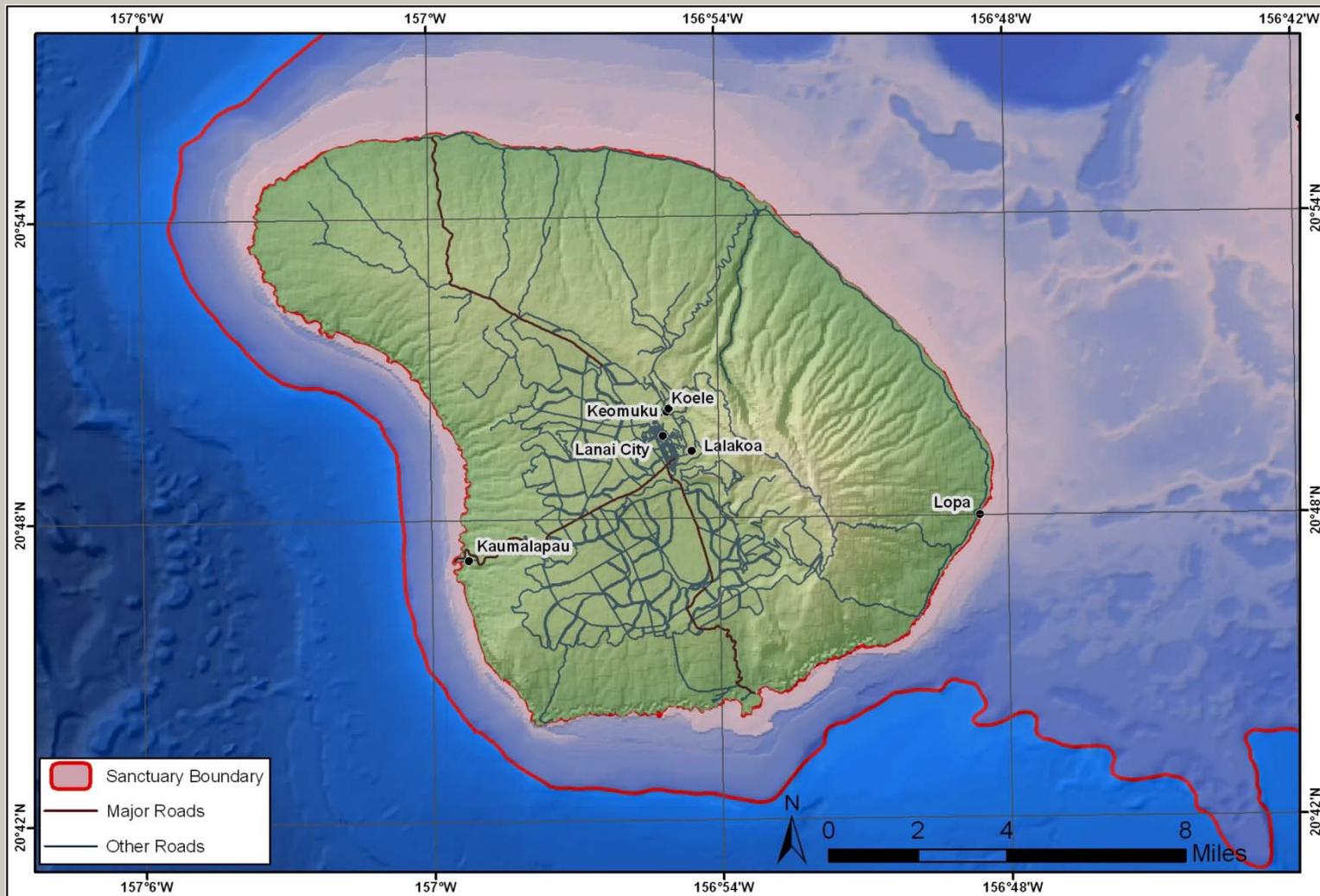




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Sanctuary Boundary - Lana'i





What Does the Sanctuary Do?

Key Sanctuary Programs

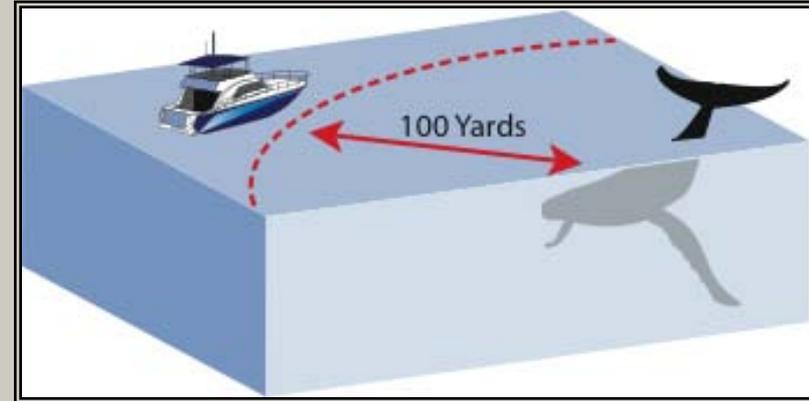
- Resource Protection
- Science and Research
- Community Engagement
- Education and Outreach



Current Regulations

Approach Rules*

- 100 yards approach
- 1000 feet overflight



*Sanctuary has its own penalty schedule – often times the penalty is higher in a sanctuary than outside.

Other

In addition, the sanctuary is required to facilitate, to the extent compatible with protecting whales, Native Hawaiian uses customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes.



Why Are We Here?

To Solicit Public Input on:

- The future direction and scope of the sanctuary
- Consider additional protection for marine resources of national significance



Barbara Billand



Robin W. Baird/www.cascadiaresearch.org



Ed Lyman



Statewide Public Scoping Meetings

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary hosts

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

August 10 - 26, 2010

We welcome your insights for a broader vision of the sanctuary's future!

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is seeking input during the management plan review process. All interested members of the public are invited to participate in the official comment period, which is an opportunity for community members to provide their views on possible roles for the sanctuary in ocean conservation efforts in Hawai'i.

STATEWIDE MEETING SCHEDULE

6 pm to 9 pm unless otherwise noted below

Hilo, Hawai'i

Tuesday, August 10

Mokupāpapa Discovery Center
308 Kamehameha Avenue, Suite 109
Hilo, HI 96720

Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

Wednesday, August 11

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort
78-6740 Ali'i Drive
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Honolulu, O'ahu

Thursday, August 12 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

Central Union Church
1660 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96826

Līhu'e, Kaua'i

Saturday, August 14 (9 am to 12 pm)

Chiefess Kamakāhelei Middle School Cafeteria
4431 Nuhou Street
Līhu'e, HI 96766

Kīlauea, Kaua'i

Saturday, August 14 (4 pm to 7 pm)

Kīlauea Neighborhood Center
2460 Keneke Street
Kīlauea, HI 96754

Kīhei, Maui

Monday, August 16

Lokelani Middle School
1401 Līloa Drive
Kīhei, HI 96753

Lahaina, Maui

Tuesday, August 17

Lahaina Civic Center
1840 Honoapi'ilani Highway
Lahaina, HI 96761

Kaunakakai, Moloka'i

Wednesday, August 18

Mitchell Pauole Center
90 Ainoa Street
Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Hale'iwa, O'ahu

Monday, August 23

Sunset Beach Elementary School
59-360 Kamehameha Highway
Hale'iwa, HI 96743

Lāna'i City, Lāna'i

Thursday, August 26

Lāna'i High and Elementary School
555 Fraser Avenue
Lāna'i City, HI 96763

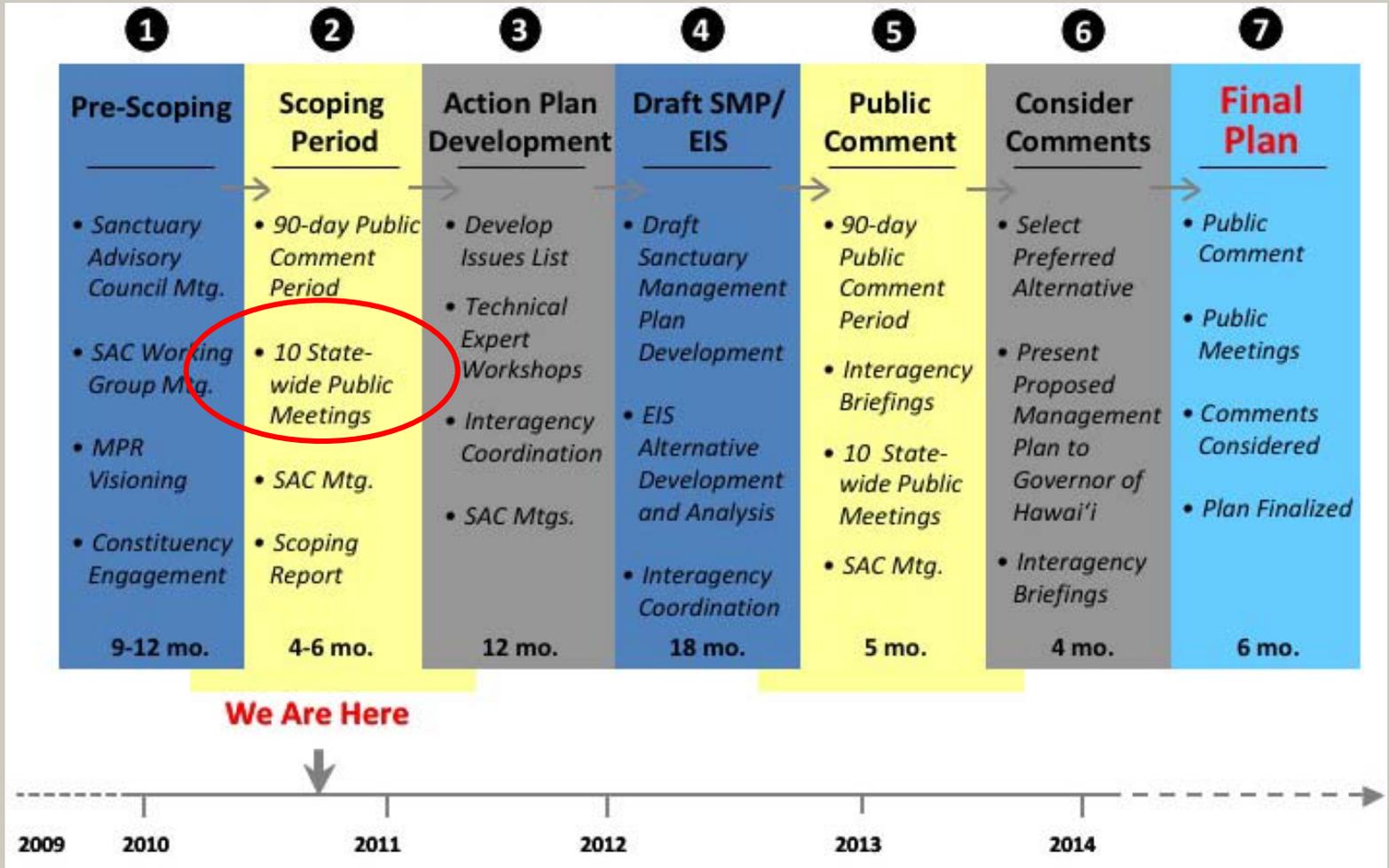
Questions? Please call 1.888.55.WHALE ext. 267 or e-mail hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov

We fully support compliance with standards of the Architectural Barriers Act and the Rehabilitation Act. Please let us know how we can facilitate your visit.





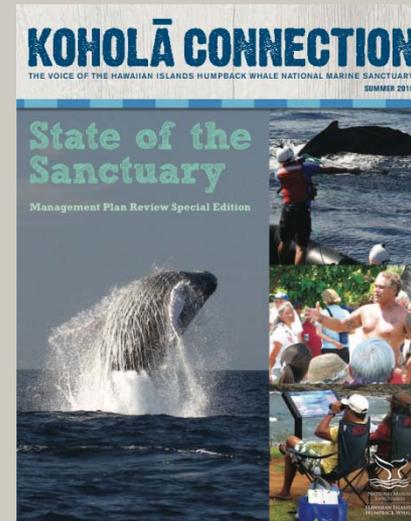
Sanctuary MPR Timeline





Useful Documents

- Condition Report –Establishes a baseline for existing sanctuary resources
- 2002 Management Plan
- Koholā Connection Special Edition



Available at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>



Proposed Vision

The sanctuary is proposing that it expand its scope and direction to protect and conserve other living marine resources and submerged cultural heritage resources, in addition to humpback whales, within the sanctuary.



Flip Nicklin/Minden Pictures



Noelle Shaughnessy



Donna Loudon



DLNR Partnership Letter

Laura H. Thielen
Chairperson

“On June 5, 1997, Hawaii Governor Benjamin Cayetano formally approved the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary in state waters. Since that time the Humpback Whale Sanctuary has been jointly managed through a federal-state partnership and serves as a successful example of partnerships providing an essential program for the conservation of marine resources that contribute value and benefit to our state in a variety of ways. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration work cooperatively with the people of Hawaii to protect this important marine ecosystem. Grassroots support is vital to the success of marine resource conservation and DLNR is interested in hearing feedback from the public on their management. We are grateful to the members of the community who have taken the extra care and time to attend these scoping meetings and submit comments.”

Your valuable input will be taken into consideration as we plan for the future. NOAA's partnership with the state, and with the people of Hawaii, can help to ensure that Hawaii's marine resources are protected for the continued enjoyment of present and future generations. Thank you for participating in the management plan review process and we look forward to your comments.”



What Have We Heard to Date?

The majority of input from communities across the state can be grouped into the following common themes:

Enforcement	Boundary Expansion
Regulations	Threats/Impacts
Education and Outreach	Native Hawaiian Culture
Research	Fishing
Water Quality	Restoration
Management Effectiveness	Partnerships



Possible Questions

- Should the sanctuary expand its scope?
- How might this affect sanctuary boundaries?
- Will there need to be regulatory changes?
- Who are the key user groups and stakeholders that should be involved?
- Are there other resources the sanctuary should consider adding?
- What role should the sanctuary have in addressing the emerging topics?



We Want to Hear From You!

Small Group Breakouts

- Organize by color coded dot on your name tag
- Staff facilitator and recorder assigned to each group
- You will **ALL** have a chance to provide comments
- Sharing with the large group
- Wrap up and Next Steps



Additional Ways to Provide Comments

TONIGHT:

- Leave Comments in Comment Box
- Record Comments in Voice Recorder

Or:

E-mail: hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov

Fax: 808-397-2650

Mail: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
National Marine Sanctuary
6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., Suite 301
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825

Phone: 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 267



Ground Rules

- Respect others
- Wait to be recognized before speaking
- Only one person speaks at a time
- We will go around the group and everyone will have a chance to speak
- Every comment will be recorded as we are not here to reach consensus
- If you still have more to say, you can provide written comments, use the voice recorder or send them in by fax or mail
- Cell phones should be turned off or on vibrate
- Please take conversations outside



What did we hear?



Wrap Up and Next Steps

Winter 2010

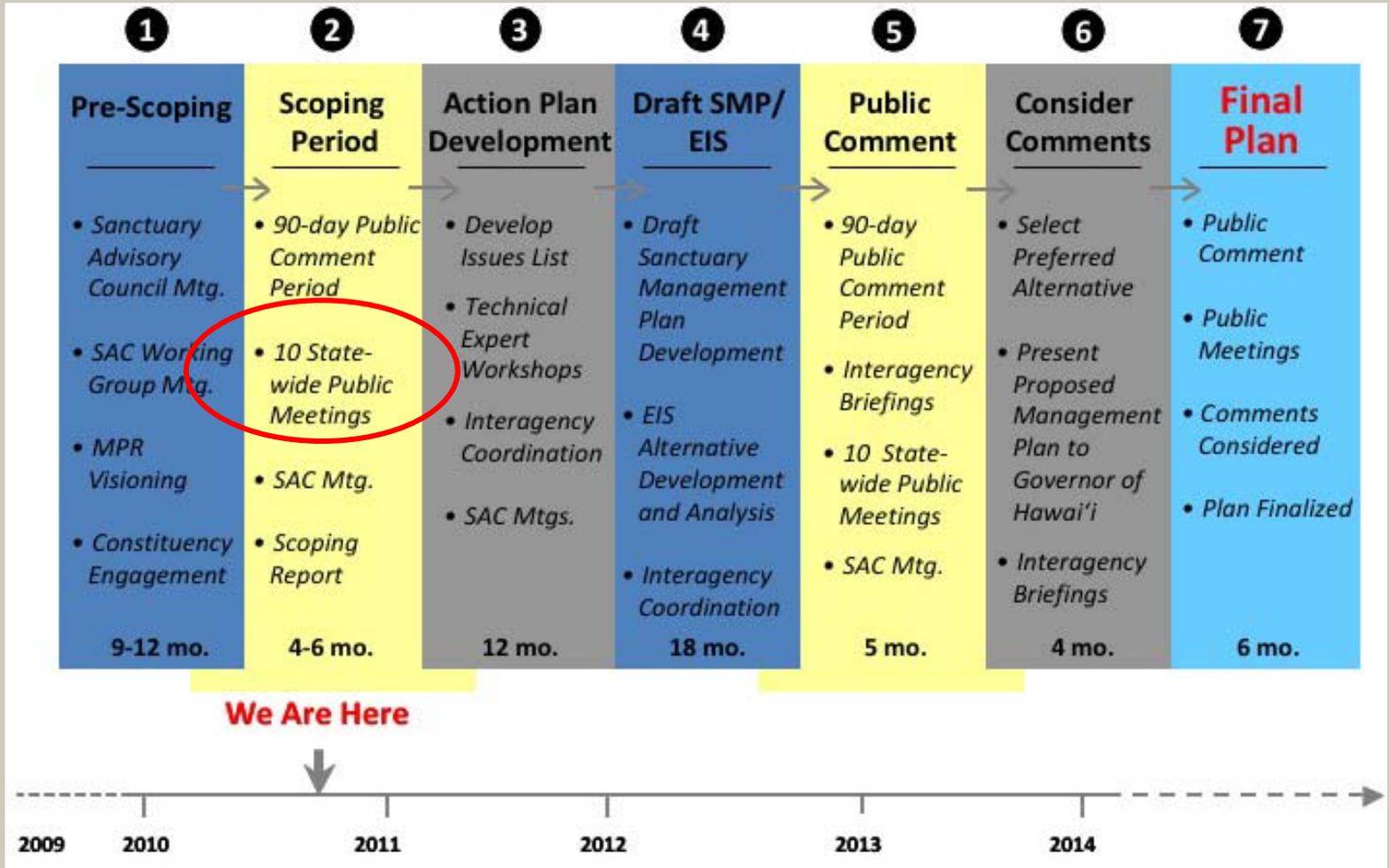
- Compile public comments (est. Dec 2010)
- Identify priority list of issues
- Develop scoping report (made available to public)

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- Develop actions to address priority issues (year long process)
- Develop draft management plan/EIS (summer)



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How to get involved

Sanctuary Advisory Council

Open Seats

- Business Commerce
- Citizen-at-Large
- Commercial Shipping
- Conservation
- Ocean Recreation
- Tourism
- Whale Watching

Become a Volunteer!

For more information please visit

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